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# HOUSE of CHAMPIONS

## 1 OCT 23, 2013

### From Vision to Action\*

Women with Spirit Education embraced Sister Mary Kay Conkey's vision and began planning what would become House of Champions.

## 2 JAN 1, 2013

### Turning Vision into Reality

Bill Conkey, Vince Conkey, and Jack Waldeck met to develop a plan for bringing the vision to life.



The Founders\*

## 3 JAN 12, 2013

### Advisory Board Established\*\*

An Advisory Board was formed to guide development of the program.

## 4 JAN 23, 2013

### House of Champions Named

The organization officially adopted the name House of Champions.

## 5 JAN 29, 2013

### First Home Secured

House of Champions leased its first home at 2066 W. 47th Street.

## 6 FEB 27, 2013

### First Board Formed\*\*\*

The inaugural Board of Directors was established.

## 7 MAR 17, 2013

### First Grant Awarded

The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland provided House of Champions' first grant.



House of Champions Today

## 8 MAR 27, 2013

### Mission Established

The mission and admission policies were approved, and Sister Mary Kay Conkey was named volunteer Executive Director.

## 9 APR 24, 2013

### Building the Brand

The House of Champions logo was approved and fundraising plans began.

## 10 MAY, 2013

### First Donation Received

Rita and Peter Carfagna made the organization's first monetary donation.

## 11 AUG 3, 2013

### First Fundraiser

The inaugural benefit attracted 347 supporters at St. Ignatius High School.

## 12 SEP 20, 2013

### Opening Day

House of Champions welcomed its first seven students.

## 13 FEB 19, 2014

### Official Nonprofit Status

House of Champions received its 501(c)(3) designation.

## 14 2017

### First Capital Campaign

A campaign was launched to support future growth and expansion with a new permanent home.

## 15 2018

### Full-Time Leadership

Sister Mary Kay Conkey became House of Champions' full-time Executive Director.

## 16 JAN 2019

### Building Our First Home

A new home at 2059 W. 47th Street opened, creating space for 16 additional students and increasing House of Champions' capacity to 24 students annually.

## 17 2021

### SEL Program Added

Social-Emotional Learning became a formal part of the program.

## 18 2023

### Second Capital Campaign

A campaign was launched to fund a second permanent home and expand opportunities for more students.



Enjoying Time in the House of Champions

## 19 2025

### Farewell to the Little Yellow House

The original home that launched House of Champions was demolished.

## 20 2025-2026

### Building Our Second Home

Construction kicked-off on our newest home.

## 21 SEP 8, 2026

### A New Chapter Begins\*\*\*\*

A second permanent House of Champions home opens, enabling the organization to serve 32 students annually across two homes.



The Yellow House — Last Day

\*Founders: Pictured — Sister Karen Bohan, OSU • Sister Nan Zeimet, SND • Sister Mary Kay Conkey, OSU  
Not Pictured — OSU Sister Anne Maline, SND • Sister Judith Wulk, OSST • Sister Helena Minut, SND (deceased)

\*\*First Advisory Board: Judy Head • Joyce Klingshirn • Sister Lynette Krych, SND • Sister Anne Maline, OSU • Sister Joanne Miller, SND

\*\*\*First Board of Directors: Sister Karen Bohan, OSU • Billy Conkey • Sister Mary Kay Conkey, OSU • Vince Conkey • Meg Hutter • Sister Helene Minut, SND • Jack Waldeck  
• Sister Judith Wulk, OSST • Sister Nan Zeimet, SND

\*\*\*\*Schools Served: Urban Community School • Metro Catholic School • St. Rocco School • St. Ignatius of Antioch