C.C.C. CELEBRATES GRADUATING SENIORS

This spring, the chorus will celebrate and honor its largest high school graduating class. The six seniors, five of whom have been with the chorus for 10 years, were invited to share some of their dreams and favorite memories of being members of the chorus. Although their farewells is bittersweet, we bid them all the very best in their next adventures.

From left to right: J’Atienne, Asia, Di’Quan, Taylor, Glenn, Aliya

I am pleased to make a contribution to the Chester Children’s Chorus in the amount of $ __________________.

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Give online at www.swarthmore.edu. Choose “other fund,” and specify “Chester Children’s Chorus.” For information, call Executive Director Kirsten Halker-Kratz at (610) 328-8286.

Thank you!
CCC Out and About!

CCC enjoyed a night out with the Phillies Phanatic and Phillies Charities, Inc. A recipient of a $10,000 gift, the chorus opened the festivities singing “Let it Be.” Posing with the Phanatic left to right is Kassandra Stevenson, Dal’Shona Jones, John Alston (Founder and Director), Asia Cherry, Kirsten Halker-Kratz (Executive Director) and Shanaé Willis.

The Young Men’s Club went to the Philadelphia Theatre Company to see “The Mountaintop,” a fictional play depicting Martin Luther King, Jr.’s final hours after delivering his “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech.

We will be at the Swarthmore Fun Fair, Sunday, May 5. Stop by the chorus table and say hello between 1-5 p.m. We will have t-shirts for sale.

Read with a Child This Summer!

We are looking for volunteers to read one-on-one with third graders for up to five weeks this summer. Mondays through Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 24 through July 24, 2013 Lang Music Building, Swarthmore College Must be at least 21 years old. Criminal background checks and child abuse clearances must be obtained. Please allow 6-8 weeks to receive both clearances. We can provide the documents. For more information: 610-328-8180

CCC Receives Generous Gift to Meet the 2013 Myers Challenge

The chorus was pleased to receive a $50,000 grant from the Judith Haskell Brewer Fund of The Community Foundation serving Richmond and Central Virginia. “Judith believed in uplifting the world through beauty, science, arts and education. She showed compassion to and acceptance of others…” We thank them for believing in the work we do every day to continue making the world a beautiful place through song.

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will understand every word of the Racine poem, and have developed enough interest in the French language that some may want to study it in college.

The classical showstopper this spring is The Barber of Seville “Overture,” which I am arranging for the chorus. We did it seven years ago with a very talented group of baritones, but now the entire Concert Choir has developed enough skill and love for classical music (thank you, Mozart!) that they have internalized classical harmony and gestures. Even with no words (we are using nonsense syllables), the children recognize the emotional qualities in the “Overture” and, more importantly, are willing and able to convey them in their singing. After 19 years, we have grown from singing folk songs not terribly well to performing Mozart and Rossini with skill, commitment, and understanding. One day, our Chester children will achieve genuine bicultural fluency in classical and popular music, and they will be one step closer to achieving the intellectual and social bicultural fluency they will need to improve their city and successfully navigate the wider world.

—John Alston

Check us out on the web: www.chesterchildrenschorus.org