

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The text 'Santa Rosa Children's Chorus' is written across the staff in a decorative, calligraphic font. The words are separated by musical notes and rests, with 'Santa Rosa' on the first line, 'Children's' on the second, and 'Chorus' on the third. The staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

February 5, 2009

Dear Friends of the Santa Rosa Children's Chorus,

We are inviting you to join the ranks of angels/donors who support the arts for the children of Sonoma County by making a donation to the Santa Rosa Children's Chorus scholarship fund today. We call those who support us "angels" because their gifts make such a difference in the life of a child!

The arts always struggle for a place in the world when the economy is tight, and in these difficult times the need for support has never been greater. Stocks are dropping, dividends are disappearing and endowments (including ours) are losing principal. Expected income from such sources cannot be counted on as we had hoped. Financial need knows no season, and so here in February, we are asking for your support for the scholarship and general fund of the Chorus.

The need for excellence, beauty and harmony is felt keenly during times of hardship, and this chorus can answer that need and be a seed of hope and solace. At our recent auditions, thirteen new singers were welcomed into the chorus. Our ranks are growing, even as the families cut other things from their budgets. The yearning is there, but sometimes the money is not, and requests for financial aid are increasing.

The children of today will only be children for a few years before becoming the adults of tomorrow, and now is the time to reach them. Art and music programs should be expanding not dwindling! Outreach should be vigorous! Young people are faced with many challenges, and so few healthy choices. Providing a quality musical program is a wholesome and very beneficial way to help them intellectually, socially, and for the rest of their lives to take their place in the world as responsible, productive members of our society.

The Santa Rosa Children's Chorus has brought a professional level young people's chorus to our community for the past 24 years. We have children to reach, and music to sing, and we are asking for your help. Please make your tax-deductible donation to the Santa Rosa Children's Chorus today and earn your wings early this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jeff Langley'.

Jeff Langley, President
Board of Directors, SRCC