



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Come
Sing
with us!



Our Mission

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir teaches music literacy to children from diverse backgrounds through song and performance.

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Dear friends,

As I reflect on the 2018-2019 season, I feel abundantly thankful. It was an exceptional year for our singers because of the many unique experiences at home and abroad.

Here at home, our singers were fortunate to have our annual collaborations with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Fort Wayne Ballet, in addition to new collaborations with Valparaiso University and the Allen County Public Library.

Many of our singers had the opportunity to travel this year. The highlight for me was our ten day tour of Ireland. This trip was a special time of not only singing, but also seeing new sights, and making new friends. I especially enjoyed the Cliffs of Moher and the cultural exchange our students had with an Irish Music School. But not only did the FWCC travel abroad, we also traveled within the Midwest, performing Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* with two different orchestras, one was even from Germany!

I am thankful this year for the many people who make the FWCC a success, including our staff and volunteers. I would like to give special recognition to three members of our Board of Directors: Carrie Minnich, Justin Shurley, and Stephanie Taylor. Their service ended with the fiscal year. Thank you for your service to the Fort Wayne Children's Choir. You have helped make it a better place for all of us. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the multitude of volunteers who assist with rehearsals, food, strategic planning, events, and more.

And speaking of success, I am especially grateful for your generosity this past year. We are meeting our goals, as well as building for the future. The FWCC has made great strides to lay a strong financial foundation in building our operating reserves. But we aren't done yet! With your continued support, we teach children from diverse backgrounds the joy of music, the satisfaction of learning a new skill and becoming musically literate, and the fun of singing as a group.

Musically yours,



Jonathan N. Busarow
Executive Artistic Director

Board Of Directors

2018-2019

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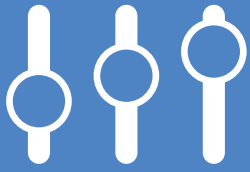
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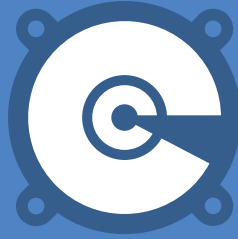
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Statistics



Enrollment
290



16.6%
students from a
**MINORITY
ETHNIC GROUP**



87
DIFFERENT
SCHOOLS
REPRESENTED



36%
students received
PARTICIPATION ASSISTANCE



41
HOMESCHOOL
students

Indiana:

- ① Adams
- ② Allen
- ③ DeKalb
- ④ Huntington
- ⑤ Noble
- ⑥ Steuben
- ⑦ Wells
- ⑧ Whitley

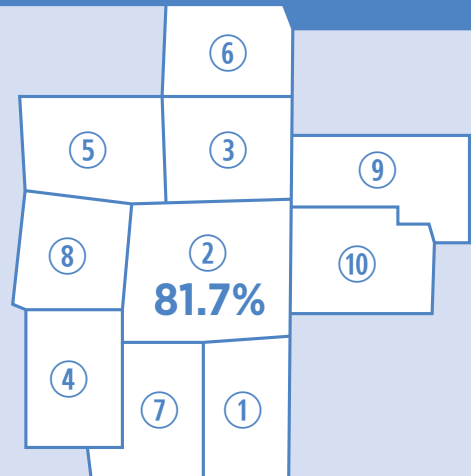
Ohio:

- ⑨ Defiance
- ⑩ Paulding

350+
HOURS OF
REHEARSAL



Reflecting



Highlights



Students in Concert Choir and Youth Chorale had the opportunity to travel to **Ireland** FOR A TEN-DAY TOUR.



FIRST YEAR OF First Steps in Music

It was the inaugural year of First Steps in Music which serves singers ages 0-3. This program is made possible with the support of the ACPL, 3Rivers Federal Credit Union, and PNC Grow Up Great.

Thank You!

Carrie Minnich, Justin Shurley, and Stephanie Taylor for your service on the Board of Directors.



MULTIPLE COLLABORATIONS WITH THE Fort Wayne Philharmonic
On the Transmigration of Souls, Holiday Pops, and Britten's War Requiem.

Irene Ator Choral Excellence Award given to



Virginia Johnson

Collaborations with

Heartland Sings, Fort Wayne Ballet, Fort Wayne Youtheatre, Arts United, Embassy Theatre, FAME, PFW, Cherry Blossom Festival, Visiting Nurse, Whitley Farmers Market, and more!

on 2018-2019

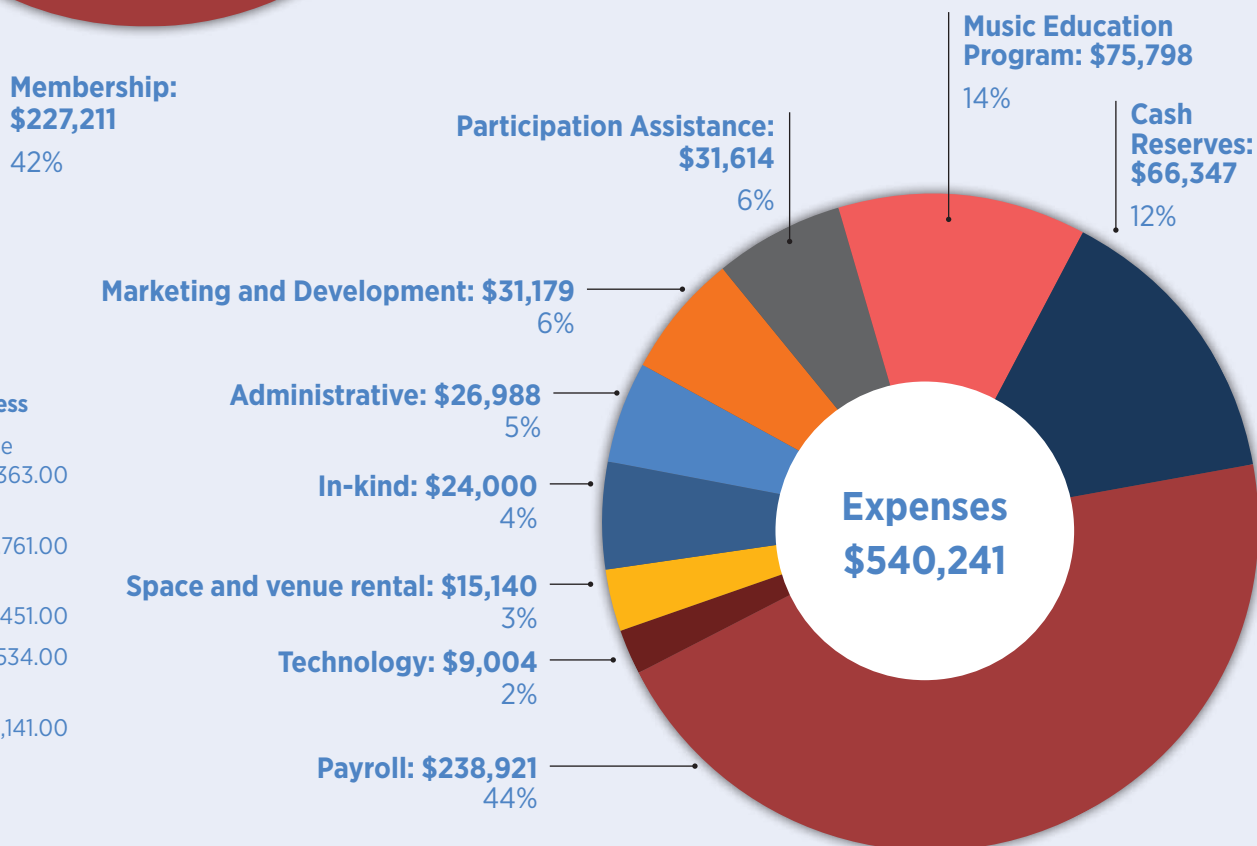
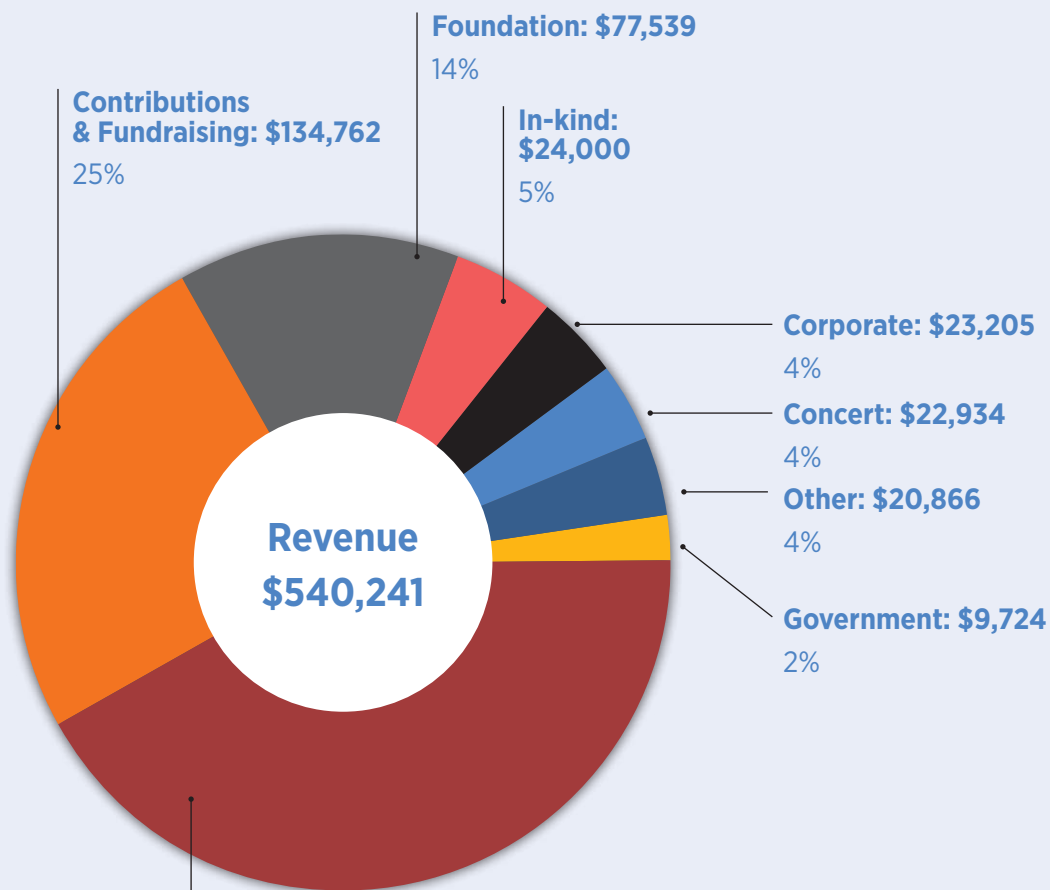


PERFORMED THE St. Matthew Passion

with the Bach Collegium (Fort Wayne) and Bach Institute, Valparaiso University, Bach Institute (Valparaiso and Grand Rapids)

Financials

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019



Expenses: 1% or less

- Guests and outside artists..... \$6,363.00
- Concert production\$5,761.00
- Recognition program..... \$2,451.00
- Utilities..... \$5,534.00
- Professional development \$1,141.00

Our Donors

Donations received July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

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Balkenbusch*
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Balkenbusch*
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Balkenbusch*
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Beth Patterson
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Sangeeta Reddy*
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Keith & Landon
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Greg Jones
Dorothy Kittaka

Jeff & Corinna Ladd
*In honor of Skip
Balkenbusch*
Clay & Jenny Lemmon
Kevin & Kim Linker
Louise Magoon
Fred Meads
Ashlee McCrory
Anne Miller
In honor of Jim Miller
Mark & Tammy Miller
John & Carrie Minnich
Grace Minnick
Rogey Null
Janet Ormiston
In honor of Irene Ator
Mike Peters &
Kari Hullinger
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Bill & Shannon Pierson
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Anthony & Jennifer
Romano
*In honor of Mahri
Romano*
Gregg & Susan Roth
Jeff & Kay Smith
*In honor of Jackson
McKinney*
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*In honor of Virginia
Johnson*
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Brian Ternet & Kimberly
Carpenter
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Virginia Zimmerman

SINGER \$1-\$99

Anonymous (3)
Anonymous
*In honor of Mary Herber
and Mitch McKinney*
Les & Stephanie Beck
Rosemarie Bostelman
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Jane Porter Gresham
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& Shawn Dimpfl
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Rose Ryan*
Melanie Sakran
*In memory of
Rachel Speight*
Jerome Sibulo
Molly Soberalski
*In honor of Megan Ryan
and in memory of
Rose Ryan*
Brad & Kathy Sommer
Patricia Steffen
Ashley Stoneburner
Cathy Swenson
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Stephanie William
Rosella Wimsatt
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Wolsted

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Public Library
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DeBrand Fine
Chocolates
Fort Wayne Parks &
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Fort Wayne Outfitters
& Bike Depot
Holy Cross Church
and School
Indiana Michigan Power
Koher Advertising
Mad Anthony
Brewing Company
Nichole Matyas
Peabody Public Library
Purdue University
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Robin Simunek
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