



The Power of Music in the Life of a Child

Dear Friends,

In this New Year, I decided to start a fundraising campaign to help a very noteworthy organization, Choral Arts Link, Inc. (CAL, Inc.). This organization has as its mission, to preserve a tradition and discipline of choral development by providing children with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, to enhance their education, and to grow artistically and professionally. The organization and its founder, Margaret Campbelle-Holman, strive to enhance the quality of life of children and youth, through music. Though I was not personally a beneficiary of CAL, Inc. as a child, I know all too well the power of music and its capacity to improve the quality of life, particularly, in the midst of adversities.

At approximately nine years of age, I was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver, the well-known “alcoholics disease”, at least that is what some people believe. But, the origin for me was unknown. I endured this chronic disease from that time until receiving a life-saving organ transplant in early adulthood. As one would image, there were many ups and downs during this time of my life. However, I was one of those who retreated to music to get through those difficult as well as happy times. Music has been and continues to be a very important force in my life. With this second chance at life has come a renewed sense of responsibility; and since transplantation in 1994, I have been committed to giving back to the community, which brings me to you.

Please help me in this effort of giving back to the community, by investing in the lives of our children, through this fundraising effort. From this point through April 16, 2011 (midnight), I petition you to make a donation of seventeen dollars or more to this campaign. Why seventeen dollars? I’m glad you asked... On April 16th, I will celebrate, **Lord willing**, my seventeenth anniversary of liver transplantation. And because of my love for music in conjunction with the impact it has made on my life, and because giving back to the community is important to me, I feel this is an optimal time and opportunity to put the two together via this endeavor to support such a deserving organization. **Would you join hands with me?**



Any level of support is greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance for your generosity!

Donnetta Hawkins

To Donate:

Via MAIL

Send To: **Choral Arts Link, Inc.**
4200 Kings Court
Nashville, TN 37218
On the for line of your check | Power of Music

Via WEBSITE, www.choralartslink.org

- On the opening page of the website, go to the far right column and click DONATE.
- On the next page, scroll down where you will see 3 (three) donate buttons.
- Use the Donate to the Power of Music button.
- Follow directions from there to access PayPal payment options.