



Share Your Song

with Cantores Celestes

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CANTORES CELESTES
CELEBRATES OVER 20 YEARS OF MAKING MUSIC

Giving Back to the Community

For the last 15 years Cantores Celestes has donated over \$40,000 to more than 35 charities, helping men, women and children in the Toronto area and beyond. For our Christmas concert this year, we are donating the \$1,000 to *Put Up Your Dukes*.

Put Up Your Dukes was created in November of 2011, co-founded by Bobbi & Harv Lewin in memory of their son Ryan "Duke" Lewin, who committed suicide after battling mental illness and addiction. Their goal remains to shed light on the suffering associated with mental illness by creating a fundraiser to support CAMH. Their goal of their first fundraiser was to raise funds to build Duke's Place, a new lounge for young people located in the Intergenerational Wellness Centre at CAMH, Canada's first dedicated centre to provide in-patient care for adolescents aged 14 to 18 suffering with concurrent disorders (both mental illness and addictions).

This year they are raising funds for The Lewin Family Living Learning Room, where where patients can eat together as well as engage in conversation in a pleasant environment. The facility will also serve as a meeting space for patients to learn daily life skills, engage in crafts, games, and team meetings as well as provide a welcoming, sun-filled space for family visits.

Chorister Chronicles

There are many reasons I have been singing with Cantores Celestes for over 20 years. Of course there is the music: always different, always challenging and always fun. Another reason is the women who make up the choir. We are quite a diverse group of women, from all walks of life, a wide range of ages, backgrounds and interests. What we have in common is the love of music and performing, and a belief that we all have a responsibility to each other and those around us. The choir is in complete agreement that \$1,000 be donated at each concert, perhaps not a great amount to some, but even though we are a choir with no funding, we are all proud to make this donation.



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Past Recipients

Put Up Your Dukes, St. John's United Church World Music Fund, West Toronto Keys to Inclusion, Assaulted Women's Helpline, Fred Victor Bethlehem Shelter, Rainbow Songs Foundation (RSF), Royal York Road United Church Music Programme, Stephen Lewis Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign and Help Lesotho, Because I am a Girl - Plan Canada, Second Harvest, Music Programme at Dublin St. United Church Guelph, Daily Bread: The Fellowship Centre, London Ontario, Women's College Hospital Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Care Centre, A.L.S. Society of Canada for Research, Opera New Brunswick, Restoration of Minister's Island in N.B., Music Programme Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, Jean Tweed Centre, Floyd Honey Foundation (Twice), Stephen Lewis Foundation, Red Door Family Centre, HOPE (The Helping Our People Endure Foundation), URBAN PROMISE (Twice), Free the Children, Big Sisters, Silver Creek Nursery School - Music Programme, Food Bank - Bloor West Village, St. Peter's Anglican Church Out Reach Programme, Runnymede Health Care Centre (Three Times), The High Park Adventure & Volunteer Stewardship Program, Chef School for Teens with Developmental Disabilities, Out of the Cold (Bloor West Village), Out of the Cold (Yorkminster Park Baptist Church), Toronto Library Foundation - Reading and Literacy, Canadian Lung Association, Programmes Making Faces - For Children with Facial Differences, St John's United Church - Outreach Programme (Twice), Stephen Lewis Foundation, Syme-Woolner Neighbourhood & Family Centre.

CD's Still Available

Cantores Celestes' CDs make a great gift for any occasion. While two of our releases are now sold out, we still have copies available of four of our recordings: *Bright Shining as the Sun*, *Women of Light*, *Wake up in the Moonlight Singing* and *The Circle Never Ends*. Please visit www.cantorescelestes.com for ordering details. CDs will also be available for purchase at our May 7th concert. They are \$20 each or two for \$30.



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