



### **The Event: 2012 Cause for Song gala, auction, and concert celebrating CCGD's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season**

*Cause for Song* will take place February 26, 2012 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. The evening includes a cocktail hour, seated dinner with wine service, live and silent auctions, wine pull, and a concert featuring all nine children's, youth, and neighborhood choruses.

Last year's gala and concert raised over \$50,000 for CCGD's music education and outreach programs. This year we expect 250 guests to attend the gala and over 1,300 to attend the concert. Gala tickets start at \$125 and include concert admission. Table sponsorships start at \$1,200. Underwriting opportunities are available.

### **The Singing Stories Project**

In celebration of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary CCGD launched The Singing Stories Project last spring to document the profound impact of choral music on individuals and the community. The Singing Stories Project explored the question, "What happens when we sing together?" Parents, choristers and friends from around the country shared their thoughts with the Chorus. Local playwright Vicki Caroline Cheatwood brings their stories to life during the Cause for Song concert.

### **The Organization: Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas**

The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas is the city's premier children's and youth chorus with a mission to provide children the experience of musical artistry and excellence through choral singing in a group that reflects the area's diversity.

CCGD's membership includes approximately 500 fourth through twelfth grade boys and girls who come from 43 cities to form nine choirs and reflect Dallas' ethnic and socio-economic diversity. Professional conductors who are both outstanding musicians and master teachers connect them to one of the richest choral and cultural experiences in the country.

CCGD's major activities include downtown performing choruses and several community engagement initiatives. The community programs are a fun introduction to choral music for some participants, but for others they are a bridge to one CCGD's esteemed downtown choruses and the further exploration of music.

Downtown chorus singers perform 25 - 35 times each season to audiences totaling 20,000 including three concerts at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center and appearances as the invited guest of many highly respected area musicians including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the Dallas Wind Symphony.

CCGD's community engagement initiatives include a week-long Summer Singing Camp which is free to qualifying students; the Neighborhood Chorus Program which partners with local schools in underserved communities; and the Outreach Chorus tour which provides in-school concerts to eight DISD schools.

This artistic expertise coupled with the organization's business structure has served as a model to help establish five other choirs in Texas.

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