

JOURNEYS

Around the World and Reaching for Our Dreams

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

A SUPERB SEASON!

399

girls and young women served through I Can Excel, Summer Dreams, Winter Dreams, and Pipeline 2 Power (an increase of 47% over last year)!

14,000+

cumulative hours of tutoring and academic services delivered to students

14

competition and exhibition performances, including the US Figure Skating National Championships Skating Spectacular in Columbus, Ohio — our first-ever nationals trip!

100%

of students advanced to the next grade

100%

high school graduation and college matriculation rate

\$3,500,000+

in scholarship offers for 8 graduating seniors

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life-changing cultural immersion in South Africa for 11 FSH ambassadors



WHAT DO FAMILIES SAY ABOUT FIGURE SKATING IN HARLEM?

“I have seen such a positive growth in my child. She has found something that she is passionate about. I’m so thankful to the program!”

MADDIE’S MOM, MARISELA

LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

What an incredible year! While our name is Figure Skating in Harlem, our mission knows no geographic boundary. From **South Africa** to **Ohio** to the **magical land of Oz**, and much more as you'll see in this recap, our girls have journeyed around the world and toward their biggest dreams through the power of figure skating, academic achievement, and leadership development.

As Nelson Mandela said, "Sport has the power to change the world." In **Cape Town** and **Johannesburg**, our girls brought the magic of skating to their South African peers and in turn explored the parallel lessons of surfing and boxing. This cultural ambassadorship, our first ever international adventure, has forged bonds that will last a lifetime. Our friends from South Africa even visited New York this summer, and our girls had a blast showing them around the city!

While that experience was monumental enough, we never rest on our laurels. Instead, we seized the chance to shine on skating's biggest stage at the **United States Figure Skating Association National Championships Skating Spectacular in Columbus**. The confidence and poise our girls have built over the years was on full display for their nationally televised program!

From there, we traveled to **Oz** for our annual **Ice Show**, "There's No Place Like Home." As a metaphor, Oz is where we reach for our dreams while remembering our roots, just as our girls do when they set off for college. This year's class of seniors has blown us away, with more than \$3,500,000 in scholarship offers from dozens of schools, including prestigious private universities and an Ivy League college.

This is thanks to YOU! Your generosity has laid the foundation that empowers our girls to seize each opportunity that comes their way. Those opportunities in turn build their confidence, grit, resilience, and worldliness, skills that carry them into college and their careers.

Ashley is one young woman who has seized each one of these opportunities this year and who is now taking her journey to Drexel University. There, she'll continue to make the most of her experience by competing with the University of Pennsylvania intercollegiate singles team while pursuing her dream of a career in finance. Follow her story through these pages, but know that it doesn't end here. Through our Pipeline 2 Power program, we're committed to her success in college and as she pursues internships, mentorship, and job placement in her chosen field.

Thank you for making journeys like Ashley's possible.



Sharon Cohen
Founder and CEO



Tina Lundgren
Chair, Figure Skating in Harlem Board of Directors



Ashley

**HAS BEEN
REACHING FOR
HER DREAMS
SINCE HER
EARLIEST DAYS
AT FSH!**

OPPORTUNITY. EDUCATION. LEADERSHIP.



GLIDING GLOBALLY



Our girls' first passport stamp brought the journey of a lifetime!

From Cape Town to Johannesburg, our cultural ambassadors were immersed in local life. Learning about apartheid and its ongoing impact in the country, seeing the daily experiences of their host students from **Fight with Insight** and **9 Miles**, teaching skating while learning surfing and boxing, sampling local food and culture...each day brought a new growth opportunity for our girls, showing the power of sport to bring people together.



HEAR
Ashley
DESCRIBE HER
SOUTH AFRICA
EXPERIENCE!



Harlem to Cape Town to Johannesburg!



We are deeply grateful to the **Theodore J. Forstmann Charitable Trust**, **Laureus Sport for Good USA**, and **generous donors** who sponsored our students and chaperones. You created lifelong memories and learning experiences!



ENVISIONING
AN FSH RINK IN THE
ARCHITECTURE
MODULE

★
CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF
OUR STUDENTS
for advancing
to the next
grade and
demonstrating
commitment
to academic
success!
★

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

From a tour of **The Ohio State University** led by FSH Board Chair and OSU alum Tina Lundgren to **Career Week** visits at **Estée Lauder**, the **NHL**, and **Barnard College** to a **PIMCO** career panel to academic modules focused on debate and architecture, this year was full of learning opportunities.

Our students gained perspective on careers within skating from **Disney On Ice** during special job shadowing opportunities and built leadership skills through the revival of our **Student Executive Board**.



CAREER WEEK VISIT TO THE NHL

We're so grateful to our donors who invest in this life-changing work!

LIP GLOSS CHEMISTRY AT ESTÉE LAUDER



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE VISIT

...in the classroom or out in the field.

We're so proud
of our seniors, who were
accepted to nearly
60 colleges
with scholarship offers
totaling over

\$3,500,000!

The career panels and events
got me pondering possible majors
to study in order to pursue
certain future careers.

Ashley





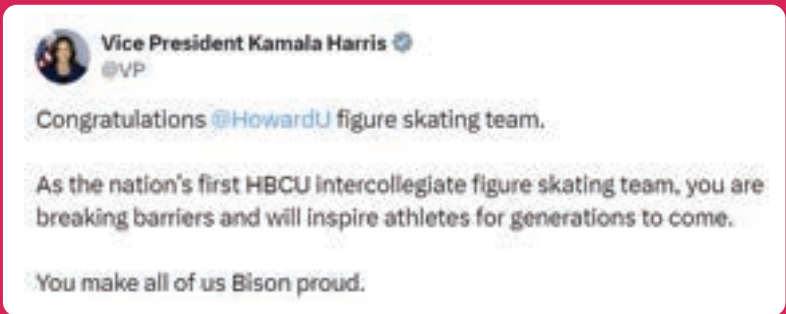
AMAZING ALUMNAE

Now that Ashley has graduated, she joins our ranks of alumnae.

Those alumnae absolutely blew us away this year...but not just us!



Ashley's
NEXT JOURNEY...
DREXEL
UNIVERSITY
THIS FALL!



Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris was impressed with FSH Alumnae Cheyenne Walker and Ariel Clarke's history-making achievement of starting the country's first-ever HBCU (historically Black college/university) skating team.

Did we mention Flo Ngala photographed Kamala Harris for *Rolling Stone*, as well as Oprah Winfrey and Alicia Keys this year?

Leaving her lens behind, Flo gave a TEDx Talk at Wake Forest University called “Black Girl, White Ice” about her journey from FSH to *Forbes*’ 30 Under 30 List, and she shared these insights with FSH students during a Galentine’s Day conversation with her alumna sister **Daria Forde**.

In turn, Daria’s FSH alum sisterhood cheered her on at our gala for her amazing accomplishments as a Barnard graduate and project manager at MAX.

Our alumnae are doing the most, and we champion them through our **Pipeline 2 Power** college and career access initiative.



The Alumnae Power Board is also incorporated into FSH’s leadership, giving valuable insights and mentorship to the girls we serve. To further model leadership, Board members showed up for our alums, sharing valuable life advice at our Alumnae Career Panel.



INCREDIBLE ICE

It's 4:00 am and your alarm is blaring. You're a teenager, it's the weekend, and you're tired. But the ice is calling.

This level of dedication helps our performance and synchronized skating teams advance their skills on the ice so they're ready to seize opportunities like:

Taking the ice on skating's biggest stage at the National Championships exhibition in Columbus, Ohio!



SEE THE
Nationals
PERFORMANCE!



Winning gold at the Connecticut Classic, as well as medals at 4 other competitions!

Performing to a live rendition of *Let It Snow* by mezzo-soprano Alicia Hall Moran at the Bryant Park Tree Lighting, to a Barbie medley at Scott Hamilton's *Going For Gold* event, and to give back to their community at the RBC *Skate with the Greats* fundraiser!



Celebrating with more than 1,200 friends and family at our Winter Skating Party!



SEE
Ashley's
PERFORMANCE!



Taking a magical Journey to
OZ
at the annual Ice Show!



**YOU are the
reason our girls
can pursue
their goals
and dreams!**

The Perfect Partners

From proceeds from special shakes at **Harlem Shake** to new client donations from **Park North Physical Therapy** to gallons of **Gatorade** to event sponsorships from **Macy's** and **Memorial Sloan Kettering's Ralph Lauren Center**, our partners have been our steadfast champions.

PHILANTHROPY'S POWER



**POWER
OF SHE!**

At FSH, we teach girl power every day. So, we were thrilled to take the ice in Central Park with **Athleta** ambassador and Olympic figure skater **Mariah Bell** in custom outfits for the company's product launch.

Reaching for the Stars!

This year's gala was a true spotlight on the depth and strength of our community, raising \$1.3M to fund our work. Honoring **Alicia Hall Moran** (FSH volunteer and mezzo-soprano), **Tina Davis** (FSH Board member and Citi executive), **Cynthia Romano** (FSH founding volunteer and consulting executive), and **Daria Forde** (FSH alumna), 4,000 guests joined our host **Vlad Duthiers** of *CBS Mornings* for a night of joy and inspiration.

\$1.3M
RAISED

FSH Alumna Mariama Diop



Honorees Alicia Hall Moran, Daria Forde, Tina Davis and Cynthia Romano with FSH Girls



FSH Board of Directors



2022 TEAM USA GOLD MEDALISTS!
FSH Seniors present Team USA with chocolate gold medals

Young Professionals... or professional advocates?

\$18,000
RAISED

Our Young Professionals are passionate ambassadors for Figure Skating in Harlem. This year, they raised more than \$18,000 to fund our work and gave a special performance at a *Connaissance Collective* pop-up skating party in Bushwick. Way to go, ladies!



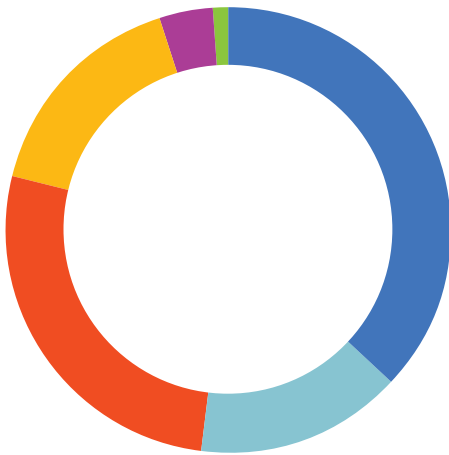


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for making this
amazing year possible!

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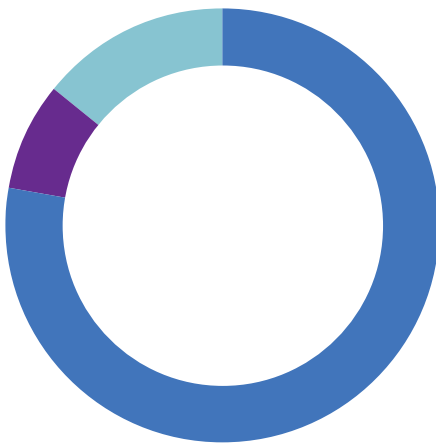
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024



| | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-----|
| Individual | \$1,242,517 | 37% |
| Corporate | 503,926 | 15% |
| Foundations | 885,876 | 27% |
| Government | 523,313 | 16% |
| Earned Revenue | 139,997 | 4% |
| Other | 28,306 | 1% |
| TOTAL | \$3,323,935 | |

EXPENSES



| | | |
|---|--------------------|-----|
| Program Services | \$2,408,894 | 77% |
| Support Services, General & Administrative | 289,414 | 9% |
| Fundraising | 436,079 | 14% |
| | \$3,134,387 | |

Change in Net Assets 189,548

Net Assets

Beginning of year* 2,332,479
End of year 2,522,027

*Adjusted per audited financials for year ended 6/30/23

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**FIGURE SKATING IN
DETROIT**
ACHIEVED ITS 7TH YEAR,
POSITIVELY IMPACTING
GIRLS, FAMILY, YOUTH
AND COMMUNITY LOCALLY.



2024 HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ FSD became a part of the National Football League Draft!
- ★ Securing new partnerships with The School at Marygrove on their beautiful campus to hold academic workshops, leadership workshops, Youth Advisory Council and College & Career Readiness sessions, as well as RISE and Amazon for mentoring and program workshops.
- ★ Collaborating with Jack and Jill and The Girl Scouts on a series of skating clinics.
- ★ Introducing a new FSD Spirit Award, to recognize an FSD girl who works hard in both academic and skating classes and overcomes obstacles with optimism and enthusiasm.
- ★ FSD served 95 girls between the Summer Dreams and I Can Excel programs.

With such a robust history of success, this chapter is now positioned for its own independent nonprofit status next year!



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