



Friday, May 11, 8 p.m.
Wallingford Presbyterian Church
110 E. Brookhaven Road, Wallingford
Seating Limited.

Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m.
Lang Concert Hall, Swarthmore College

Sunday, May 20, 4 p.m.
St. Elizabeth R.C. Church
Route 100, Chester Springs

**Friday, July 27 &
Saturday, July 28, 8 p.m.**
Lang Concert Hall, Swarthmore College

*Admission is free!
Donations support CCC programs.*

come to a concert!

\$50,000 CHALLENGE GRANT Spurs Chorus' Fundraising Efforts

Katharine D. Myers, a long-time supporter, has given the chorus a \$50,000 challenge grant to "help raise lots of money" so that even more children can benefit from chorus programs.

The new "matching" grant challenges the chorus to raise \$25,000 in new or increased contributions by June 30 to release a \$50,000 match.

Katharine, who is 85, has offered the same challenge annually for the rest of her life to spur additional contributions in years to come. "I hope more and more people will learn about the chorus, experience the chorus, and support the chorus," Katharine said.



Philanthropist Katharine Myers visited with Director John Alston and members of the Young Men's Club during a history class.

Katharine grew up in Swarthmore and lived there at several times in her adult life. In the 1970s, she volunteered to read with children in Chester and helped conduct a League of Women Voters study of edu-

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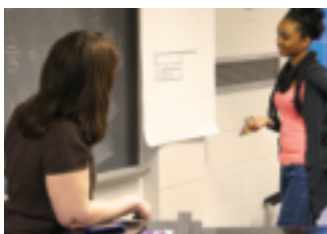
HELP CCC MEET THE MYERS CHALLENGE!

Every **new or increased contribution** will help us meet this exciting challenge. If you are a supporter, consider increasing your gift. If you have never made a gift to CCC, now would be the perfect first time! Together we can earn that \$50,000 and reach more Chester children. See the tear-off form below for instructions on how to contribute.

Young Women Reach Higher in Math, Dance

Each Saturday morning, young women from the CCC meet to talk math. But banish any turgid notions of rote memorization or multiplication tables. This class is alive with discussion as the students wrestle with new concepts. The math class is part of the newly formed Young Women's Club, a counterpart to the Young Men's Club (which, this semester, is tackling the *Iliad*). These groups are intended "to offer as many opportunities as possible for our students to develop intellectually," said Director John Alston.

Why math? The young women picked the subject themselves, sensing it was an area where they could stretch further. The girls range from 8th to 11th grade, so teacher Nancy Dyson—



J'atienne Campbell works on math problems with teacher Nancy Dyson



Teacher Whedai Sheriff leads a Young Women's Club dance class

who holds a Ph.D. in math education—targets their individual needs as well as helping them work together. Nancy's main goal is to impart to the young women that they can "know that they know"

what they are doing in math, and understand that the logical thinking they are practicing here will benefit them in years to come.

In the afternoon, the Young Women's Club affords teen girls a chance to stretch their muscles as well as their minds in a rigorous dance class. The young women have dazzled audiences with their dancing in the past, and this class enriches their outlook by adding elements of ballet and modern dance to the hip hop style they already know.

Instructor Whedai Sheriff keeps the group focused through the hard work of learning new steps and poses along with their French names and translations. The class will culminate with a short performance on May 5.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the Chester Children's Chorus, please detach this coupon, complete, and mail to:

Chester Children's Chorus, Swarthmore College, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore PA 19081

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THANK YOU!

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cational disparity in the city. "The difference in the upkeep of schools and the books and learning tools available between the schools that served white children and the schools that served African-Americans was really shocking," she said. "It just wasn't fair."

That sense of injustice stayed with her. When her financial adviser challenged her to begin supporting a cause she cared about, she thought immediately of Chester children's educational needs. She was especially concerned for young African-American men, whom she describes as the "most discriminated-against group" in the United States. Her first gift to the chorus in 2008 established the Young Men's Club, which provides mentoring and educational opportunities for teen boys in the chorus. She has supported the Young Men's Club and the chorus' general operations every year since and has also become an enthusiastic supporter of the chorus' sister organization, the Chester Upland School of the Arts.

"The concerts are a pleasure and a joy for me, but I also love watching [director] John [Alston] with the children. His love and caring are so obvious, and I am sure that can make a complete difference in a child's life," she said.

Katharine is one of two holders of the copyrights to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, a widely used psychological testing instrument developed by her mother-in-law, Isabel Myers, and Isabel Myers' mother, Katharine Briggs. "Isabel gave me the opportunity to give more than little bits and pieces of money," Katharine (Myers) said. "And there's nothing more fun than giving money away."

Katharine's challenge is a transformative gift that will help the chorus grow in numbers and broaden the services it provides for its members, Dr. Alston said. "Katharine aches to make the world better and we are lucky she has chosen us."

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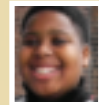
what we're up to...

On Saturdays, 16 CCC members stay after rehearsal for laboratory science and dance classes taught by Swarthmore College students. In a recent science class, **Ariana Spiegel '13** and CCC member **Tasia Green** investigated water displacement and buoyancy. **Harry Apostoleris '12** plans and coordinates the science classes.



The dance class, taught by **Nicole Cox '12**, **Jalisa Roberts '13**, **Laura Laderman '15** and **Arienne Wenk '13**, enjoys the added input of volunteer artist **Anthe Capitan-Valais**, who draws the girls' motions as they dance and encourages the girls to do the same. The girls, including **Mikell Tolbert**, will use their designs to decorate fabric for costumes to wear in their dance presentation April 21.

Math tutoring with volunteer **Alison Masterpasqua** is paying off for 9th grader **Shanaé Willis**, who has gone from failing to getting As and Bs. Alison and Shanaé began working together last summer, when Shanaé asked for help. "Alison makes math more fun and more interesting," Shanaé says. Alison is a Swarthmore College librarian and former middle school math tutor.



Eighth-grader **Shamar Foster** is now a boarding student at the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pa. It's a great opportunity for Shamar but a loss for the CCC, as Shamar was a pillar of the baritone section.

The **CCC Chamber Choir**—our 25 most proficient singers—joined with five other choirs to celebrate Black History Month in a program February 11 at Church of the Holy Trinity in West Chester. CCC director John Alston led the combined choirs in his original gospel-inspired piece I've Got a Long Way to Go. The CCC singers are in the center, with girls wearing red scarves.



READ

WITH A CHILD THIS SUMMER!

Read one-on-one with a third grader—bond over books!
Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to noon
June 25 through July 26
Lang Music Building, Swarthmore College
We seek adults at least 21 years old.

More information: 610-328-8180
www.chesterchildrenschorus.org>volunteer

CHESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS

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