



2018 Annual Report

Our Vision

A world where all at life's thresholds may be honored
with
compassion shared through song.

Our Mission

Singing for those at the thresholds of life.

When the Singer Becomes the Traveler



"My purpose in this life is to use my voice to uplift and assist all who are drawn to this work." - Lauren Lane Powell, Bloomington Threshold Choir, Indiana

Lauren Lane Powell, beloved Threshold Choir singer/song writer, left this earth on January 25, 2019. Lauren was one of those special beings whose radiance brightened every corner of the room. Her lullaby songs are some of the most widely sung in our repertoire. In her workshops, we used her simple approach to create our own songs, and laughed ourselves silly as we learned her "unusual" vocal skill techniques. Our hearts sang with joy to be in her presence, yet felt the pain of knowing she only

had limited time to play with us.

In April of 2012 Lauren was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. In her personal bio on the Threshold Choir website, she wrote, "After the initial 'freak out' I became still. In the quiet, I got the message 'Do it differently. Have fun with it. Use your music. Change the way it looks and feels.'" Lauren did just that. We were the recipients of her playful spirit and thoughtful teachings. We saw her zest for living and felt like we too could forebear life's difficulties as they come.

When Lauren's time grew short, singers from throughout the organization shared their special stories about her, which gave way to something even more tender. Chapters began singing and recording Lauren's songs to send to her. Our voices carried our hearts' wishes for her comfort, peace and to be surrounded with love in the last days. We Threshold Choir singers simply did what we do at the bedside, we sang sweet lullabies to one of our

OWN.

Lauren's sister Kristin posted on Lauren's Facebook page the day of her passing a message from Lauren: "To all the people who love me, I am home now...I am free."

Lauren, we wish you grace, peace and love in this moment - and mostly, we wish you freedom. (Partial lyrics from Lauren's song "I Wish you Grace")

~ Lana Noel

Farewell and Thank You

Dear TCI community,

It has been an honor and a deeply moving experience to serve you as the Chair of the TC Board of directors for the last 3 years. This has been a transformative time for our organization as we all have done our best to grow with integrity and understanding of the changes in both the inner and outer landscapes of our world.

I have tried to bring my best self forward, in an organization of best selves. Thank you for this opportunity to steward and hold our beloved Choir, to explore new standards of service, to shine here and there, and to have a small part in bringing to the world our sacred work together. I have been blessed to stand on the capable shoulders of those who have come before and intend to hold a light on the path of our new and most extraordinary Chair, Lana Noel.

~ Katharine Rose Kirner, San Francisco Threshold Choir, Board Chair Emeritus

Our Rare Offering

Lana Noel, Chair, Board of Directors, Threshold Choir

Threshold Choir does more than bring sweet music to hospice bedsides, it delivers grace and comfort to those at their most tender human moments. It is for this reason that I have a deep affinity for this organization. We singers become instruments of loving compassion as we're invited into a patient's room and welcomed by the family to accompany their grieving. Our gentle voices and calm spirits fine tune the reality occurring in the hospice room. Living, dying, loss and love surround us as we quietly rock the cradle of life. A husband finally sheds his first tears, a mother sees the beauty in her dying daughter, a young mother herself. Large families join in singing, recalling the ancient practice of making sound together, unified in their collective experience. Often there is a shifting that takes place in the room, nothing the singers could have created by themselves. They've simply provided the vehicle for transport, and humbly take their leave.

In my new role of Chair of the Board of Directors, I reflect on what is unique about Threshold Choir. Our repertoire is specially crafted by our singing community, singer songwriters who instinctively write lyrics to serve our clients and music that will beautifully carry the message home. Our organization has grown to include those on distant shores, reaching far beyond the bounds of American culture. We in turn learn from other cultures who share our vision of bringing compassionate song to those at the thresholds of their lives. Our singers strive to be their best selves, whether gathering with each other or while sharing their beautifully blended sound with clients. It is this best self that is able to meet others where they are, to listen and respond with care, to choose a song that best fits the moment. The singer is then able to set self aside and allow the music to flow through and nourish the recipient. This is the rare offering that Threshold Choir singers bring – they become conduits of music's transformative gifts.



A Message from Our Executive Director

2018 was such a watershed year for the Threshold Choir. Our one choir, many voices now has more than 2000 voices around the world. With twenty-seven new chapters launched last year, we brought the total to 213 chapters. We also currently have more than 2450 members. A very exciting time for our organization.

With unprecedented growth came the need to change many of our existing systems. Moving our internal organizational systems from volunteer-led to contractor-led costs money and time. So does legal compliance on some new fronts. While all are investments in sustaining our mission of “*singing for those at the thresholds of life*,” it is a constant challenge for our dedicated board of directors to chart the ever-changing course of our development. This board (Lana Noel, Katharine Kirner, Nancy Roberts-Brown, Cherry Tinker and Linda Jones) brings such an astounding commitment and level of expertise, ensuring that we are most definitely being well-guided. I am deeply appreciative of their service, always above and beyond what is requested.

As with most endeavors of value, it truly does take a village. In addition to our incredible board, we have the commitment of many volunteers going beyond their generous, gracious spirit at the bedside. They donate hundreds of hours on projects such as curriculum creation, chapter coaching, website content, newsletter creation and community outreach.

I encourage everyone to get more involved, to share your skills and resources in support of our mission. We are so grateful for everything we have been given and the challenges just make us more committed to grow our one choir, many voices in a sustainable way. Our future looks healthy and rests on a strong foundation.

~ Heidi Dressler, Executive Director

Legacy Circle

We are deeply grateful for those who have chosen to include the Threshold Choir as part of their end of life giving plans.

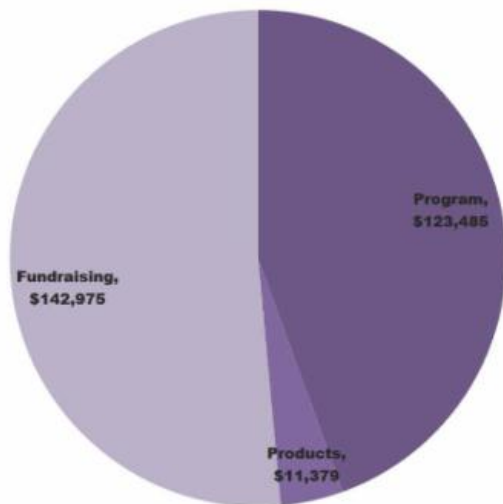
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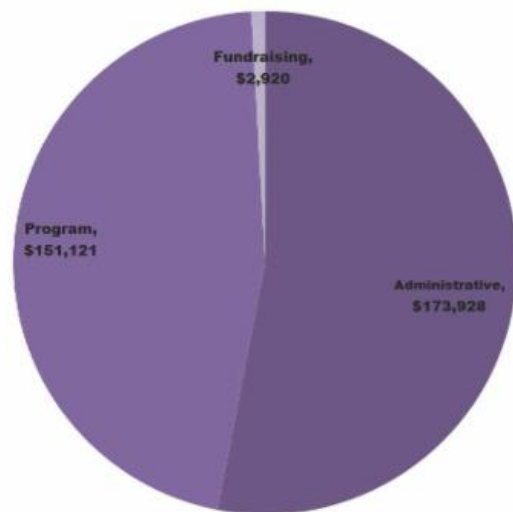
If you'd like additional information on joining the Legacy Circle, please contact our Development Committee chair, Cherry Tinker - Cherry@thresholdchoir.org



The Financial Picture



Income



Expenses

Full financial statements available upon request at Help@thresholdchoir.org.

Threshold Choir Chapters

Chapter Choir Name	City	Province
"Your Song" Santa Fe	Santa Fe	New Mexico, USA
1066 Threshold Choir	Hastings	East Sussex, UK
Adelaide Threshold Singers	Adelaide	South Australia
Agate Pass TC	Bainbridge	Washington, USA
Albuquerque TC	Albuquerque	New Mexico, USA
Alpine Voices TC	Canmore	Alberta, Canada
Anacortes Threshold Singers	Anacortes	Washington, USA
Arcata TC	Arcata	California, USA
Aromas TC	Aromas	California, USA
Asheville Threshold Choir	Asheville	North Carolina, USA
Athens Threshold Choir	Athens	Georgia, USA
Austin TC	Austin	Texas, USA
Bakersfield TC	Bakersfield	California, USA
Bedside Singers Amsterdam	Amsterdam	Noord Holland, Netherlands
Bellingham TS	Bellingham	Washington, USA
Berkshire TC	Great Barrington	Massachusetts, USA
Bloomington TC	Bloomington	Indiana, USA
Blue Ridge TC	Harrisonburg	Virginia, USA
Boulder Threshold Singers	Boulder	Colorado, USA
Bowen TS	Bowen Island	British Columbia, Canada
Brandywine Valley Threshold Singers	Wilmington	Delaware, USA
Bridge to Peace TC	Calgary	Alberta, Canada
Brisbane TC	Brisbane	Queensland, Australia
Cadence Singers	Auckland	Auckland, Australia
Central Baptist Village TS	Norridge	Illinois, USA
Central Sierra TS	Sonora	California, USA
Charlottesville TS	Charlottesville	Virginia, USA
Chilkat Valley TC	Haines	Alaska, USA
Circle of Hearts TC	North Fork	California, USA
Circle Singers	Sturgeon Bay	Wisconsin, USA
Clallam County TC	Port Angeles	Washington, USA
Coastside TC	Montara	California, USA
Columbus TC	Columbus	Ohio, USA
Comox Valley TC	Courtenay	British Columbia, Canada
Concordia	Lakeville	Massachusetts, USA
Crestone Threshold Singers	Crestone	Colorado, USA
Crossing Over Men's TC	Bowen Island	British Columbia, Canada
Dallas By Your Side Singers	Dallas	Texas, USA
Davis TC	Davis	California, USA
Desert Sunset Threshold Choir	Palm Desert	California, USA
Detroit Area TS	Sterling Heights	Michigan, USA

Diablo Valley TS	Walnut Creek	California, USA
East End Threshold Singers	Westhampton Beach	New York, USA
Eugene TS	Eugene	Oregon, USA
Evergreen TS	Kirkland	Washington, USA
Flagstaff TC	Flagstaff	Arizona, USA
Florida SunCoast TC	Sarasota	Florida, USA
Fort Collins Threshold Singers	Fort Collins	Colorado, USA
Garden State TC	Whippany	New Jersey, USA
Grace Note Singers	Providence	Rhode Island, USA
Grand Rapids TC	Grand Rapids	Michigan, USA
Grand Valley TS	Grand Junction	Colorado, USA
Great Lakes Erie TC	Erie	Pennsylvania, USA
Greater Hartford TC	West Simsbury	Connecticut, USA
Harmony Chorus	Glenwood Springs	Colorado, USA
Healing Moon TS	Napa	California, USA
Heart and Soul TS	Denver	Colorado, USA
Heart of Georgia TS	Macon	Georgia, USA
Heart of London TS	London	London, UK
Heart of the Valley TS	Corvallis	Oregon, USA
Heart Song Threshold Singing	Sussex	Wisconsin, USA
Hearts, Hands & Voices TC	Akron	Ohio, USA
HeartSongs TC of Stanwood	Stanwood	Washington, USA
Hebden Bridge TS	Hebden Bridge	West Yorkshire, UK
Hospicare TC	Ithaca	New York, USA
Hospice of Northwest Ohio TC	Toledo	Ohio, USA
Hospice of SLO County TS	San Luis Obispo	California, USA
Jennings Threshold Choir	Garfield Heights	Ohio, USA
Kishwaukee Threshold Singers	Sycamore	Illinois, USA
Kitsap Threshold Singers	Port Orchard	Washington, USA
Lebanon (OH) Threshold Choir	Lebanon	Ohio, USA
Lehigh Valley TC	Whitehall	Pennsylvania, USA
Liminal: A Threshold Choir	Truro	Cornwall, UK
London Ontario Threshold Choir	London	Ontario, Canada
Long Bay TS	Myrtle Beach	South Carolina, USA
Lotus Lichtzang	Bergen	Noord Holland, Netherlands
Lovely Loon TC	Grand Rapids	Minnesota, USA
Lower Columbia TC	Longview	Washington, USA
Marin TC	San Rafael	California, USA
Martha's Vineyard TC	Oak Bluffs	Massachusetts, USA
Meadow Vista TS	Meadow Vista	California, USA
Melbourne TC	Melbourne	Victoria, Australia
Menomonie TS	Menomonie	Wisconsin, USA

Mile High TS	Denver	Colorado, USA
Modesto Threshold Singers	Modesto	California, USA
Montgomery Hospice TC	Rockville	Maryland, USA
Moon Over Mountains TC	Boulder	Colorado, USA
Moray TC	Forres	Moray, UK
Na Mea Mele La'i	Kailua (O'ahu)	Hawaii, USA
Napa Valley TC	Napa	California, USA
Nashville TC	Nashville	Tennessee, USA
Nelson Threshold Singers	Nelson	British Columbia, Canada
New Chapter (Amberley, NZ)	Amberley	Canterbury, NZ
New Chapter (Bend OR)	Bend	Oregon, USA
New Chapter (Bozeman MT)	Bozeman	Montana, USA
New Chapter (Butte MT)	Butte	Montana, USA
New Chapter (Cameron Park CA)	Cameron Park	California, USA
New Chapter (Central Coast NSW, Aus.)	Central Coast	New South Wales, Australia
New Chapter (Columbia SC)	Columbia	South Carolina, USA
New Chapter (Crested Butte CO)	Crested Butte	Colorado, USA
New Chapter (Forest Row, UK)	Forest Row	East Sussex, UK
New Chapter (Glasgow SCT, UK)	Glasgow	Scotland, UK
New Chapter (Grottoes VA)	Grottoes	Virginia, USA
New Chapter (Hood River OR)	Hood River	Oregon, USA
New Chapter (Kenosha WI)	Kenosha	Wisconsin, USA
New Chapter (Lexington VA)	Lexington	Virginia, USA
New Chapter (Manchester CT)	Manchester	Connecticut, USA
New Chapter (New Denver BC)	New Denver	British Columbia, Canada
New Chapter (Oak Ridge TN)	Oak Ridge	Tennessee, USA
New Chapter (Oaxaca MX)		Oaxaca, Mexico
New Chapter (Quadra I./Campbell Rvr, BC)	Quadra Island	British Columbia, Canada
New Chapter (Reading PA)	Reading	Pennsylvania, USA
New Chapter (Sheffield, UK)	Sheffield	South Yorkshire, UK
New Chapter (Smithers BC)	Smithers	British Columbia, Canada
New Chapter (South Devon)		Devon, UK
New Chapter (Surrey BC)	Surrey	British Columbia, Canada
New Chapter (Toronto ONT)	Toronto	Ontario, Canada
New Chapter (Victoria BC)	Victoria	British Columbia, Canada
New Chapter (W.Lafayette IN)	West Lafayette	Indiana, USA
New Chapter (Worland WY)	Worland	Wyoming, USA
Northbay TC	Kensington	California, USA
Ogden Threshold Singers	Ogden	Utah, USA
Orange County TC	Westminster	California, USA
Owen Sound TS	Owen Sound	Ontario, Canada
Paonia Threshold Choir	Paonia	Colorado, USA

Pathways Comfort Singers	Chesterfield	Missouri, USA
Peninsula TC	Palo Alto	California, USA
Philadelphia TS	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania, USA
Phoenix West TC	Phoenix	Arizona, USA
Pikes Peak TS	Colorado Springs	Colorado, USA
Pittsburgh Men's TS	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania, USA
Pittsburgh TC	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania, USA
Placerville TC	Placerville	California, USA
Port Townsend TC	Port Townsend	Washington, USA
Portland TC	Portland	Oregon, USA
Rainbow TS	Mt. Prospect	Illinois, USA
Reflections TS of Christchurch	Christchurch	Canterbury, USA
Reno Threshold Choir	Reno	Nevada, USA
Ridgway TC	Ridgway	Colorado, USA
RiverSong Threshold Choir	Riverside	California, USA
Sacramento TC	Sacramento	California, USA
Sail On Singers	Marquette	Michigan, USA
Salem TS	Salem	Oregon, USA
Salt Lake Valley TC	Salt Lake City	Utah, USA
San Diego TC	San Diego	California, USA
San Francisco TC	San Francisco	California, USA
Sandpoint Threshold Choir	Sandpoint	Idaho, USA
Santa Barbara Threshold Singers	Santa Barbara	California, USA
Santa Cruz TS	Santa Cruz	California, USA
Saskatoon TS	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan, Canada
Seasons of Life TS	Denver	Colorado, USA
Seattle TS	Seattle	Washington, USA
Shenandoah Valley TS	Stephens City	Virginia, USA
Song of the Mountain TS	Colorado Springs	Colorado, USA
Sonoma County TC	Santa Rosa	California, USA
South Bay TC	San Jose	California, USA
South Lakes TC	Kendal	Cumbria, UK
South Sound TS	Tacoma	Washington, USA
SpiritSong Threshold Singers	Edmond	Oklahoma, USA
St. Helena's TS	Burr Ridge	Illinois, USA
Sunflower TC	Lawrence	Kansas, USA
Sunshine Coast TC	Sechelt	British Columbia, Canada
Sydney TC	Sydney	New South Wales, Australia
Tallahassee Area TC	Tallahassee	Florida, USA
Taos TC	Taos	New Mexico, USA

TC Cleveland	Cleveland	Ohio, USA
TC Miami University	Oxford	Ohio, USA
TC of Leesburg	Leesburg	Florida, USA
TC of New York City	New York City	New York, USA
TC of Pacific Grove	Pacific Grove	California, USA
TC of Rochester	Rochester	New York, USA
TC of the Hudson Valley	Garrison	New York, USA
TC of the Palouse	Pullman	Washington, USA
TC of West Wales	Blaenwaun	Carmarthenshire, UK
The Villages Threshold Choir	The Villages	Florida, USA
Threshold Choir Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Cambodia
Threshold Choir Nola	New Orleans	Louisiana, USA
Threshold Choir of Baltimore	Lutherville	Maryland, USA
Threshold Singers North Shore	Swampscott	Massachusetts, USA
Threshold Singers of Hot Springs	Hot Springs	Arkansas, USA
Threshold Singers of Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indiana, USA
Threshold Singers of San Antonio	San Antonio	Texas, USA
Threshold Singers of the East Bay	Oakland	California, USA
Threshold Singers of the South Hills	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania, USA
Threshold Singers of the Triangle	Chapel Hill/Durham	North Carolina, USA
Threshold Singers Oz-Wash	Grafton	Wisconsin, USA
Triad Threshold Singers	Winston-Salem	North Carolina, USA
TS of Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor	Michigan, USA
TS of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Ohio, USA
TS of Hendricks County		Indiana, USA
TS of Indian Hill Music	Littleton	Massachusetts, USA
TS of Madison	Madison	Wisconsin, USA
TS of North San Diego County	Carlsbad	California, USA
TS of Richmond, Indiana	Richmond	Indiana, USA
TS of the Chippewa Valley	Eau Claire	Wisconsin, USA
TS of the Lowcountry	Beaufort	South Carolina, USA
TS of Washington DC	Washington	District Of Columbia, USA
TS of Wheaton	Wheaton	Illinois, USA
TS of Yellow Springs	Yellow Springs	Ohio, USA
TS Southern Oregon	Medford/Ashland	Oregon, USA
Tucson TC	Tucson	Arizona, USA
Valley of the Moon TC	Glen Ellen/Sonoma	California, USA
Vancouver TC	Vancouver	British Columbia, Canada
Vashon TC	Vashon	Washington, USA
Victor Valley TS	Victorville	California, USA
Voices of Compassion TC	Edmonton	Alberta, Canada
Voices of Love TC	Dunwoody	Georgia, USA

Westside TC	Los Angeles	California, USA
Whidbey Island TS	Coupeville	Washington, USA
Women with Wings	Bellingham	Washington, USA
Yuba Spirit Threshold Singers	Grass Valley	California, USA



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