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Dear First Name(s),

We just had an <u>amazing</u> year thanks to the financial support you provide the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. Our history-making tour of the Middle East certainly stands out as a highlight of the year...but it's not the only one.

This season we had a number of firsts. In January we became the first LGBT Chorus to perform at the Inaugural Gala of a Republican Governor in the U.S. We also were the first group ever to sing at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute days after it opened to the public. We were delighted to return to the Outside the Box Festival on Boston Common at Ted Cutler's personal invitation.

We love giving back! This year we also raised \$25,000 for the Brattleboro Retreat Center's LGBT Mental Health program. In March five schools and two churches in Groton were the beneficiaries of our performances that brought in \$10,000.

We welcomed over 250 singers to our stage throughout the year. We were also thrilled to have Stephen Schwartz join us on stage in March and Laura Benanti in June.

Individual donations make these accomplishments possible. Individual donations make up the difference from ticket sales that only cover just half of the cost of the performances we do. <u>Your</u> individual donation is needed more than ever this year.

Several donors have challenged us to raise \$40,000 this August. Every \$1 dollar given becomes \$2 to the Chorus. You supported our 2014 match campaign with a donation of \$XX, providing the resources for us to create musical experiences that inspire change, build community and celebrate difference.

On behalf of the men of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, the board of directors and Maestro Reuben Reynolds, thank you for contributing generously. We couldn't do it without you.

Your financial support contributes to all of BGMC's accomplishments. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you.

Best wishes,

Craig Coogan

Executive Director

PS: You can donate online at www.BGMC.org, send in a check in the enclosed envelope, text a gift (GIVEBGMC to 41411) or call our office at 617-542-SING. However you choose to support the BGMC, we appreciate it!