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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

**Thank you.**

Thank you for the support you have shown One Voice Mixed Chorus. The power of singing to bring people together is a force unlike any other, and you have enabled us to be a force for good in this world.

A small example: Thanks to you, our small ensemble, OVation, is able to perform in churches who are struggling with how to accept LGBT people. In October they sang at a church who will be taking a vote on whether to be LGBT welcoming. After the concert a woman told some of our singers, **“I'm so glad I got to see you, because in every song you could see that you sing from your heart. It moved me - your singing touched me at my source. That doesn't happen often. Thank you.”** You are a part of bringing this woman, and this church, into a new way of understanding.

While rights and acceptance for our community is growing, especially here in Minnesota, we have much work to do. Experiencing the music of One Voice is critical to continuing this work, and we have great things in store for our upcoming season:

In January we'll be celebrating the people making LGBT rights a reality at our concert titled Eat, Drink & Be Married. Then, in June we'll be smashing the boxes of social construction in our Gender Unchecked concerts, which also marks our debut at the new Ordway Concert Hall. And, of course, we will be OUT in Our Schools, and performing in the community. But none of these exciting things can happen without you.

For several years now, One Voice has been on the brink of an outreach explosion. Under the fantastic artistic direction of Jane Ramseyer Miller, our numbers have grown, the quality of our music has continued to chase perfection, and we remain grounded in our mission. Now, we need to build the infrastructure that allows us to perform in larger venues, like the Ordway, on a regular basis; be in more schools; and change more lives through our mission of building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song.

To do that we must double the amount we raise from individual donors like you.

**So, as you do your year-end giving, we ask you to make One Voice Mixed Chorus a priority, maybe even your top priority.** The investment you make in us lays the foundation for a more understanding society, a more welcoming society, a more just society.

You can make a gift online at [www.OneVoiceMN.org](http://www.OneVoiceMN.org), or by check. It is important that you make your donation by the end of December to reach our calendar-year-end goal. Together, we will make our community, and our world, a better place.

**Thank you.**

In Unity,

  
Paul Halvorson, Board Chair

  
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