

Your gifts help the Honors Choirs to:

SUPPORT our choir directors and staff—they are truly an inspiration to our singers

DEVELOP our singers to honor citizenship, volunteerism, community, cooperation, hard work, and philanthropy

RESPECT the male singer and his ever-changing singing voice

FIGHT to keep music alive in our community

EXPLORE different languages, culture, and music theory—we are a teaching organization

INCLUDE students who are not accepted in other groups

TRANSFORM a student's shyness into strength

NETWORK with the same love of music and level of dedication

PARTICIPATE in invitational events:

National Choral Festivals in Carnegie Hall and Washington DC; choral workshops at Penn State, Temple, and Westminster Choir College; performances at ACDA and PMEA conferences

BLEND talent of 200 singers from the York community—over 20 public and private school districts, homeschools, private studios and church choirs, joining together to be ambassadors of York County

How you can help:

Visit our website homepage at www.theYCHC.org and click on the **DONATE NOW** button to keep us singing. With singers' tuition contributing a small portion of actual costs, we rely on businesses, sponsors, and private patrons to support the group financially.

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YORK COUNTY HONORS CHOIRS

SINGING TOGETHER AS ONE VOICE



Mission Statement

To engage the hearts and minds of its singers by providing choral education and performance opportunities to diverse young people from throughout York County. As a result of our efforts and activities, we enhance the quality and culture of our community.

OUR CHOIR DIRECTORS



Donna Knott (Junior Honors Choir) is a middle school festival conductor, clinician and adjudicator throughout Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland. She is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) having served a six-year term on the Board. A Graduate of West Chester University (B.S. Music Education) and Penn State University (Master of Education), Mrs. Knott's thesis focused on an extensive study of the developing male voice.

After teaching secondary choral music in the West York Area School District for 10 years, she served as Director of Music at Zion United Methodist Church in York, conducted the State Youth Choir and hosts various choral festivals.



Susan Feldmann is thrilled to serve as **Associate Director** of the Junior Honors Choir. Until 2000, she worked at York Hospital as a registered nurse in step-down cardiac care. She later earned her degree in music education from York College in 2008, with a concentration in voice. Sue enjoys combining her nursing background with music, using vocal technique to help singers learn how to make healthy singing easier. Sue has an active studio of voice and piano students.

"I made new friends from many different school districts."



Randy Yoder (Senior Honors Choir) is a graduate of Susquehanna University with a Bachelor of Science degree in music education and Westminster Choir College, with a Master of Music Degree in choral conducting. He did additional studies in jazz at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Following 35 years as the choral director at Northeastern and William Penn High Schools and teacher of piano and music theory, Randy is currently the Director of Music at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in York and adjunct professor of piano at York College of PA. He has led choruses in concert tours of Europe and Great Britain. Randy is the past president of the Pennsylvania American Choral Directors Association.

Michal Buchanan (Assistant Director Senior Honors Choir) is the Director of Choirs in grades 4-12 for the School District of the City of York. She has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education with an emphasis on piano from Asbury College in Wilmore, KY and a Master of Education degree at Millersville University.

"Honors Choir gave our daughter all the self esteem and confidence she possesses."

"I learned teamwork, dedication, and respect for others."

YORK COUNTY HONORS CHOIRS

In 1998, a choir of high school students from across York County was formed to participate in the county's 250th anniversary celebration. Twenty years later, there are now two main choirs and two smaller performance groups, made up of students in grades 7—12 who are invited to audition from every school district in York County. The choirs are administered by a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which has fostered unique relationships with school districts, private music instructors, and homeschoolers to represent all of York County.

In **20** years, **1000** students have represented YCHC, performing in St. Patrick's, Waldorf-Astoria, United Nations, Carnegie Hall, St. John the Divine, Washington National Cathedral, Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Providence, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, at Orioles baseball games, in Heinz Chapel, the Naval Academy Chapel, Penn State, Washington DC, Hershey, Philadelphia, Williamsburg, and in the great cathedrals of England and France.

