

November 12, 2015

Dear Soph,

The first thing we want to say is **Thank You**. Your support, whether it's your first or 35th year with us, has helped us to make difference in the lives of the people in our city, our nation and yes, even in our world.

Every year, our movement faces new challenges and accomplishes new victories in the struggle for justice and equal rights. And every year, your support empowers The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC to use our voice for greater impact.

For 35 years, GMCW has been singing for you, for your family, and for the community. As a **Capital Circle Member**, you've seen GMCW support the community wherever we are needed – at the victories on the steps of the Supreme Court, in memory of those we've lost, and to inspire those who are still looking for acceptance.

Your contributions have helped us sing for Presidents, start the region's first LGBTQ youth chorus, travel to places in need of more equality, sing in honor of our LGBTQ veterans, and spread our message across the globe. Right here in our own backyard, your contributions allow us to grow our outreach program every year and bring a message of hope and acceptance to the DC metro area.

Did you know? 85% of our performances occur out in the community, not on the mainstage.

Your year-end gift to GMCW is so significant because it is your donation that allows us to sing where people need to hear us. As you think about your charitable giving this season, please keep in mind that:

- A gift of \$100 allows 5 students to come to a GMCW concert for free.
- A gift of \$500 pays for a musician in our band.
- A gift of \$1,000 will help put us on a bus to where people need to hear us.

No gift is too small. Your contributions help to make our programs a reality. Thank you for your continued encouragement and please consider supporting us with a gift today.

And remember, *Use Your Voice!*

Sincerely,

Chase Maggiano and Thea Kano

P.S. Don't forget to make your gift before December 31, 2015 to qualify for this year's tax benefits!