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Central
Dakota
Children's
Choir

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There's Excitement in the Air!!

...can you feel it?!?

Don't you just love being part of something **BIG**?



"We all come from different schools and music programs....it is really special to come together just for the sake of making music."

When I look back over the past six months and all the changes that have taken place here at the choir, it kind of takes my breath away! If you had told me last Christmas that this is where we'd be a short 12 months later, I wouldn't have believed you! But here we are, and I honestly can't think of anyone I'd rather have with me on this journey than YOU!!

You have made all of this possible! From our singers and families, to our artistic staff, board members and supporters, you have all been simply amazing! We couldn't have made it through all the ups and downs, starts and stops, rewrites and revisions without your

steadfast support... I mean that from the bottom of my heart. Thank you!!

I won't go into all the nitty-gritty, but here are just a few things you've helped make happen over the past few months....

--Hired a new choral director and accompanist for both our high school choirs! If you're at all familiar with the history of CDCC, you know this kind of change almost NEVER happens! And while it definitely felt strange not to see Mr. Seil directing a choir at the mall in October, we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Jilek and Mr. Larson to our program! I highly recommend you make plans to join us on Dec 20 and 21 as all five choirs celebrate the season! New this year, we're excited to partner with Shade Tree Players to make your evening a little extra festive. You definitely don't want to miss this one!! It's going to be stellar!

--Implemented a new collaborative process with area music instructors. Through this new initiative, we are able to maximize instructional hours, introduce our singers to different approaches and techniques (two heads are always better than one!), and foster cooperation and relationships within the music community. We're looking forward to working with our professional colleagues

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You Make a Difference

Thanks for showing kids you care!

Crescendo of Care--A Celebration of Children's Voices

THANK YOU!! You did it! Our annual Crescendo of Care--A Celebration of Children's Voices fundraiser was a great success! Not only did you raise nearly \$15,000, you also...

- Engaged the community at large and provided access to quality choral performances
- Promoted choral education and experiences
- Raised awareness of CDCC through raffle sales and the Pizza Ranch community event
- Gave our singers an opportunity to interact and connect during their choir incentive parties!

These intangible outcomes are difficult to measure, but absolutely essential to CDCC's continued growth and long term success. **Thank you for your unwavering support!!**

Give Their Brains a Musical Advantage

Enroll Today!

Why music? Recent research has revealed that brain training programs for children do not lead to significant improvements in real-world cognitive functions...but music education does! **Learning music engages the brain in a unique and comprehensive way.** Children who receive music education often perform better in areas such as memory, attention and problem-solving. **The benefits of learning music extend beyond academic performance to overall cognitive development and emotional well-being.** Music learning also fosters discipline, patience and the ability to work collaboratively – skills that are invaluable in any context. Furthermore, studies show that musically



trained children and adults have enhanced executive function skills, including cognitive flexibility and verbal fluency.

(Source: Dr. Anita Collins of Bigger Better Brains)

Registration is now open for our 1st and 2nd grade music classes. It's never too early to develop the brain!

Enroll the littles in your life today!
www.aboutcdcc.org

“You sustain our program in so many ways--attending concerts, volunteering, participating in fundraisers, etc. Thank you for making children's lives better and inspiring them to dream big!” *

*Excerpted from Share in the Song letter from
Adrienne Riehl, CDCC Board President

There's Excitement in the Air!! (cont.)

in a more intentional way. The program is just getting off the ground, but initial feedback has been extremely positive. Stay tuned!

--Launched our first-ever online parent portal! This management system is designed specifically for choral programs like ours. With this new technology, we are streamlining processes and improving communication with our singers and families. As with anything new, there have been a few bumps along the way, but our choir families are absolutely amazing and have worked with us to make the roll-out hugely successful.



"CDCC has made me a better performer and I've made new friends. It also made me love music even more."

These are just a few of the projects we're working on, but hopefully it gives you an idea how your support is helping to move our mission forward. I invite you to take a moment to savor every-



Introducing young people to the joy of singing and fostering a lifelong love of music!

thing you've accomplished! **Are you excited about what the future holds for CDCC? You should be!! You're part of something that other communities and programs only dream about! You've helped build something truly unique in quality and scope, that has stood the test of time.** And you've done it all while improving the lives of children and enhancing the quality of life in our community.

That is truly a big deal, so yes! You should be excited--and very proud!

Did you know???

Did you know requests for tuition assistance for our program have doubled since 2020? Did you know each season 15% of our families request tuition assistance? Did you know CDCC has awarded over \$49,500 in tuition assistance and scholarships over the past seven years and \$8,500 this season alone?

Thank you to everyone who donated at this year's Season Kick-off in September! We raised \$1400 toward our goal of \$3100. If you would like to help, please contact Tammy to learn how you can best assist families who are currently experiencing financial need. **Together, we can make the benefits of quality choral education accessible to all!!**

A blue banner with a yellow superhero icon on the left, text in the center, and a QR code on the right. The text reads: "The gift you give TODAY makes life-changing choral education accessible to every child!". The QR code is located at the bottom right of the banner.

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Join us as we Dream BIG!!

Angels Sing Concerts

featuring All Choirs
Dec 20 & 21, 2024 • 7:00 pm
Belle Mehus Auditorium

Giving Hearts Day

February 13, 2025
24-hour Day of Giving

CDCC Limited Edition Concerts

March 2, 2025
2:00 pm *featuring* Jubilate & Kantorei
3:30 pm *featuring* Bel Canto, Angelica & Cantus
Bismarck High School

2nd & 3rd Grade Educational Outreach Concerts

featuring Bel Canto
April 16, 2025

Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus Concert

featuring Jubilate
April 26, 2025 • 7:30 pm
Belle Mehus Auditorium

A Celebration of Women's Voices

featuring Angelica
April 27, 2025 • 3:00 pm
First Baptist Church

Cantus Unabridged

featuring Cantus
May 4, 2025 • 7:00 pm
McCabe United Methodist Church

Spring Concerts

featuring All Choirs
May 16 & 17, 2025 • 7:00 pm
Belle Mehus Auditorium



Start them early...
Give your child's brain a musical advantage!

Treble Makers
Music class for 1st graders

Singing for 2nd Graders

Classes will be held from January - May 2025
Information & Registration (open Dec 1, 2024)
Call: 701-258-6516 Visit: aboutcdcc.org



Central Dakota Children's Choir



CENTRAL DAKOTA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Angels Sing

226 YOUNG VOICES
FIVE AMAZING CHOIRS
ONE BIG HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

DECEMBER 20 & 21
BELLE MEHUS AUDITORIUM

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“My daughter always has a countdown for the Christmas concert on her calendar because it is her absolute favorite.” -- CDCC Mom

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