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Children's Choir is a
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2024 Annual Report



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your help in making our 51st year just as exciting and life changing for our students as our 50th anniversary! From the first notes of Choralfest Camp to singing in beautiful spaces in New York City, we had another magical year at the FWCC. We also saw impact and growth in our First Steps in Music program. Reflecting on the past year, I am struck by your generosity and how thankful the choir is for YOU!



Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City



Ginny and Bill Johnson, Brian Bojrab, Ashley Stoneburner

We are especially grateful for your continued investment in our mission and programs. Thanks to you, we had a successful Rhythm & Brews, inspired Giving Tuesday, and a momentous Do Re Mi, raising over \$100,000! I am grateful to you - the individuals, businesses, and foundations - that continue to give so generously each season.



First Steps in Music Class at Allen County Public Library

One of the most exciting areas of growth this year was in our First Steps in Music program. Through partnerships at the Allen County Public Library, The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center, Trinity English Lutheran Church, and Brightpoint, we served almost 3,000 singers and their caregivers at 17 different locations, more young singers than ever before. It is thrilling to see more families engaging with the program!

I want to personally thank Julianne Toenges for her exceptional leadership on the board. She just completed a three-year term as the chair. Julianne has been a vital volunteer for our organization over her 15+ years of service! Thank you!

A few musical highlights of the season included:

- A unique performance at The History Center featuring the Concert Choir, Youth Chorale, and Chamber Singers performing "Five Days that Changed the World" by Bob Chilcott. This large work reflected and celebrated events like the abolition of slavery, the first flight, and the first man in space, as well as inventions and discoveries like the printing press and penicillin.



Youth Chorale at The History Center

- Our holiday season was one of the busiest yet, with more performances than ever before - 41 in 30 days!
- We were also honored to sing at Mayor Tom Henry's funeral. It was a poignant moment for the choir to offer our voices in tribute to someone who not only meant so much to the city of Fort Wayne, but was also deeply invested in the Choir.

Thank you for everything you do to make the Fort Wayne Children's Choir a success. We look forward to sharing more music and creating more magical memories with you in the year to come.

Musically yours,

Jonathan N. Busarow
Executive Artistic Director

Our curricular choir program had 260 singers from 83 different schools. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, 34% of singers received financial assistance.

Finances

July 2023-June 2024

INCOME \$494,578

Contributions & Grants	\$164,743
Membership Registration	\$148,562
Fundraising	\$82,234
Reserves Use	\$19,493
Gift-in-Kind Space Rental	\$24,000
Concert Revenue	\$27,479
Miscellaneous	\$12,150
Fee for Service Income	\$8,580
Beneficial Interest	\$7,337

EXPENSES \$494,578

Payroll	\$314,048
Marketing & Development	\$17,000
Music Education Program	\$17,382
Participation Assistance	\$41,190
Gift-in-Kind Space Rental	\$24,000
Administrative	\$23,242
Logo Sales	\$7,002
Concert Production	\$6,218
Professional Development	\$9,819
Technology	\$8,603
Space & Venue Rental	\$11,425
Guests & Outside Artists	\$5,557
Utilities	\$6,322
Recognition Program	\$2,770