

Women's Committee

For the 250th



About the Committee

Women have played an influential and outsized role in every one of our nation's anniversary celebrations since 1876. From building a one-of-a-kind Women's Pavilion showcasing women's inventions and innovations at the Centennial World's Fair, to restoring Strawberry Mansion in 1926 and Laurel Hill Mansion in 1976, women have used their leadership and capital to create a legacy of action and impact.

Building on this tradition, the Women's Committee for the 250th harnesses the social, intellectual and economic power of women to support transformational legacy projects that elevate the contributions of Philadelphia women to Philadelphia and American history. These efforts underscore the importance of women's leadership, the power of individual and collective action, and Philadelphia's role in the past, present and future of U.S. democracy.

The Committee is a program of PHILADELPHIA250 and the Philadelphia Visitor Center, whose goal is to help Philadelphia realize its vision of a celebration that reaches all communities, inspiring civic pride and action and sharing the economic and cultural impacts of 2026 across all neighborhoods.

Legacy Projects

- **Women's Small Business Pitch Competition:** Recognizing that financial independence is critical to exercising one's fundamental rights, the Committee is providing a grant of \$75,000 to the Women's Opportunities Resource Center (WORC). The funds will support a citywide pitch competition that provides participants with direct access to mentoring and technical assistance. Finalists receive cash awards and ongoing business support.
- **Revitalization of Historic Belmont Mansion and the Underground Railroad Museum:** Inspired by the story of the American Women's Heritage Society, the Women's Committee will raise funds and awareness to help restore Belmont Mansion, a weekend retreat for the Founding Fathers in the colonial era. Saved from demolition in 1986 by Audrey Thornton, over the past 40 years three generations of African-American women have preserved the site and shared its history as a stop on the Underground Railroad.



Join the Committee and Be a Part of History!

The Women's Committee is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to participate in the anniversary of our nation's founding and leave a legacy for future generations. As a member, you join a long and storied history of women's activism and civic pride and help write a new chapter for Philadelphia, the birthplace of American democracy. You will get regular updates on the 250th in Philadelphia, receive public recognition at events and on social media, and attend quarterly meetings with special programming.

Members can also help recruit new members and join Advisory Committees set up to support the legacy projects with fundraising, technical assistance, and marketing and communications. For more information on membership, contact Debbie Buchwald at dbuchwald@phlvisitorcenter.com or [join here](#).

Become A Member

INDIVIDUAL

\$250

\$125 for members 30 and under

Continue the tradition of women's leadership for the 250th.

- One membership included, listed on public reports as Member
- Access to exclusive quarterly member meetings and special programs
- Access to diverse leadership network and 250th legacy projects
- Regular newsletter updates

PATRON

\$500

Extend your impact by gifting a membership.

- First membership listed on public reports as Patron
- Second membership can be gifted to the Committee or a specific individual
- Access to exclusive quarterly member meetings and special programs
- Access to diverse leadership network and 250th legacy projects
- Regular newsletter updates

ORGANIZATION

\$1,000

Support women's collective action and impact for the 250th.

- Two memberships included and listed; company also listed on public reports as Organization Member
- Unused memberships can be gifted to the Committee or specific individuals
- Access to exclusive quarterly member meetings and special programs
- Access to diverse leadership network and 250th legacy projects
- Regular newsletter updates

Become A Sponsor

Increase the impact of the legacy projects and join a network of women leaders.
For more information, contact Jane Grabias at jgrabias@phlvisitorcenter.com.

\$10,000

- Ten memberships included, with full benefits
- Name and logo on Women's Committee reports, newsletters, digital media, and event signage
- Speaking opportunity at a Women's Committee event

\$25,000

- Fifteen memberships included, with full benefits
- Name and logo on Women's Committee reports, newsletters, digital media, and event signage as presenting sponsor
- Listed as top sponsor for legacy project
- Tabling opportunity at a Women's Committee event
- Speaking opportunity at a Women's Committee event

