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You Make a Difference!!

...for our singers, their families, and our community!



Cantus performs "Betelehemu" during our Angels Sing concert at the Belle Mehus Auditorium in December.

"I feel welcomed and loved, and I know that every year in CDCC holds a new experience for me."

-- Hannah

As a supporter of Central Dakota Children's Choir, you give young people a place to belong and grow and the opportunity to be part of a community. That's huge! Because recognizing the value of community includes recognizing the value of every member of the community -- and that is truly transformational.

Thank you for making a difference for young people...

"CDCC has changed my life and opened up a whole new world of opportunities. From the directors and staff, to the music and singers, everything has been a dream. I am so honored to be a part of such a wonderful program and represent the music community in Bismarck. Without CDCC, my life wouldn't be complete. Our rehearsals and performances have taught me so much and have helped me to get out into the world. Music is my all, and CDCC has made it possible for me to experience something incredible that I wouldn't otherwise have had." -- Hannah

"CDCC has been integral to my life, shaping me in countless ways. It's not just a choir; it's a community where I've found my voice, both musically and personally. Through the choir's rehearsals, performances, and collaborations, I've developed lifelong friendships and learned invaluable skills like teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. The experience of singing in harmony with others has taught me the beauty of collaboration and the power of music to connect people across cultures and backgrounds. Central Dakota Children's Choir has been a source of joy, growth, and inspiration, shaping me into the person I am today." -- Cedar



"I love being in choir and singing!" -- Evelyn

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Thank You for Strengthening Our Community!



Performing with peers from across the area enhances singers' understanding of place in the community.

Community: a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

Choral music has the unique ability to both create and strengthen our sense of community. Your support of Central Dakota Children's Choir gives young people throughout our area the opportunity to experience being in community and the power and connection it creates. Thank you!

"Music has long been celebrated as a universal language, capable of moving hearts, bridging divides and bringing people together, but what exactly is the power of music? Is it in the melody, in the rhythm or is it in something deeper? The true power of

music might actually lie within the choir itself.... Imagine a space where people from different backgrounds, beliefs, and perspectives can gather, set aside differences and create something beautiful together. You might even call it a natural laboratory for reconciliation.... It's not just about

singing the right notes. It's about listening, adapting, and building trust with others. These qualities are so essential to successful music making and are also the very building blocks of community." *

*Source: Choralosophy podcast, Episode 233 with Chris Munce and Dr. Ryan Luhrs

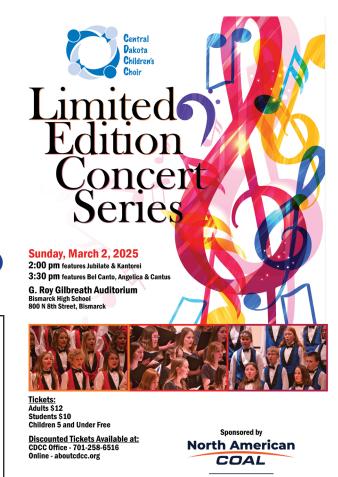
"CDCC gives me piece of mind that my child is in a great group and feels like she is needed."

-- Kristin (CDCC parent)



Thank you for your past support on Giving Hearts Day! No gift is too small and every dollar counts. Double your impact today at givingheartsday.org.

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You Make a Difference!! (cont.)

Thank you for making a difference for our families.....

"CDCC has been a wonderful experience for my child! Through Jubilate, my daughter has grown tremendously in singing skill and in confidence. We are very grateful that CDCC is part of her life!" -- Lindsay (parent)

"CDCC has been a community I never expected to find and become such a significant part of our lives. This isn't just an activity where I dropped my child off, it became something more than that. It was seeing amazing talent and dedication by singers and staff, it was feeling supported and appreciated as a parent and not just a



"I love being in choir and singing. It makes me feel good and I get to meet new friends." -- Evelyn

number on a roster. As this final year looms, I want to thank you all for eleven years of great memories and performances." -- Nikki (parent)



CDCC is really helping my self-confidence by surrounding me with support as we stand in front of large crowds!" -- Malik

...And our community!

"The wonderful thing about this program is that it brings children together from all across our community. From different schools and even different towns. I love that! Plus, they sound amazing!" -- Mary (donor)

"Attending CDCC's concert at the Belle has become a Christmas tradition. I almost skipped this year, but I'm so glad I went! Love hearing these wonderful children! Always puts me in the holiday spirit!" -- Beth (concert attendee)

Did you know???

- Did you know... 2,837 young people in grades 1-12 have participated in our program since it started in 1998.
- Did you know... CDCC has served singers from over 25 different communities including New Salem, Wilton, Center, Steele and more!
- Did you know... Over 15% of our singers have siblings in CDCC, making this a program that brings families together and has generational impact. "I love singing with CDCC because you were in it and I want to be just like you!" -- Elinor (Singing for 2nd Grade Singer)

Your support of CDCC has far-reaching impact!

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Join us as we Dream BIG!!

Giving Hearts Day

February 13, 2025 Regional 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

2025-26 Auditions

May 7 & 8, 2025 • 4 - 6pm Bismarck Public Library

Spring Concerts

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



Double Your Impact!!

Tuition covers roughly a third of the cost of our program. We rely on grant funding, concert revenue and the generosity of supporters like you to make quality choral education and experiences accessible for all. We're DREAMING BIG! Your donation this Giving Hearts Day will enable us to purchase much needed travel risers, expand our free outreach programs for underserved groups in our community, enhance current programs and more!

With \$40,000 in MATCH funds thanks to generous community donors, your donation this Giving Hearts Day will have an even greater impact!

Help us take full advantage of MATCHING funds!

- ♥ Give today! Early giving is open now at givingheartsday.org.
- ▼ Donate by check. Make check out to CDCC, memo line GHD, dated & received by Feb 13.
- ♥ Donate on Thursday, Feb 13 at givingheartsday.org.
- ▼ ▼ ▼ Thank You for making a difference!

Be a Giving Heart!	
Giving Hearts Day gifts made by check should be dated 2-13-25 and received by	Name (As you would like it presented in our concert programs.)
February 13. Please write "Giving Hearts	Address
Day" in memo line on check.	City, State, Zip
Return to: Central Dakota Children's Choir 921 S. 9th St., Suite 115	Phone
Bismarck, ND 58504	Enclosed is my gift of \$
Thank you for impacting lives!	Donations can also be made online at <i>givingheartsday.org</i>