



Dear Friend of the Chesapeake Chorale,

On behalf of the Chesapeake Chorale, the Board of Directors hopes this letter finds you doing well and that you have found creative ways to cope in these difficult times of social distancing and stay-at-home directives.

This 2020-21 season was to have been our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. That means we have had 39 wonderful seasons of singing, bringing quality choral music to the greater Bowie community. We couldn't have done it without you – our audience members, our volunteers, our donors, and our singers past and present. It would be our great joy and privilege to continue performing and to continue our collaboration with you. However, COVID has thrown us (and every other arts organization) quite a loop. Until the virus is under control (i.e., a vaccine), we are going to be very cautious about making any future in-person plans, for the safety of both our singers and our audience members.

Despite our lack of performances this season, we still have expenses. We continue paying salaries to both our artistic director and our accompanist, who are actively contributing their talents on behalf of the Chorale in the form of musical education and modified rehearsing of the Chorale via ZOOM. This is an investment in our future. Without them, it would be very difficult for the Chorale to resume. We also incur essential expenses such as professional memberships, website fees, insurance and administrative costs. We are planning to return sometime in 2021, which means we will have a huge increase in expenses related to producing concerts – musicians, performing space, music, publicity. To help us prepare for that eventuality, we are asking you to consider making a monetary donation at this time.

You and your donation play a critical but harmonious part in the musical score that will keep the Chesapeake Chorale tradition alive for the next 40 years. Please use the attached form in making that donation. This is a tax-free investment to support great choral music in the Bowie area.

Musically yours,

The Chesapeake Chorale

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