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Dear Friends,

At the Worcester Children’s Chorus (WCC), we have set out on a mission to enrich the lives of children throughout Worcester County, Massachusetts. Our goals are clear - enhance young people’s lives and cultivate positive character traits of integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence within our choristers by providing a quality musical experience through training in choral singing. While our goals appear modest, translating our mission into action requires a team of committed, hard-working professionals, parents, volunteers, and supporters who care deeply about our member’s musical and personal growth. From our incredible donors to our devoted staff and volunteers, the WCC is fortunate to have a team of individuals with a profound commitment to be a force of good in the lives of our choristers.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, the 2017-2018 Choral Season was an unprecedented success for the WCC in many ways! In December of 2017, we surpassed 100 singer registrations—a record number as part of an expanding program—while also increasing the number of scholarships we provide. Effective fundraising initiatives have resulted in a substantial improvement in the WCC’s financial strength and ability to support our choristers from low-to-moderate income backgrounds.

During the 2017-2018 Choral Season, the Worcester Children’s Chorus continued to elevate our artistic prowess and engage in collaborations with local ensembles! Our choristers’ performance in November 2017, of Benjamin Britten’s “War Requiem” at Mechanics Hall was described by the Telegram & Gazette as “nothing less than angelic”. In March 2018, advanced singers in Worcester Children’s Chorus joined the Choir of All Saints Church for an afternoon of collaboration, music making, and learning music by Richard Rodney Bennett and local composer, Amy Bernon. In June, the WCC launched our international tour and traveled to Montreal and Quebec City, to participate in a youth choral festival. Needless to say, we have had a busy season!

As we reflect upon our past achievements and look to the future, the WCC knows that our success is just a testament to the generosity of our dedicated supporters. On behalf of the WCC, please know that that we are deeply grateful for and humbled by our donors’ and volunteers’ generosity and faith in our organization - it truly means the world to us! With continued support from our partners and donors, the WCC will remain committed to enriching the lives of children throughout Worcester County during our 2018-2019 season. We are honored by the journey that lies ahead, and thank you for being a part of it.

Sincerely in song,

Philip Montgomery

Philip Montgomery
Board President
Worcester Children’s Chorus
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Worcester Children’s Chorus, Inc.  
Operating Results  
July 2017 through June 2018

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| Net Income              | $3,631.25  |
BY THE NUMBERS

SEPTEMBER 2017 - JUNE 2018

101
REGISTERED SINGERS
AGES 8 TO 18

5
CHORAL ENSEMBLES

SINGERS COME FROM 35
SCHOOLS IN WORCESTER
COUNTY

WORCESTER’S CHILDREN’S CHORUS AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING $6,013.00 TO 21 OF OUR
CHORISTERS

600
NUMBER OF
WORCESTER’CHILDREN’S
CHORUS FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS

175
TOTAL HOURS OF
REHEARSAL DURING THE
2017-2018 SEASON

5
NUMBER OF MAJOR SEASON
AND CONCERT SPONSORS

6
PERFORMANCES DURING THE 2017-2018 SEASON
SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The celebration of WCC’s 10th Anniversary Season culminated with a trip to Canada! 28 WCC singers, ages 12-18, traveled to Montreal and Quebec City, to participate in a youth choral festival. In addition to sightseeing, the WCC rehearsed together with choirs from across the US and Canada and presented a gala festival performance of Canadian and American music.

May 6, 2018
On May 6, 2018 the WCC held our “A Decade of Song” performance at Mechanics Hall to celebrate all of the WCC singers past and present. Alumni were invited on stage to sing the peace affirming final song of the concert together – “Al Shlosha D’varim.”

March 10, 2018
On Saturday, March 10th, advanced singers in grades 5-8 joined the Worcester Children's Chorus and the Choir of All Saints Church for an afternoon of collaboration, music making, and learning music by Richard Rodney Bennett and local composer, Amy Bernon.

November 8, 2017
In collaboration with local ensembles, the Worcester Children’s Chorus performed Benjamin Britten’s “War Requiem” at Mechanics Hall. The WCC’s contribution was described by the Telegram & Gazette as “nothing less than angelic”.

December 13, 2017
On December 13, 2017 we surpassed 100 singer registrations for the 2017-2018 Season. This was a significant milestone in the growth of the WCC!
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

We say it all the time, and it’s really true: the Worcester Children's Chorus could not deliver our enriching programs to youth in Worcester County without the support of many individual and institutional donors. Each donation makes a difference in our chorister’s lives and to the future of our organization.

We are extremely grateful for the continued support of Harvard Pilgrim and MCPHS University, their consistent gifts over the past three years have helped ensure our organizational growth and the success of our special programs that make us such a valuable asset to the Worcester County community.

New donor, Bay State Savings Charitable Foundation, made a sponsorship donation in support our entire 2017-2018 season which funded vital elements of our program like rehearsal and concert production expenses and the purchase of new music.

New donor, Country Bank, sponsored a student, enabling the Worcester Children’s Chorus to provide a scholarship to one of our choristers who would otherwise not be able to participate in our programs.

New donors, Reliant Medical Group, Fawcett Energy, and Price Chopper have signed on as the first sponsors of our upcoming 10th Anniversary Season Concert and Reception.
ANNUAL FUND DONORS

We’re so grateful to the members of our extended community, old and new, who stepped up to help make our programs successful by contributing to our Annual Fund. Your gifts demonstrate the impact of philanthropy and its role in advancing the Worcester Children’s Chorus’ mission of providing a quality musical experience to children through training in choral singing.

Conductor’s Circle - $250 +
Philip Montgomery
Kho & Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy
Liang Wu
Abigail Childs
Jeffrey & Jennifer Guyton
Pamela Mindell

Accompanist Circle - $100 +
Ken Stone & Maureen Curley (In honor of Samantha Johnson)
Dr. & Mrs. Francesco Cesareo
Glenn C. Demallie
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hargrave, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Jay H. Montgomery

Singers Circle - $50 +
Michael Guilfoyle
Sylvia Rollins
Steven Brown & Junghi Lee
Barbara & Edward Cronin

Friends Circle - $10 +
Christine Staub
Sarah Regan
Laura Drinon
Tara Pandolfi
Mary Epstein
Bertrand Bolduc
Sandra Tobies
MEET OUR TEAM

WORCESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS LEADERSHIP STAFF

“It has been a great joy watching the WCC grow over the past few years. I am privileged to work with such talented, committed young singers, and to instill within them a love of music that they will carry with them throughout their lives. We have had the honor of singing on the Carnegie Hall stage, going on tour to New Orleans, and singing in glorious Mechanics Hall in countless collaborations with adult choruses and orchestras. It has been rewarding to see the singers grow as a result of these experiences. I have witnessed the musical, social, and emotional growth of these young people, several of whom go on to study music in college, and I look forward to what our next decade will bring!” – Pamela Mindell, Artistic Director

“Beginning in 2008, the WCC was formed with 33 singers. Today we have over 100 performers in our organization in five different ensembles. We have also collaborated with other organizations including the Master Singers of Worcester, the Worcester Chorus, the Salisbury Singers, and many others. We are also proud to be “Partners in Music” with the Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester. However, our music making has not just been confined to Worcester, WCC singers have sung in London, New Orleans, Carnegie Hall, and Fenway Park. I wish to acknowledge our co-founders Jennifer Kane and Malcolm Halliday who envisioned the program we offer today. Our success would also not be possible without the support of Assumption College where we enjoy the status of “Choir in Residence.” I also wish to thank the WCC Board of Directors for their work in sustaining the mission of the WCC.” – Phil Montgomery, WCC Associate Director

Lynne LaComfora began her career playing the organ at St. Joseph's Church in Worcester at age 9. She went on to graduate from Anna Maria College with a degree in piano performance. She was awarded first prize in the New England Young Artist Competition as an undergraduate. Although principally a pianist, she has served as organist for several small churches in the Central MA area and has been a music teacher in several towns. In addition to her full-time teaching job and her work with the Salisbury Singers for over 30 years, she has accompanied for the Worcester County Light Opera, St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, Bancroft School in Worcester, the voice students of Ruth Cooper, the Blackstone Valley Chorus, the Central District Chorus of MA and the National OAKE Convention in Boston. She accompanied the Salisbury Lyric Opera's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" for several years. In addition, she worked as director/pianist for Booth Productions both at Holy Name High School and at Booth's summer program in Worcester and Ogunquit, ME. LaComfora recently retired from the position of music director/pianist for many musicals at Millbury High School, where she taught music for several years.
MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WORCESTER CHILDREN’S CHORUS BOARD

PRESIDENT
Philip Montgomery
The Fay School

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Pamela Mindell
WCC and Cambridge Community Chorus

VICE PRESIDENT
Chris Wychorski
Habitat for Humanity - MetroWest/Greater Worcester

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Daniel DiTullio
Assumption College

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Valerie Becker
Soloist and collaborative pianist

BOARD MEMBER
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