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Concert Program & 2020-2021 Annual Report

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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 Worchester 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.

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Lila Tallagnon
Kylan Tremblay

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“

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 & Discounts	\$ 4,472
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

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 Guilfoyle
Sarah Johnson
Kathleen Kasdorf
Patricia McEachen
Ramona Michael
Jay & Janet Montgomery
Jane Neslusan
Jen Tallagnon
Moir Rouse
Virginia Vaughan

Section Leader \$50 & up

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
Cretel & Brian Koning
Betsy Koss
Larry Smith
Paula Wyble

Friend - \$10 - \$24

Beth Gale
Anna Granquist



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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,
[REDACTED], on 5 years
with Worcester
Children's
Chorus.
Keep singing!

With love,
Mom, Dad,
Mirabel & Jarvis

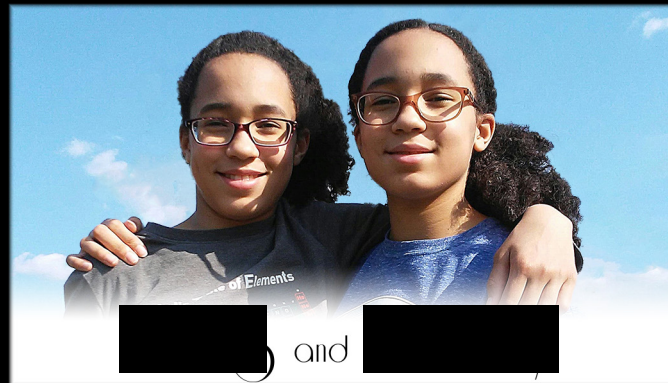


[REDACTED] and
[REDACTED]
we are so
proud of how
far you have
come! Keep
Singing!
Love you!

Mom (Jill), Mom (Jess),
Dad (Pete), Kara, Dad
(Stephen), Jenn Adam,
Natalie, Luke, and
Aaron



We are so proud of you [REDACTED]
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



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



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



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

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

Love,
Mom, Dad, Annika,
Christian & Lillian



Congratulations
[REDACTED] 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!





Congratulations,
[REDACTED], 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 [REDACTED]
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. [REDACTED] 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

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 tax-deductible donations enable the WCC program to provide tuition scholarships, purchase new music, and support other vital functions of the organization.

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