

2022-23

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT





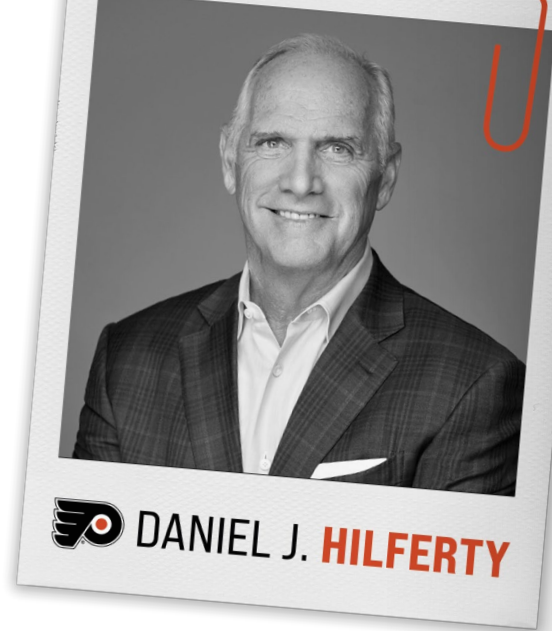
## A WORD FROM DAN HILFERTY

Joining the Philadelphia Flyers organization is one of the great privileges and opportunities that I've had in my life, and one of the things that I'm most excited about – in addition to returning our team to its winning tradition on the ice – is embracing and building on our proud legacy of giving back.

Throughout the storied history of the Philadelphia Flyers, our organization has been committed to this city, this region, and the communities that support us, year in and year out. It is at the core of who we are, and every year, we aim to do even more to support the fans and communities that make Philly the best sports town in the world.

Through the work of Flyers Charities and our Community Relations team, we reaffirmed our commitment to the community this past season and, for the first time, ever, we kicked off a new program to match every single one of our players with local organizations and causes. This brand-new initiative got our players more involved in the community than ever before. As we look ahead to another great year, we're incredibly proud of the impact we've been able to make this past year including:

- The grand opening of the outdoor street hockey rink and playground at the Joseph Scanlon Recreation Center in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. This massive project will give more children access to Ed Snider Youth Hockey and Education's hockey programs, education programs, and life skills resources;
- The launch of a mentorship program aimed to foster female talent in the sports industry. Through our new program called "Next Shift: Mentoring the Next Generation of Female Leaders," we hosted over 20 young women to shadow Flyers female front office staff members while showcasing a variety of game night roles;



- New and innovative fundraising events, as well as the return of some fan-favorites. In addition to the much-anticipated return of the Flyers Charities Carnival, we also hosted the first-ever Flyers Charities Casino Night. Both events raised important funds for Flyers Charities to support families impacted by cancer, grow the game of hockey, and invest in environmental sustainability;
- Supporting families impacted by cancer with new programs, including the Flyers Press Pass in partnership with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and Flyers Against Prostate Cancer in partnership with Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Center;
- And so much more!

All this work is made possible by our dedicated employees, but it's also thanks to the support we get from you.

- Dan Hilferty

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## FLYERS CHARITIES MISSION STATEMENT

*WE CARE ABOUT AND INVEST IN THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY BY:*

- *HONORING OUR LEGACY OF SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IMPACTED BY CANCER;*
- *GROWING OUR GAMES INCLUSIVE OF NEW AND DIVERSE PARTICIPANTS AND AUDIENCES;*
- *SUPPORTING CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY*

*OUR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY, SERVICE, INCLUSION, AND LEGACY GUIDES OUR WORK AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE OUR FANS, VISITORS, EMPLOYEES, AND NEIGHBORS IN OUR IMPACT.*

**FLYERS CHARITIES**  
**FUNDRAISERS**

Throughout the season, Flyers Charities hosted multiple fundraisers to help support our mission and engage with fans. Fundraisers make it possible for Flyers Charities to support local communities and bring our initiatives to life.



**1. 50/50**  
At every home game, fans tested their luck by purchasing 50/50 tickets in hopes of bringing home half of that night's jackpot.

**2. MYSTERY PUCKS**  
Fans had the chance to get their hands on limited-edition, specialty mystery pucks signed by Flyers players. This year's collections included Hockey Fights Cancer, Military, Valentine's Day, and Carnival themed pucks.

**3. ONLINE AUCTIONS**  
Throughout the season, the Flyers Charities Online Auctions gave fans exclusive access to signed memorabilia, items from our archives, and Flyers experiences.



**PHILADELPHIA FLYERS**  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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**COMMUNITY TICKET GRANTS**

The Flyers organization is committed to growing the game of hockey, and that includes working with organizations from across the region to introduce new fans to the sport and our team. The Flyers Community Ticket Grant program recognizes local non-profits making a difference in our communities by offering them tickets and a complimentary experience at a Flyers home game.

 **27,400** TOTAL TICKETS

 **300** TOTAL NPOs/GROUPS

 **1,000** AUTOGRAPHED ITEMS

 **6,000** GENERAL DONATIONS

 **300** EXPERIENCES & EVENTS



**PENN MEDICINE PRESENTS**  
**GRITTY 5K**

The Gritty 5K is 3.1 miles of fun around Wells Fargo Center and the surrounding area, which starts off with a confetti explosion and ends with over 3,000 Gritizens running across the finish line with a hot dog in hand. This anti-runners 5K would not be complete without ribbon dancing, frisbee golf, plenty of caking, and more of Gritty's favorite activities. The event concludes with a creative finisher's medal, awards, and prizes for "Best in Fur," and other silly categories. Fans also have the opportunity each year to participate from anywhere in the world with the 5K's virtual option.

***GRITTY 5K WAS A  
ZERO-WASTE-TO-LANDFILL  
RACE, KEEPING OVER 560 LBS.  
OF WASTE OUT OF LANDFILLS!***



**FLYERS CHARITIES**  
**CASINO NIGHT**

In the 2022-23 season, Flyers Charities hosted the inaugural Flyers Charities Casino Night. Fans joined Flyers players, coaches, and personalities to play Casino-style games, win high-value prizes, and enjoy food and drinks in a luxury atmosphere. VIP attendees had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to mingle and take photos with players and other VIPs on a red carpet.





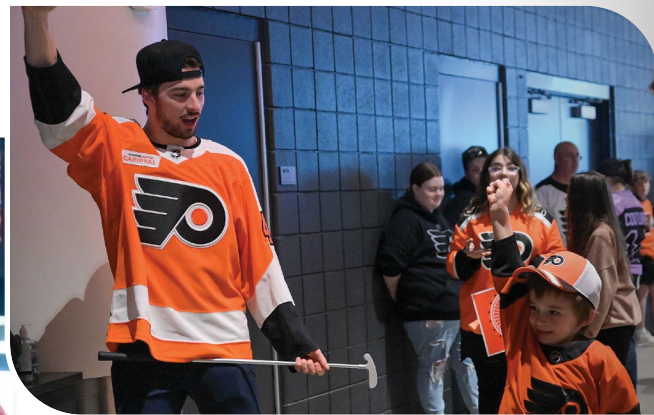
**FLYERS CHARITIES**  
**CARNIVAL**

The Flyers Charities Carnival is one of the longest-tenured and most successful one-day fundraisers hosted by a professional sports franchise. The Carnival brings together the Philadelphia community to support Flyers Charities' mission while meeting players, playing games, and making life-long memories.

Fans of all ages are welcomed into an immersive experience, including a six-story-tall Ferris Wheel in the middle of the Wells Fargo Center floor and more interactive opportunities throughout every part of the arena. Fan-favorite activations, like Shot-On-Goal and Locker Room Tours, make an appearance year after year, while new activations also make their debut.

New attractions included a Gritty Breakfast for kids, an Art Gallery featuring paintings and illustrations created by local artists, a Flyers Flea Market, Hockey & Hounds with Coach Tortorella, and much more. This year, the NHL Stick Auction also made its return. Sticks used and signed by top talent throughout the league were displayed and auctioned off to fans.

The Carnival is made possible by over 300 volunteers, players and personnel, our sponsors, and of course our fans that show up year after year!







**FLYERS**  
**THEME NIGHTS**

**MILITARY APPRECIATION**

The annual Military Appreciation Game presented by Toyota was held on November 13. In the leadup to the game, the Flyers partnered with the United Service Organization to host 20 active-duty service members to watch a Flyers practice and join the team on the ice. Kevin Hayes and Tony DeAngelo presented the group with custom military-themed Flyers jerseys. Over 900 active military and veterans attended the game and took part in live recognitions. Wells Fargo Center also hosted the Mobile USO "Big Blue" bus. "Big Blue" offers a look inside a USO unit.



**HAYES' HEROES**

Center Kevin Hayes founded Hayes' Heroes to support local first responders in our area. Every home game this season, Hayes donated four tickets to a first responder, then met them and their guests after the game for photos and autographs.

**HOMETOWN HERO**

Hometown Hero presented by Toyota recognizes courageous local men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces at every home game. Each Hometown Hero is presented with a personalized military-themed Flyers jersey by Alumni Bob Kelly.

**CHARITIES GAME**

This year's Charities Game celebrated the return of the Flyers Charities Carnival! Fans enjoyed a chance to win Carnival tickets on the Giant Prize Wheel and play games in support of Flyers Charities.

**PRIDE**

Before the Pride Night game, the Flyers hosted a pre-game skate for local LGBTQ+ youth and officers from the Greater Philadelphia G.O.A.L. organization. Following the skate, attendees enjoyed the Pride Night game.

Post-game, James van Riemsdyk and Scott Laughton hosted a meet and greet with guests where they signed autographs and posed for pictures.

Scott Laughton and James van Riemsdyk continue their efforts in the LGBTQ+ community by providing tickets and hosting post-game meet and greets.



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

During home games in February, the Flyers spotlighted individuals and organizations that are making a difference in Philadelphia's Black community.

The Flyers also teamed up with Ed Snider Youth Hockey & Education to host a special panel for SNIDER youth featuring Flyers leadership, NHL staff, and SNIDER board member & Eagles defensive end, Brandon Graham.

In February, Sean Couturier and James van Riemsdyk also led a trip to the African American Museum in Philadelphia for members of Heights Philadelphia, a local youth nonprofit.

**GENDER EQUALITY MONTH**

Next Shift, a program aimed at mentoring the next generation of female leaders, was introduced on March 21. Over two dozen young women were paired with female leaders to shadow during a game day to network and see what makes a Flyers home game come to life. More than 150 young women applied to take part, showing great potential for the program to grow.

During home games in March, the Flyers featured organizations that make a difference in women's and girls' lives in the Philadelphia community. The Flyers also honored local girls' hockey teams that had made both the Flyers Cup Tournament and USA Hockey Nationals.





**FLYERS  
CANCER INITIATIVES**

**HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER**

Wells Fargo Center lit up lavender and gave out “I Fight For...” rally towels for a November game to recognize Hockey Fights Cancer. Flyers players wore their classic, lavender-accented Hockey Fights Cancer jerseys, and used sticks wrapped in lavender tape during warmups, which were later auctioned off by Flyers Charities.

Throughout the evening, the Flyers honored special guests who had been impacted by cancer. AJ Grande, who was a recipient of the 2022 Flyers Charities \$5,000 scholarship through Michael’s Way, passed away in October of 2022. To celebrate his life, Travis Sanheim wore a No. 11 jersey with Grande’s name on the back. Sanheim then presented the jersey to AJ’s mom, Tricia, and brother, Cody. Cody kicked off the night in the Flyers locker room reading off the starting lineup to the team.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

The Philadelphia Flyers teamed up with Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia to design and outfit a Flyers playspace in the House. Wall decals featuring life size players and a Gritty measuring wall were installed, as well as flooring depicting an ice rink. Also available in the room are air hockey and bubble hockey tables.



**FLYERS AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER**

Flyers Charities awarded Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center \$100,000 towards fighting prostate cancer in underserved neighborhoods. Penn Medicine developed mobile testing sites to pop up around the Philadelphia area to test for prostate cancer. The Flyers and Penn Medicine also filmed a public service announcement featuring players Travis Sanheim and Travis Konecny, along with Alumni Brad Marsh.

**FLYERS PRESS PASS**

Broadcaster Jim Jackson partnered with Alex’s Lemonade Stand to launch Flyers Press Pass. This experience provides family affected by cancer with an unforgettable night at a Flyers game with seats on Press row, visits from special guests, and surprise experiences.

**HOSPITAL VISITS**

This season, Flyers players visited local children’s hospitals to help spread joy to families in need. Players surprised kids at Shriners’ Children’s Philadelphia for a Halloween visit where players dressed in costumes ranging from Batman to a hotdog. Over the holiday season, players visited St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and Nemours Children’s Health to hand out Flyers-themed gifts and host rounds of Flyers BINGO.





COMMITMENT TO  
**GROWING THE GAME**

**RINK AT SCANLON**

A \$400,000 donation made by Flyers Charities in partnership with SNIDER Youth Hockey & Education transformed the Scanlon Recreation Center in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. SNIDER already programs the bustling ice rink at Scanlon. The new outdoor rink gives more kids the chance to learn the fundamentals of hockey and try it out before taking to the ice. The Flyers also funded the first Learn to Play program on the outdoor rink, which will provide gear and teach the sport to kids interested in playing. Couturier serves as the team ambassador to SNIDER.



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FROM THIS COMMUNITY CAN  
COME, PLAY, AND LEARN THE  
GAME OF HOCKEY IN A SAFE  
ENVIRONMENT”*

- DAN HILFERTY





## YOUTH HOCKEY

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### LEARN TO PLAY

The Flyers Learn to Play Rookie Program provides first-time participants, between 5-9 years of age, with free head-to-toe equipment and six weeks of age-appropriate on-ice instruction.

This season, the Flyers hosted the Learn to Play Rookie Program at 14 local Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware ice rinks. Over 600 first-time hockey players took to the ice during the 2022-23 season. The Flyers also hosted three girls-only sessions, led by former U.S. National Team member Alyssa Gagliardi.

#### LEARN TO PLAY - BALL HOCKEY

Over the past year, the Flyers continued the Learn To Play ball hockey program in conjunction with the NHL and NHL Players Association. This off-ice extension of the on-ice Learn to Play Rookie Program marks the club's third year of a ball hockey partnership in Greater Philadelphia. The program provides kids ages 3-9 with a more affordable and accessible introduction to hockey. All youth participants received a Flyers-branded stick, ball, and reversible pinnie. Nearly 400 players registered across the program's seven locations.



#### PAL CLINIC

Flyers players Morgan Frost and Owen Tippett partnered with Police Athletic League of Philadelphia (PAL) to host a ball hockey clinic. The clinic hosted over five different PAL centers, which consisted of more than 50 students, to help grow the game with youth in the area.

#### RINK ALLIANCE

The Flyers Local Rink Alliance collaborates with local ice rinks to create steady growth, participation, and interest in the sport of hockey among boys and girls.

Participating rinks have access to an exclusive collection of benefits including branding opportunities, marketing assets, and programming from Flyers team personnel. Rinks receive an Orange & Black makeover with the Flyers' logo at center ice, on the dasher boards, and other locations throughout each facility. The Flyers provide each rink with a set of four full Flyers season tickets to provide players a chance to experience professional hockey and draw inspiration for their own playing careers.

#### FLYERS CUP

In March, the Flyers hosted the prestigious Flyers Cup Scholastic Championships which featured 50 top high school programs in five divisions. In addition to the 10,000+ hockey fans that filled local rinks, this year's Flyers Cup attracted over 65,000 viewers for the streamed games on the Flyers Cup YouTube channel. To show their support for local teams, Flyers players each wore a different high school jersey into Wells Fargo Center prior to a March home game.

2023 Champions: AAA – La Salle, AA – Pennsbury, A – West Chester East, NJ/DE – Salesianum, Girls – Downingtown West.

#### BUCKS COUNTY ADMIRALS

Gritty and the Flyers staff surprised athletes from the Bucks County Admirals special hockey team with a visit at practice and brought along tickets to an upcoming game so that the team could watch the Flyers together.

#### POWERPLAY WHEELCHAIR TEAM

Flyers front office staff and Flyers Alumni scrimmaged the Philadelphia Flyers PowerPlay in wheelchair hockey on the Wells Fargo Center floor in October.

#### AAA RINK TAKEOVER

Travis Konecny, James van Riemsdyk, and Gritty surprised youth hockey players at two different local rinks this season making their practices extra memorable and educational.

#### QUEBEC PEE WEE

A team consisting of the top 12-year-old hockey players from the Philadelphia Region represented the Flyers at the annual Quebec International Pee Wee Tournament. Prior to heading to Quebec, the young players were invited to watch warm-ups from the Flyers bench and were welcomed in-arena during a Flyers home game. The team was then hosted by former Quebec Pee Wee and Flyers defenseman Tony DeAngelo for a post-game meet and greet.







## SENSORY ROOM

This season, the Philadelphia Flyers and Wells Fargo Center partnered with KultureCity, the nation's leading non-profit for sensory accessibility and acceptance, to build out a brand-new Sensory Room in the arena. Along with the addition of the new space, KultureCity provided staff training and sensory bags accessible to all attendees during events at Wells Fargo Center.

## EVERFI

This year through the Everfi Future Goals Hockey Scholar Program, more than 7,600 students at over 70 schools were taught the math and science of hockey through STEM sports activities. The Flyers and Everfi also recognize teachers in the tri-state area throughout the school year, hold teacher training, and host in-person STEM and hockey learning labs.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

### COMMUNITY CARAVAN

Flyers Community Caravan presented by Xfinity is a pep-rally that travels through towns across the Greater Philadelphia area. The Community Caravan features DJ Hollywood, Flyers Alumni, and Gritty. This past summer, the Flyers Community Caravan made stops in North Wildwood, N.J.; Ocean City, N.J.; Ventnor, N.J.; Sea Isle City, N.J.; Haverford Twp., P.A.; Voorhees, N.J.; Deptford, N.J.; Ambler, P.A.; Aston, P.A.; and Northeast Philadelphia, P.A., visiting over 7,000 fans.



## HOMETOWN ASSIST

Returning for its third year, the Flyers Hometown Assist program awarded \$500,000 in advertising assets to five local small businesses. An additional ten small businesses received a hospitality suite for a Flyers game - a significant business development asset. Black & Brew, Gray Space Interiors, Aunt Verla's Pound Cake Experience, My Fair Trade Lady, and Magic Threads Consignment Shop each received advertising assets valued at \$100,000 including radio commercials, social media promotions, and activations during home games.

## FLYERS RECESS

Flyers Recess is a free school assembly program aimed to introduce elementary school students to the game of hockey. The program incorporates an interactive game show-style assembly where students have the opportunity to learn more about hockey and the Philadelphia Flyers. In addition to a school assembly, each school's PE teacher receives ball hockey equipment and teaching material to incorporate street hockey into their PE curriculum. This year, Flyers Recess saw over 6,500 kids at over 16 schools throughout the tri-state area.







## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### INITIATIVES

#### MAKE-A-WISH

This year, the Philadelphia Flyers welcomed a new team member onto the roster, nine-year-old Zachary Wertz. Zachary was introduced to the Make-A-Wish Foundation after receiving a life-changing liver transplant. His dream of skating with the team and meeting his favorite player, Travis Konecny, was granted when the team hosted him for a practice in December and signed him to a one-day contract. During his day as a member of the team, he answered questions from the media, signed autographs, and even had his own stall in the Flyers locker room where he got suited up to skate with the team. The next day, Zach got to sit on the bench and high-five the team during pre-game warmups.



#### TOY DRIVE

In partnership with The Salvation Army, the team hosted an arena-wide Toy Drive to collect brand-new toys for those in need during every home game in December. Players then joined Salvation Army staff to sort and organize the donated toys.

#### ANIMAL SHELTER VISIT

Through our partnership with Pennsylvania SPCA (PSPCA) and Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), Rasmus Ristolainen was able to make a special visit to the PSPCA this season. Ristolainen was able to tour the facility, make yummy treats for the animals, and learn more about animal rescue and welfare.

#### HOCKEY & HOUNDS

The Philadelphia Flyers, along with Coach Tortorella, partnered with Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) and Pennsylvania SPCA (PSPCA) to feature an adoptable dog each week. Coach Tortorella talked Hockey & Hounds on 97.5 The Fanatic every Wednesday throughout the season. Coach Tortorella also used this platform to bring awareness to rescue animals and organizations in the Philadelphia area that support the well-being of all animals.





**EFFORTS IN SUSTAINABILITY**

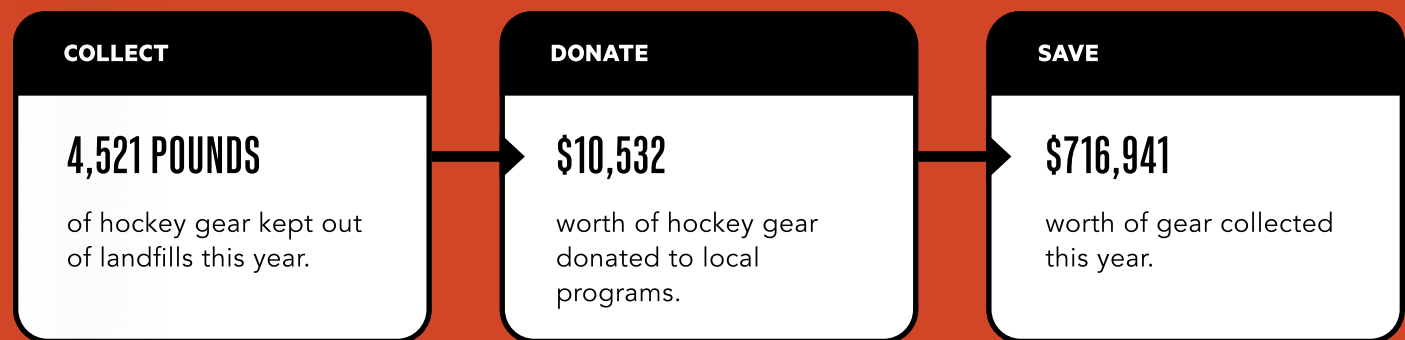
**LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD**

This season, the Philadelphia Flyers continued their partnership with Leveling the Playing Field, a nonprofit organization that works to keep tens of thousands of pounds of sports equipment out of landfills each year. LPF expands access to, and equity within, youth sports and recreation for kids in under-resourced communities through the collection and redistribution of donated sports equipment.

This season, the Flyers donation of 10 collection bins to LPF allowed for the accrual of over \$35,000 worth of sporting equipment this year, which will be kept out of landfills.

***“WE ARE SHORT GOALIES AND GOALIE EQUIPMENT, SO THE HOCKEY EQUIPMENT WE RECEIVED FROM LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD WILL HELP US TREMENDOUSLY.”***

**- SCANLON REC CENTER**



**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**

With the help of Flyers Charities' \$72,000 grant, the All Things Are Possible Foundation is funding Eco Warriors, a program which connects students with STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts & Math) disciplines. Students also toured Wells Fargo Center with Director of Operations, Ryan Hemenway to learn about back-of-house sustainability practices at the arena and best at-home practices.







**FLYERS  
ALUMNI**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS**

After a hiatus, the popular Friday Night Fights program featuring speakers and a dinner event at 2300 Arena in South Philadelphia returned on March 3, 2023. Speakers celebrating “old-time hockey” included Stu Grimson, Dave Brown, Matthew Barnaby, Todd Fedoruk, Dave Schultz, Frank Bialowas and Rocky Thompson. Proceeds benefited Flyers Alumni programs and charitable initiatives.

**FLYERS ALUMNI FANTASY CAMP**

Each August, for nine years and counting, 60 participants from across North America, possessing widely divergent hockey skills and experience levels, bond together on and off the ice with Flyers Alumni who serve as coaches for Flyers Alumni Fantasy Camp. This year, returning Alumni from the 2022 camp include Mark Howe, Keith Jones, Bob Kelly, Brad Marsh, Dave Poulin, Mark Recchi, Joe Watson, Ian Laperriere and John LeClair. Glenn “Chico” Resch will be a first-time coach.

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BIKE**

The partnership between the Flyers Alumni Association and Help Hope Live through the Alumni’s “Every Child Deserves a Bike” (ECDAB) program was recognized by the Philadelphia Business Journal with a 2023 Face of Philanthropy Award. The ECDAB program builds and donates fully customized adaptive bicycles to special needs children across the extended Delaware Valley. To date, 23 bikes have been built and donated.

**12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

Each day for 12 days during the holiday season, the Flyers Alumni Association donates money, vital supplies, or volunteer time to charities, educational organizations or to families in need. 2023 will mark the fourth year of the program.

**ALUMNI GOLF INVITATIONAL**

The annual Flyers Alumni Golf Invitational at Dupont Country Club in Wilmington, DE, raises money for Flyers Alumni programs such as Every Child Deserves a Bike, and the Alumni’s two million dollar pledge in direct donations to Ed Snider Youth Hockey & Education.



**PENNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATION**

Members of the Flyers Alumni and Flyers Warriors donated work materials and volunteered their time to completely renovate the library at the Joseph Pennell Elementary School in Philadelphia. The project included new flooring, shelving, painting, and the creation of a mural to create a space for students to learn and participate in the school’s mentoring program.





WINGS  
**CHARITIES**

*THE PHILADELPHIA WINGS AND WINGS CHARITIES ARE COMMITTED TO GROWING THE GAME OF LACROSSE IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION BY PUTTING STICKS IN HANDS, EDUCATING ON ITS ORIGINS, AND CHAMPIONING DIVERSITY WITHIN THE SPORT.*



## WINGS ON THE ROAD

In December, the Wings visited five local communities to give over 150 kids the opportunity to play with professional lacrosse players.

## INTRO TO BOX LACROSSE GIRLS CLINIC

The Wings hosted a free girls lacrosse clinic at Wings Training Center for 22 middle schoolers. As part of a continued effort to introduce local female athletes to box lacrosse, the free clinic had equipment on hand to help local female athletes looking to participate in box or indoor lacrosse for the first time. Wings forwards Matt Rambo and George Downey, along with U.S. Womens National Box Lacrosse Head Coach Ginny Capicchioni were on site to coach participants through a variety of drills and exercises.

## POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE CLINIC

The Philadelphia Wings hosted 40 youth members of the Police Athletic League of Philadelphia (PAL) ahead of the team's matchup against the Albany FireWolves in February. Coached by Wings players Ben McIntosh, Mitch Jones, and George Downey, the clinic featured drills and games. All participants also received tickets to the Wings game the following night.

## LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

In February, the Wings collected gently used lacrosse equipment at Wells Fargo Center from fans and players. Then, Mitch Jones and members of the Wings Front Office visited Leveling the Playing Field to organize their warehouse.

## LITTLE STIX

Wingston visited 32 youth lacrosse clinics for kids ages 4–8 in partnership with Little Stix in an effort to grow the game of lacrosse.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLINIC

Wings star Trevor Baptiste, defensemen Liam Byrnes, and Wingston surprised 20 athletes from Special Olympics PA with a private lacrosse clinic. Players spent time with athletes in breakout sessions honing their lacrosse skills before coming together for a group game.

## INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

During Wings Training Camp, the Wings played a special exhibition match on the Onondaga Native American Reservation in Onondaga County, N.Y. against the Georgia Swarm. The Wings auctioned off specialty Indigenous Heritage game-worn jerseys from the exhibition game with proceeds benefitting Wings Charities.

The Wings also visited Penn Museum's Native Voices exhibit to learn more about the origins of lacrosse. While there, Wings players met with fans to discuss their experiences playing the game and how the Indigenous roots of lacrosse inspire them today.

