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Photo (From left): Katie Ottinger, HCCF Community Investment and Grants Officer, and Joanna Crump, HCCC Director of Finance

HCCF issues grant to choir for outreach and financial assistance



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded the Hancock County Children's Choir a grant from the Arts and Culture Endowment and Hancock County Enrichment Funds, component funds of HCCF. The Arts and Culture Fund is a member of the Spirit of Community fund family created to strengthen and enrich growth in the areas of performing, visual and oratorical arts in our community. Created by HCCF, the Enrichment Fund is a comprehensive, unrestricted fund that addresses a broad range of needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated. It helps support long-term solutions, respond quickly to emergencies, and meet changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in our community.

The \$1000 grant will fund their Outreach and Financial Assistance Program, providing participation subsidies for socio-economically disadvantaged youth and for families experiencing short-term financial hardship.

Hancock County Children's Choir is a choral performance and education program dedicated to create musical opportunities for youth through the performance of a variety of musical literature: classical, cross-cultural, folk, patriotic, pop, sacred, and secular genres of music. Students in the choir are taught vocal production, diction, music theory, music history and appreciation, poise, stage presence, public speaking, and etiquette. The choir's interactive programs instill valuable life skills, challenging students to learn, grow, mature, develop self-confidence, and have an expanded view of future opportunities.

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted more than \$13 million since its inception in 1992.

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