



Indianapolis Children's Choir
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Indianapolis Children's Choir Receives Christel DeHaan Family Foundation Legacy Grant

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INDIANAPOLIS - - The Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) is honored to be the recipient of a Legacy Grant awarded by the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation. With this generous grant gift, the ICC will be able to establish additional scholarship opportunities for singers and have guaranteed funding for facility operating costs, ensuring that the ICC can continue to serve the community through song for years to come.

"Christel DeHaan's legacy in the Indianapolis community, and especially within the arts community, will live on through this amazing gift to the ICC," shares Artistic Director, Joshua Pedde.

To recognize DeHaan's lasting impact, the new ICC scholarship fund will be called the *Christel DeHaan Scholarship Fund for Financial Assistance*. Currently over 100 singers receive financial assistance annually to participate in the ICC's renowned choral programming. In addition to helping with costs for singers to participate in ICC programming, the Legacy Grant also includes funding to establish a sub-fund for the ICC's facility operations, named the *Christel DeHaan Facility Operation Fund*. This sub-fund will directly assist with the new ICC Performing Arts Center.

Josh Pedde explains, "In terms of operating costs, this has recently changed for the ICC as we have just moved to our own new location. The grant for helping with this is especially impactful for us at this pivotal time in the ICC's history."

To acknowledge these gifts in addition to naming the scholarship fund and the endowment fund, the ICC plans to recognize the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation by permanently naming the annual In Harmony concert in her honor and prominently mentioning the foundation in concert programs so that audience members will learn about DeHaan's lasting legacy for ICC singers and the community.

About the Indianapolis Children's Choir

Currently in its 38th season, the Indianapolis Children's Choir has grown to become one of the largest professional children's choirs in the world. Led by Artistic Director Joshua Pedde, the ICC serves more than 2,500 central Indiana children from ages 18 months through 18 years. The Indianapolis Children's Choir nurtures and inspires student achievement through quality music education and the pursuit of artistic excellence in choral music performance. To enroll a child, attend a concert, or make a charitable gift, visit icchoir.org or call 317.940.9640.

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