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OUR 2020 - 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, PHILIP MONTGOMERY

Dear WCC Friends,

As I write this letter, I will not have been President of the Children's Chorus for several months. This is actually a good thing, as I am excited to turn my focus to the artistic and educational aspects of our program as our organization emerges from the pandemic and looks to the future.

My time as President of the organization goes back to its founding more than fifteen years ago. At that time, the chorus was an idea developed by co-founders Malcolm Halliday and Jennifer Kane. As a music educator and local musician, I was asked by Kane and Halliday to serve as the steering committee chair as the program was launched under the 501(c)3 of the Master Singers of Worcester. I then became the incorporating President when WCC became an independent, non-profit in 2008.

As President, I have seen WCC through its infancy and adolescence as an organization. This past year, however, I was witness to a board of directors that stepped up to the challenge of shepherding WCC through the challenges (artistically and financially) of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The board truly rose to the occasion: a new website was designed and launched, a complete rebrand was rolled out, an online program was created, a "WCC Strong" committee was established, a marketing plan was developed, and a strategic plan was begun.

Not only did the board respond to the challenges of 2020, the community stepped up as well. As you will see in this report, the Annual Fund had a large and generous response. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Program Manager, Artistic Director, and others our corporate sponsorships increased as well. We were also the recipients of grants from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, MA Cultural Council and Choral Arts New England.

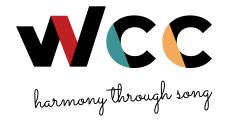
As we enter our 2021/2022 season, efforts are well underway to partner with the Worcester Public Schools to launch two all access, after school singing opportunities for Worcester youth. Our corporate sponsorships continue to grow, and we are poised to scale up as an organization like never before.

It is with all of this success that I have complete confidence in our new board President, Chris Wychorski, as she takes the helm and steers our organization forward. Great things lie ahead for WCC, and I am excited to continue as part of the artistic leadership that will see our program grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Best Regards,

Philip Montgomery WCC Associate Director





The mission of the Worcester Children's Chorus is to enrich the lives of children throughout Worcester County by providing a quality musical experience through training in choral singing. Membership offers professional-level instruction in vocal technique, music theory, sight singing, ear training, and presentation, as well as an exposure to a variety of choral styles. This program enhances young people's lives, helping them to develop qualities of self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence in their abilities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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ENSEMBLES

DR. PAMELA MINDELL Artistic Director PHILIP MONTGOMERY Associate Director JOHN F. DELOREY Director, Baritones ILANA CADY Accompanist CHRIS WYCHORSKI Program Manager

Da Capo

Sara Ballard Lydia Blumhofer Caelynn Bowley Bianca Brown Suveer Chhabra Carter Gowdy Anya Hoemann Harper Holyoak Hillary JeanPierre Cailyn Kindorf Miles Koning Besty Li Sophia Naras Gabriella Regelous Emma Viruet

Bel Canto

Delyan Aguirre-Lopez George Bejune Lucia Borda Nuala Cady Meltzer Lyla Chesney Marlena Delfeld Anais Delfeld Syd Gay Leila Jordan Grace King Charlotte Kinney Natalie Kleiner Jose Levy Yetzlyn Lopez **Emeliene Moroney** Arianna Riendeau **Rachel Rutkiewicz Riley Sequeira**

Cantare

Elvira Garamy Elizabeth Gros Samantha Johnson Sophia Jordan Madisyn Kaijala Helen Kennedy Julia Leitko Arianna Michael Katia Nicholson Myra Page Angelina Riendeau Lila Tallagnon Kylan Tremblay

Baritones

Jack Hastings Gabriel Tetreault Jovan Tremblay

WCC has provided a beautiful community for our daughter outside of school. The diverse membership and common love for music within the chorus has helped her grow as a singer and a person. She loves every minute of it!



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Worcester Children's Chorus, Inc. July 2020 through June 2021

Income	
Gross Tuition	\$ 29,125
Donations	5,871
Grants	11,525
Total Income	\$ 48,291
Expenses	
Tuition Scholarships & Dis-	\$ 4,472
counts	
Business Expenses	5,557
Contract Services	2,500
Operations	3,486
Insurance - Liability D and O	2,308
Payroll Expenses	52,680
Meetings and Other	472
Total Expenses	\$ 71,475
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (23,184)

SPECIAL THANKS TO SPONSORS & GRANTORS

Our organization gratefully received generous support from sponsors and grantors over the last year to empower the possibility and successful execution of key initiatives. These included funding to develop and launch a new website, funding to rebrand our organization, pro-bono consultations, shared advertisements, shared fundraising costs, DEIA training, as well as funding and collaborations to commission a composer for the creation of *River of Hope*.











THANK YOU TO OUR **2020-2021 DONORS & SPONSORS**

We are grateful for the generous and sustained support of donors, sponsors and partners who share our goal of enriching the lives of children in Worcester county through choral music! Donors and partners make it possible for the WCC to provide students with a strong choral education that helps them to develop qualities of self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence.

Maestro - \$500 & Up

Andres Barraza Abigail Childs Pamela & David Mindell Phyllis Mindell in honor of Clara Mindell Philip Montgomery Henry T & Katharine M Michie

Maestro Level In-Kind Giving of Time & Talents

Each and every one of our Board members leveled up their time and attention to the choir over the last 18 months. A few of our devoted Board members took on larger leadership roles during the pandemic to ensure that the Worcester Children's Chorus remained strong and ready to sing together again and we want to applaud them for their commitment and hard work! Susie Cabral **DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld** Christopher Kardos Jen Tallagnon



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Composer - \$250 & Up

Maureen Curley & Ken Stone in honor of Sammy Johnson Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy & Khoa Kennedy Alfred & Gail Hargrave, Jr. Chris, Marc & Vivienne Wychorski

Soloist - \$100 & Up

Susan & Steven Almy Rebecca Blumhofer Mary Callahan & Oliver Gros DeMisty & Neal Delfeld Paul Dexter Glenn DeMallie Richard & Paula Getnick Kenneth & Judith Gorsuch Michael Guilfovle Sarah Johnson Kathleen Kasdorf Patricia McEachen Ramona Michael Jay & Janet Montgomery Jane Neslusan Jen Tallagnon Moira Rouse Virginia Vaughan



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Daniel Bejune Diana Bowley Patsy Cecil Sherral & Eric Devine Bailey Girvan **Polly Kimmitt** Timothy Olevsky Kenneth Prince Sarah & Joseph Smongeski

Singer - \$25 & Up

Amelia Bergmann **Timothy Hastings** Gretel & Brian Koning Betsy Koss Larry Smith Paula Wyble

Friend - \$10 - \$24 Beth Gale Anna Granquist





2021-2022 SEASON CALENDAR

November 14, 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist Service | Trinity Lutheran Church Worcester, MA November, 2021 | Release of River of Hope

November 26-28, 2021, The Nutcracker | The Hanover Theatre, Worcester, MA December 5, 4:00 pm, Holiday Concert | Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, MA December 14, 5:00-7:00 pm, Mid-Season Auditions | Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, MA December 18, 7:30pm, Festive Baroque and Beyond | Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA January 4, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Mid-Season Auditions | Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, MA January 15, 2022, 7:05 pm, Worcester Railers vs. Reading Royals | DCU Center, Worcester, MA May 8, Spring Celebration Concert | Location & Time To Be Announced

Congratulations, Syd, on 5 years with Worcester Children's Chorus. **Keep singing!**

With love, Mom, Dad, **Mirabel & Jarvis**



Rachel, we are so proud of how far you have come! Keep Singing! Love you! Mom (Jill), Mom (Jess), Dad (Pete), Kara, Dad (Stephen), Jenn Adam, Natalie, Luke, and Aaron





Nuala Cady Melzer

We are so proud of you Nuala! Keep singing joyfully.





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Life is better when you sing. Keep on singing! Congratulations on your 1st year performing with the Worcester Children's Chorus. Love, Mom & Dad

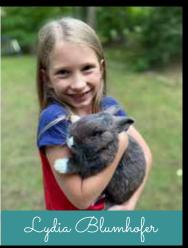


Natalie Kleiner

We are so proud of you! You are brave, kind, hard working, and musical! Keep up the great work!

Love,

Daddy, Mommy, Ben, Clark, Willow, and Daisy





Congratulations, Emma V., on a Great Year. You have a wonderful voice! Papa & Babchi love you to the Moon and Beyond!



Charlotte Kinney

We are incredibly proud of your dedication to your music and can't wait for what the future holds for you! All our love, Mom, Dad and Jocelyn

We are so proud of your commitment to WCC this year! Congratulations on another beautiful performance.

Love, Mom, Dad, Annika, Christian & Lillian



Congratulations Gabriella on your first year at WCC! She has been using her powerful voice since the day she was born and we are so proud to see her perform with other young singing stars!

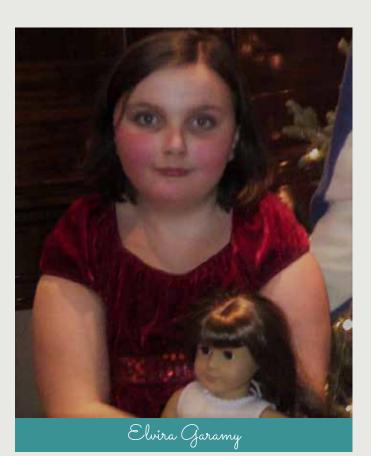


Gabriella Regelous



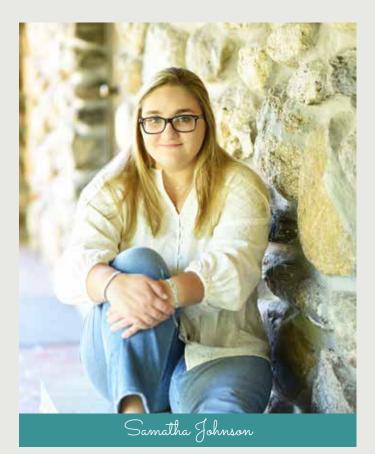
Congratulations, Lyla Chesney, on your first year singing with Worcester Children's Chorus! We love your love of music and singing and are so happy to see you chase your dreams.

> Love, Dad, Mom, Hudson, and Bo



My Special Daughter Elvira It takes many special qualities To make a daughter like you, A lot of care and kindness And understanding, too... It takes a special kind of love That seems to know no end And the thoughtfulness and patience Of a true and trusted friend... It takes many special qualities To make a daughter like you, And that's why you Are loved so much Today and all year through

> Love you always, Mom



"When words fail, music speaks" - Hans Christian Anderson

Thank you to the Worcester Children's Chorus for 9 years of friendship, opportunity, and memories of one beautiful performance after another. Sammy, we are so proud of the person you have grown into. We can't wait to see your future unfold.

> Love, The Johnsons (Mom, Dad, and Justin)



It has been our joy to watch you with the WCC for 5 years. We are proud of you & love you bunches!

> Mom, Dad & Hayden

Myra Page

HOW TO DONATE

The Worcester Children's Chorus is grateful for the generous and sustained support of our donors who share our goal of enriching the lives of children in Central Massachusetts through choral music education! Your taxdeductible donations enable the WCC program to provide tuition scholarships, purchase new music, and support other vital functions of the organization.

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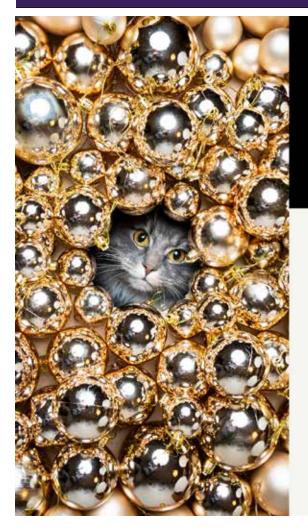
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