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SingYourJoy has successfully completed its come-back season. We have mounted two concerts - "Re-Connecting" in December 2022 and "Celebrate" on March 31st, 2023 - and our vision is clearer than ever for us and our board. Our singers and their families tell us how important Monday night rehearsals are to their wellbeing and individual growth, and testimonials about the need for SingYourJoy abound.

That was a wonderful concert tonight. My friend and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Such an inspiring group of young adults who clearly love and support each other. I loved seeing them shine and embody a positive message of hope and inclusion for our world. Congratulations to you and all involved!

My neighbour and I really enjoyed the concert tonight. I often had goosebumps and that only happens when it is an honest performance. So ... thank you! You and Gordon do great work and your singers are really lucky to have you! (and you are lucky to have them!) Take care!

We have kept afloat financially through generous grants from the Victoria Foundation, the Provision Fund of the United Church and through a temporary reduction of fees paid to us as Artistic Directors.

Our latest concert had 41 singers on stage, 210 audience members, 10 volunteers and raised just over \$4,000 in revenue. After concert related expenses, SingYourJoy will net ~\$1,900 from this special event. While these numbers are still below pre-pandemic levels, it is part of a very positive twelve-month trend.

It has been hard for us to ask for your commitment over the last few years when our relationships were reduced to on-line instruction and video presentations. We are asking now. Our singer participation is growing fast and the SingYourJoy Family of Choirs is planning for its future. We have recruited talented alumni to our Board of Directors and are imagining sustainable models for years to come. We invite you to continue your journey with us by making a financial commitment to SingYourJoy's coming 2023/2024 season.

You can write us a one-time cheque and post-date it for a convenient time for you. (from now to December 2023) You can make a one-time donation online through our [Canada Helps portal](#) or set up a recurring monthly donation there. If you have questions or need more information about our future plans, you can speak with us or our Board Chair Peter Scales, and we will be happy to share our vision with you.

The community that has formed around these young people has served more than 300 individual singers, and delighted thousands of concert goers at over 30 public performances. You are a vital part of the vision to secure SingYourJoy's legacy into the future.

Thank you for considering our request for your support for our upcoming season(s).

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