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**You helped Maddox find his voice and opened up a world of unlimited possibilities.**

## You're Giving Kids a Voice and Unleashing Their Potential

Every child is unique, and each one has distinctly different talents, interests and personalities. Here's the tricky part: Most kids don't want to be different; they're looking to fit in and be part of something. **But what happens when a child tries every activity under the sun and nothing seems to click?**

That was Maddox in second grade. His parents were signing him up for everything, trying to find something that piqued his interest and suited his abilities and personality. Despite trying just about every sport and numerous arts and science camps, nothing was really working. They were running out of ideas.

Then one day Maddox came home from school with a Central Dakota Children's Choir audition flyer. He told his parents he wanted to give choir a try, so they signed him up for an audition.

**His mom remembers the moment they received his acceptance letter in the mail. "The pure joy on his face was like nothing I'd ever seen."**

**Because of your support, that audition became the catalyst for Maddox's musical journey. He's since been selected to several honor choirs and been able to travel around the United States to sing.** As a child who was often bullied, he found lifelong friends through Central Dakota Children's Choir and discovered confidence in himself that he didn't find in sports and other activities.

"Programs like Central Dakota Children's Choir provide an outlet for children to experience the gift and joy of music on a level that is so much more than many school systems can provide," Maddox's mom explains. **Your support ensures access to award-winning choral educators, professional accompanists, and dedicated support staff, along with amazing literature that challenges young singers to aim for and achieve a level of musicianship and individual accomplishment that is often beyond their wildest dreams.**

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"I can say with absolute confidence our son is who he is today because of music being in his life, and I credit Central Dakota Children's Choir for starting that journey."

You're not just supporting a choir program. You're creating the moment when a child who's tried everything finally finds what he was searching for. **You're giving kids like Maddox the chance to discover not just their voice, but their confidence, their community, and their place to thrive. Thank you!!**



You are helping young people become competent, confident leaders.

"Music has given me friends that I would've never met. It let me explore a whole new side of myself that I would've never known had it not been for CDCC. It showed me how much I could enjoy choir and I don't know if I would have ever discovered that without it. I will forever be changed because of music's impact in my life." – Maddox, 9 year CDCC singer

If you know of a young musician searching for a unique choral community, please encourage them to contact us. Children in grades 3-12 are welcome to audition now for second semester, Jan-May 2026. Note: In order to participate in CDCC, students in grades 7-12 must be enrolled in at least one of the following programs at their school: choir, band or orchestra.



SING WITH US!

Central Dakota Children's Choir invites you to be a part of our 29th season!

Auditions will be held:

May 6, 2026 4:00-6:00 pm  
Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library



Central Dakota Children's Choir

# Limited Edition Concert Series

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
2:00 pm features Jubilate & Kantorei  
3:30 pm features Bel Canto, Angelica & Cantus  
G. Roy Gilbreath Auditorium  
Bismarck High School  
800 N 8th Street, Bismarck



**Tickets:**  
Adults \$12  
Students \$10  
Children 5 and Under Free

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Tickets available February 1, 2026 at [aboutcdcc.org](http://aboutcdcc.org).

# Your Gift of Music Transforms Children's Lives

When you support Central Dakota Children's Choir, you give children **more than just another opportunity to sing**. You give a young boy the confidence he needs to become a leader, a little girl the chance to form a lifelong friendship, a middle schooler a place to truly belong and a high school singer **the courage to dream big and make that dream come true through hard work and dedication**. That's not just a nice outcome, that's transformational!



**You give children the chance to be part of a team where everyone is on the starting lineup.**

You believe every child deserves a place to shine, and your support makes that belief a reality. **Because of you, children have access to professional educators who truly care, not just about creating beautiful music, but about helping children thrive.** You're giving area youth something uniquely powerful: an experience that builds confidence, develops character and creates a community of lifelong friends.

One CDCC parent recently shared what your generosity creates: **"My daughter loves CDCC. It is the only extracurricular activity where I feel she is completely welcomed, valued, and appreciated with unconditional acceptance. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping her see how truly incredible she is!** Our life has many hiccups, and Central Dakota Children's Choir has been a refuge and safe place for both her and our entire family."

That's the power of your decision to invest in the lives of these singers. You are not just giving a child a music lesson--**you're creating a sanctuary where kids discover their worth and families find community.** In a world that can feel uncertain, you're giving children exactly what they need....a place where they feel welcome and part of a team, mentors who know how to engage and inspire through music, and the opportunity to aim high, work hard and succeed.

**Thank you for giving children positive life experiences and genuine connection. Thank you for changing lives!**

**"Seeing my son overcome his nerves for performances, listening to him sing at home, and having him find something he enjoys has been wonderful!"** – CDCC Mom

Contact Info

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CDCC Angels Sing  
*featuring* All Choirs  
 December 19 & 20, 2025 - 7:00 pm  
 Belle Mehus Auditorium

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration  
*featuring* Cantus  
 January 19, 2026

A Pitch Perfect Evening  
*featuring* Kantorei & Echoes Alumni ensemble  
 January 28, 2026 - 5:30 pm  
 Sixteen03 Main Events

CDCC Limited Edition Concerts  
 March 1, 2026 - Bismarck High School  
 2:00 pm *featuring* Jubilate & Kantorei  
 3:30 pm *featuring* Bel Canto, Angelica & Cantus

Giving Hearts Day  
 Statewide Day of Giving  
 February 12, 2026  
 GivingHeartsDay.org

Bismarck Sings  
*featuring* Jubilate  
 April 8, 2026 - 7:00 pm  
 Sidney J. Lee Auditorium

2nd and 3rd Grade Educational Outreach Concerts  
*featuring* Bel Canto  
 April 22, 2026

Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus Concert  
*featuring* Jubilate  
 April 25, 2026 - 7:30 pm  
 Belle Mehus Auditorium

Celebration of Women's Voices  
*featuring* Angelica  
 April 26, 2026 - 3:00 pm  
 First Baptist Church

Cantus Unabridged  
*featuring* Cantus  
 May 3, 2026 - 7:00 pm  
 McCabe United Methodist Church

2026-2027 Auditions  
 May 6, 2026 - 4:00-6:00 pm  
 Bismarck Public Library

Spring Concert  
*featuring* All Choirs  
 May 15 & 16, 2026 - 7:00 pm  
 Belle Mehus Auditorium



## Double Your Impact!!

We need you! Help us reach a **\$25,000 MATCHING** funds challenge! Keep our current singers singing, expand access to choral education, and ensure CDCC is here to serve young people for another 28 years!

**Make 2026 your most generous year ever! Your best gift provides confidence, character and community to hundreds of children every year!**

**With \$25,000 in MATCHING funds, your \$\$ go further and your impact doubles!**

- \$10 becomes \$20
- \$40 becomes \$80
- \$500 becomes \$1,000!



### Be a Giving Heart!

Giving Hearts Day gifts made by check should be **dated 2-12-2026** and received by February 12. Please write "Giving Hearts Day" in memo line on check.

Return to: Central Dakota Children's Choir  
 921 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 115  
 Bismarck, ND 58504

**Thanks for impacting a child's life!**

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