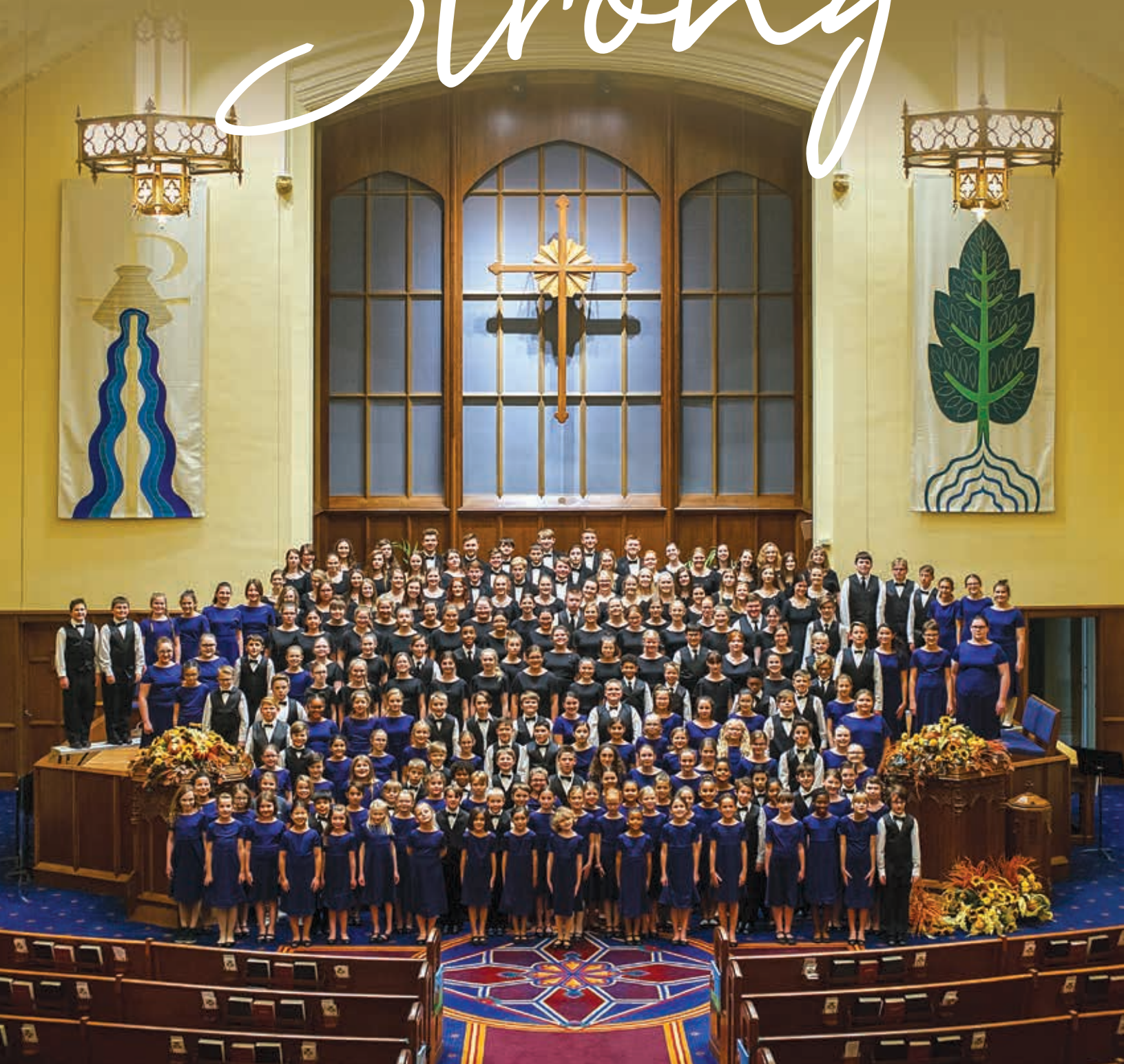


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Our Mission

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir teaches music literacy to children from diverse backgrounds through song and performance.

Dear friends,

As I reflect on the 2019-2020 season, I keep coming back to the question that I kept asking myself in March 2020: What can we do? Keeping the mission of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir at the center of our work is important in any year. But, it became paramount as we entered 2020.

We enjoyed 2019's rehearsals, retreats, and performances. We were fortunate to have Do Re Mi occur in early February. But, like everyone, we were faced with many questions of how to proceed in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

What can we do? Well, the Fort Wayne Children's Choir focused on our mission. Teaching music literacy via Zoom rehearsals was possible! Working remotely and connecting with singers in new ways had challenges, but not insurmountable ones. Innovations in teaching, recording, and assessing knowledge blossomed. We found ways to honor our graduating senior singers. We even delivered care packages every one of our singers – 263 in total!

We are grateful for the financial assistance provided to us in fiscal year 2020 to help us navigate the Covid-19 pandemic. Arts United Resiliency Funds, the Foellinger Foundation, and PPP loans helped us bridge the gap with an uncertain future in the spring of 2020. Your continued support has inspired us and helped us to fulfill our mission. Thank you for ensuring the future of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir!



Jonathan N. Busarow
Executive Artistic Director

Board Of Directors 2019-2020

Kathryn Lemish, *Chair*

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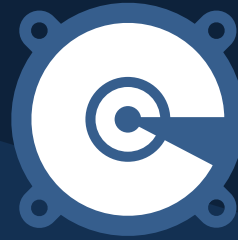
Rebekah Wineland

Erin Bean, *Music Advisory
Council Chair*

Statistics



263
Singers



16%
students from a
**MINORITY
ETHNIC GROUP**



DIFFERENT
SCHOOLS
REPRESENTED
plus homeschool students



37%
students received
PARTICIPATION ASSISTANCE



28%

of singers are

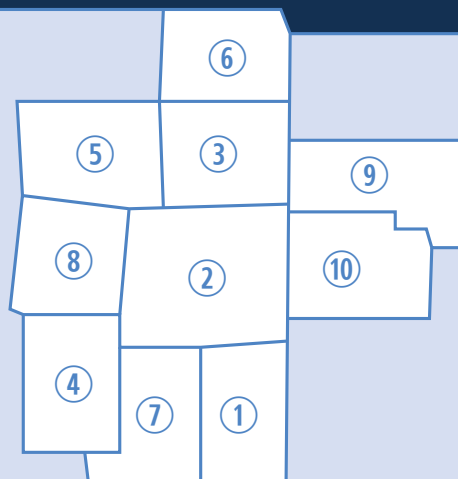
BOYS/YOUNG MEN

Indiana:

- | | |
|--------------|-----------|
| ① Adams | ⑤ Noble |
| ② Allen | ⑥ Steuben |
| ③ DeKalb | ⑦ Wells |
| ④ Huntington | ⑧ Whitley |

Ohio:

- | |
|------------|
| ⑨ Defiance |
| ⑩ Paulding |

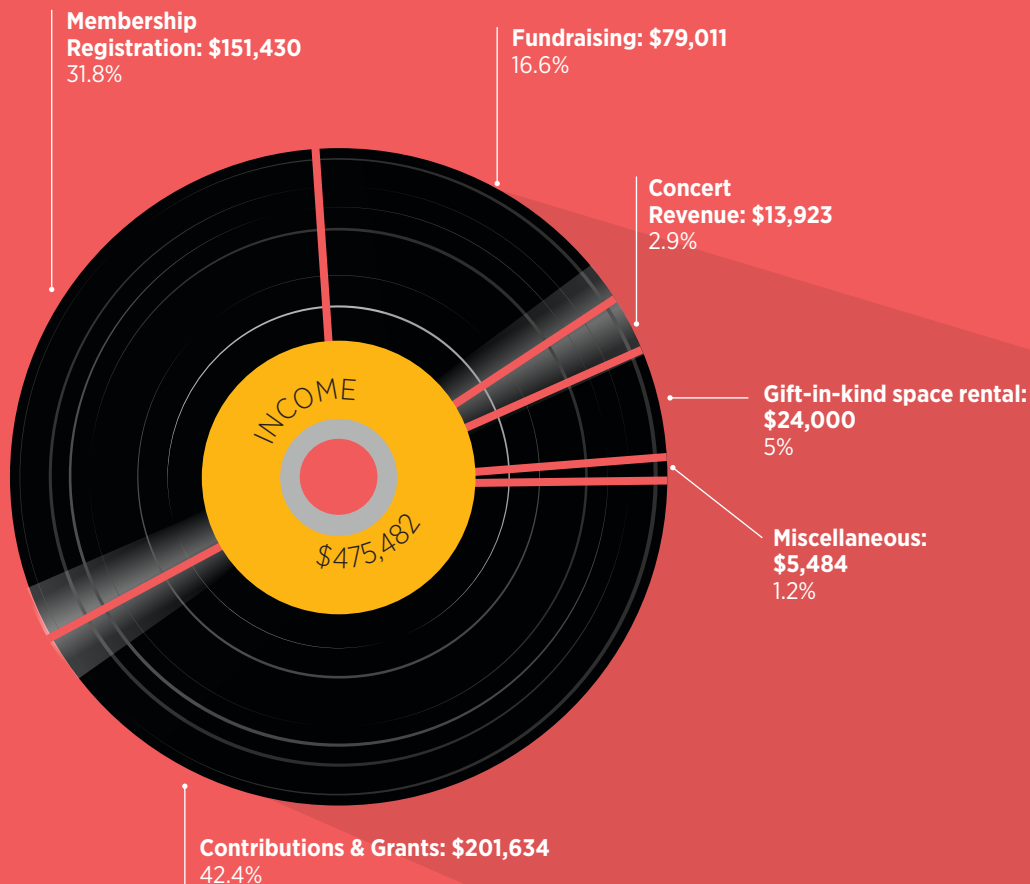
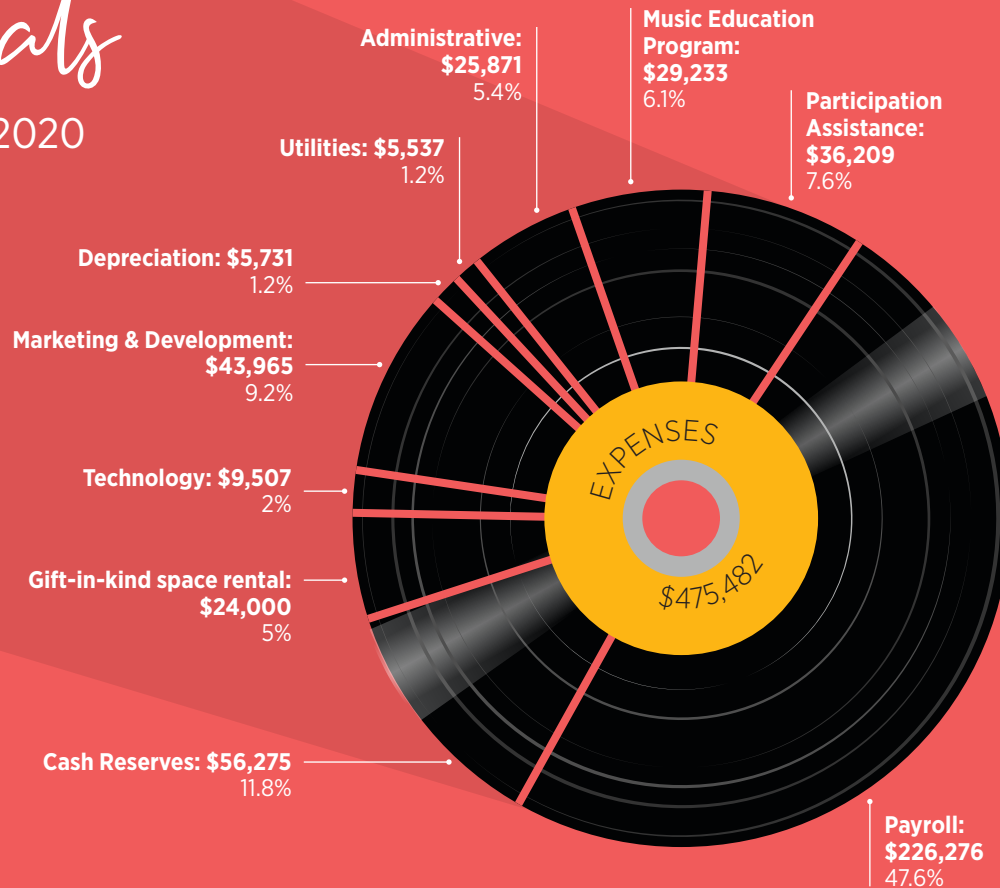


Financials

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Expenses: 1% or less

Guest and
outside artists\$3,629
Concert
Production\$2,029
Space &
Venue Rental\$1,642
Recognition
Program\$2,850
Professional
Development\$2,728



Thank you for investing in the FWCC!

DIRECTOR

\$5,000+

Jim & Irene Ator
Virginia Coats
Buck & Julianne Toenges

SOLOIST

\$1,000-\$4,999

David & Jenny Almdale
Skip & Jennifer Balkenbusch
Craig & Diana Bartscht
Kevin & Jane Busarow
Erica Dekko
Emily Hull
Duane & Sandy Johnson
Bill & Ginny Johnson
Michael & Judy McKinley
Mitch & Cindy McKinney
Kathy Miller
Mark & Alice Minnick
Ed & Pam Pierson
Joseph & Lindsay Platt
Deep & Seema Reddy
Elizabeth Schowe
Gabe Selig
Margaret & Frank Sklenar
Rob & Mary Snow
Jon & Nancy Swanson
Patricia Twietmeyer

ACCOMPANIST

\$500-\$999

Tom & Tammy Andrews
Jonathan & Nicole Busarow
Stephanie Carper
Catherine Coughlin
Steve & Jennifer Diagostino
Marsha Heller
Harry & Cynthia Laffkas
Dave & Kathryn Lemish
Barbara Lingle
Mary McDonald
Kip & Mary Jane Ormerod
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Véronique Poudrier
Freddy Ray
Justin & Amy Shurley
Jeff & Carole Slater
Barb Wachtman & Tom Skillman
Rebekah Wineland
Susan Wygant
Kennard Scribner

AUDIENCE

\$250 - \$499

Coley & Sarah Arnold
Carol Butler
Caitlin Cowan
Tom & Jessica Dettmer
Derek & Anne Devine
Bill Drinkall
Elizabeth A. Frederick
Denise Gilliland
Paul & Debra Grime
Bruce & Melinda Haines
Amy Hester
Casey Keirn & Stacy Mathys
Suzon Motz
Greg & Meredith Neumann
Tom & Lori Neumann
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Charitable Fund

CHORISTER

\$100-\$249

Anonymous (2)
Nancy Archer
David & Grace Baxter
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Laticia Bleck
Art & Phyllis Boester
Rosemarie Bostelman
& Dick Young
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Mike & Mary Cahill
Scott & Karen Campbell
Amber Coughlin
Cassie Daniels
Lauren Denton
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Leslie & Adam Friedel
Fort Wayne Alumnae
Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota
Linda Gaff
Jeremy & Deena Hart
Denny Herman
Justin & Amanda Hoeppner
Mike & Sarah Hollman
Stephen & Paula Jasinski
Susan & Franklin Johnson
Greg Jones
Joseph Kessler
Dorothy Kittaka

Matt & Mandie Kolkman
Russell & Susanna Lauer
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Barb Mueller
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Virginia Lee Zimmerman

SINGER \$1-\$99

Anonymous (5)
Erin Bean
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'73 Society

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Deepkaran & Seema Reddy

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David Beer
Jim & Irene Ator

In memory of Dr. Robert S. Kittaka
Dorothy Kittaka

In honor of Irene Ator
Todd & Mary Briscoe
Eve Colchin
Sharon Parnin

In honor of Cory Balkenbusch
Jon Bomberger & Kathryn Roudebush

In honor of Daniel, Josiah,
and Joanna Beights
Mike & Denice Beights

In honor of Lucy Davis
George & Sara Davis

In honor of Hailey Ensley
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Louise Magoon

In honor of Adrian Martinez
Heliana Montero & Riggir Martinez

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Anonymous

In honor of the Spring Concert
Debbie Powers

In honor of the 2020 Seniors
Buck & Julianne Toenges

In honor of Graham Phillips
Anonymous

In honor of Ian Schowe
Paul & Becky Schowe

In honor of Kathleen Simunek
Paul & Robin Simunek



Highlights



2020

Virtual Rehearsals!



2020

Singer Care Packages & Recognition

2020

- Delivered 263 care packages to our singers! This included food, activities, messages from directors, and each singer's award.
- Sangeeta Reddy, alumna, joined us for an internship

2019

Choralfest

2019

- Sang at opening of Promenade Park
- Co-hosted Music Educator Workshop with PFW to host John Feierabend
- Performed at Violins of Hope, Festival of Trees, Nutcracker, and Holiday Pops
- First Steps in Music Program had four classes at three different ACPL locations



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