

Getting Started . . .

Our journey creating the new Bakersfield Threshold Choir began when Rose Lester brought our group of beloved sisters this fresh concept of singing in service, which Anke Hodenpijl and I loved. We are seeking a director, or "practice facilitator" - one aspect we need support with! Anna took on the admin. work to get us up and going, and I'll be doing our Facebook page.

In early February 2013, we went to the Southern California Threshold Regional Gathering in Santa Barbara. We all had a very profound experience. I was blown away by the power of this gathering of Threshold Choirs. Fun, yes! And more than that, witnessing the power and presence of love in these voices, blending in harmony and compassion toward humankind, was such an honor. I also felt grateful for heartfelt conversations with Kate and other women there. Doing so was very important to me, as I really wanted to know the "heart" of this group.

I'm so pleased that Threshold Choir is what I had hoped for and much more! We'd like to bring other singers to the National Gathering in April. We want them also to experience the remarkable dynamics within this special movement! We appreciate all the continued support from other Threshold singers and directors, and from the Threshold Choir home office! I look forward to supporting the growth of our new chapter of singers.

Peace and gratitude, ~ Kimberly Dinsdale, Bakersfield Threshold Choir ~ Founded February 2013

Word Clouds

The "word-clouds" in this document were created by Tagxedo.com from responses to a recent survey of our singers. The font size demonstrates word-use frequency in answers to specific questions.

Our Gift of Service . . .

"When my sister, Kate Curry, entered hospice and was confined to her bed with cancer, I called Threshold Choir and asked them to sing for her. It was a beautiful and loving time. The singers came each Friday for six or seven weeks. Each week, different family members and friends would come to be with her and listen as the choir sang. We were connected by the beautiful harmony of the loving, soft, and gentle voices.

The Threshold Choir singing added dignity to one of life's saddest events. Sometimes people do not want to hear that someone they love is dying, but the singers were active witnesses to what was happening. It gave me a chance to be on my sister's journey for a short time, and then to bless her and let her travel on alone." ~ Connie Curry, Saratoga, CA



What we see as the purpose of our organization.

What We Need Is Here

To see all the locations where we are now singing and serving, please see this page of our Threshold Choir website:

http://thresholdchoir.org/general-content/chapters-region

Northeast

- * Threshold Choir of Annapolis (Annapolis MD)
- * Charlottesville Threshold Choir (Charlottesville VA)
- * Greater Hartford Threshold Choir (West Simsbury CT)
- * Merrimack Valley Hospice Threshold Choir (Andover MA)
- * Threshold Singers of Indian Hill Music (Littleton MA)
- * Martha's Vineyard Threshold Choir (Oak Bluffs MA)
- * Threshold Choir of New York City (New York NY)
- * Philadelphia Threshold Singers (Philadelphia PA)
- * Pittsburgh Threshold Choir (Pittsburgh PA)
- * Threshold Choir of Washington, DC

Southeast

- * Voices of Love Threshold Choir (Sandy Springs GA)
- * Triangle Threshold Singers (Chapel Hill/Durham NC)
- * Asheville Threshold Choir (Asheville NC)
- * Nashville Threshold Choir (Nashville TN)

Great Lakes

- * St. Helena's Threshold Choir (Burr Ridge IL)
- * Threshold Singers of Chicago, Hyde Park (Chicago IL)
- * Threshold Singers of Chicago, Northside (Chicago IL)
- * Threshold Singers of Eau Claire (Eau Claire WI)
- * Lovely Loon Threshold Choir (Grand Rapids MN)
- * Threshold Singers of Madison (Madison WI)
- * Rainbow Hospice Threshold Singers (Mt. Prospect IL)
- * Central Baptist Village Threshold Singers (Norridge, IL)
- * Peoria Threshold Choir (Peoria IL)
- * Heart Song Threshold Singing (Sussex WI)
- * Circle Singers (Sturgeon Bay WI)
- * Threshold Singers of Wheaton (Wheaton IL)

Midwest

- * Bloomington Threshold Choir (Bloomington IN)
- * Indianapolis Threshold Singers (Indianapolis IN)
- * Threshold Choir of Ann Arbor (Ann Arbor MI)
- * Detroit Area Threshold Singers (Sterling Heights MI)
- * Threshold Singers of Cincinnati (Cincinnati OH)
- * Columbus Threshold Choir (Columbus OH)
- * Stein Hospice Threshold Choir (Sandusky OH)
- * Hospice of Northwest Ohio Threshold Choir (Toledo OH)
- * Threshold Singers of Yellow Springs (Yellow Springs OH)

Central

- * Austin Threshold Singers (Austin TX)
- * Sunflower Threshold Choir (Lawrence KS)
- * DFW Threshold Choir (Dallas TX)

Rocky Mountains

- * San Luis Valley Threshold Choir (Alamosa CO)
- * Boulder County Threshold Choir (Boulder CO)
- * Pikes Peak Threshold Singers (Colorado Springs CO)
- * Denver's St. Joseph Hospital Threshold Choir (Denver CO)
- * Harmony Chorus (Glenwood Springs CO)
- * Littleton Threshold Choir (Littleton CO)



Southwest

- * Flagstaff Threshold Choir (Flagstaff AZ)
- * Phoenix West Threshold Choir (Phoenix AZ)
- * Tucson Threshold Choir (Tucson AZ)
- * Albuquerque Threshold Choir (Albuquerque NM)
- * "Your Song" Santa Fe (Santa Fe NM)
- * Silver City Voices of Love (Silver City NM)
- * Taos Threshold Choir (Taos NM)

Southern California

- * Bakersfield Threshold Choir (Bakersfield CA)
- * Threshold Singers of North San Diego County (Carlsbad CA)
- * Orange County Threshold Choir (Costa Mesa CA)
- * San Diego Threshold Choir (San Diego CA)
- * Santa Barbara Threshold Choir (Santa Barbara CA)

Northern California

- * Aromas Threshold Choir (Aromas CA)
- * South Bay Threshold Choir (Cupertino CA)
- * Davis Threshold Choir (Davis CA)
- * Threshold Choir of the Mendocino Coast (Ft. Bragg CA)
- * Valley of the Moon Threshold Choir (Glen Ellen CA)
- * Northbay Threshold Choir (Kensington CA)
- * Coastside Threshold Choir (Montara CA)
- * Napa Valley Threshold Choir (Napa CA)
- * Healing Moon Threshold Singers (Napa CA)
- * Threshold Singers of the East Bay (Oakland CA)
- * Threshold Choir of Pacific Grove (Pacific Grove CA)
- * Peninsula Threshold Choir (Palo Alto CA)
- * Placerville Threshold Choir (Placerville CA)
- * Sacramento Threshold Choir (Sacramento CA)
- * San Francisco Threshold Choir (San Francisco CA)
- * Marin Threshold Choir (San Rafael CA)
- * Santa Cruz Threshold Choir (Santa Cruz CA)
- * Sonoma County Threshold Choir (Sebastopol CA)
- * Threshold Singers of Ukiah (Ukiah CA)
- * Diablo Valley Threshold Choir (Walnut Creek CA)
- * Threshold Choir of Woodland (Woodland CA)

Northwest

- * Sunshine Coast Threshold Choir (Sechelt BC)
- * Vancouver Threshold Choir (Vancouver BC)
- * Heart to Heart Threshold Choir (Bend OR)
- * Eugene Threshold Singers (Eugene OR)
- * Portland Threshold Choir (Portland OR)
- * Columbia County Threshold Choir (St. Helens OR)
- * Bellingham Threshold Singers (Bellingham WA)
- * Whidbey Island Threshold Singers (Coupeville WA) * Evergreen Threshold Singers (Kirkland WA)
- * Port Townsend Threshold Choir (Port Townsend WA)
- * Seattle Threshold Singers (Seattle WA) * Women with Wings (Bellingham WA)
- * Vashon Threshold Choir (Vashon WA)
- * Bellevue Threshold Singers (Bellevue WA)

Pacific

- * Ho'onani Threshold Singers (Kamuela HI)
- * Sydney Threshold Choir (Sydney NSW)

A Note from the Board Chair, Kay Caldwell

Our second year as an official non-profit, 2012, brought us continuing growth and refining of the accomplishments of the previous year. The Board continues to work to build the structure necessary to nurture the organization to insure that our ninety-plus local choirs receive the support and inspiration they need to flourish.

Our noble Creative Director, Kate Munger, and fearless Executive Director, Heidi Dressler, have made considerable progress working with the Board to make Threshold Choir more sustainable, even though they each have only half-time positions.

I'd like to thank retired Board members Barb Adams, Barbara Molloy and Pat Friday. They each contributed a significant amount to our structure-building. Barbara and Pat are continuing to serve on committees. And I offer a warm welcome to new Board members Cesca Wright, Susan Graves, Susan Randazzo, Leeann Enright and Karen Friis. It is a great pleasure to work with such intelligent and talented people.

We are dedicated to building a strong foundation to sustain this precious work, so that our singers are supported in sharing the gifts of their voices at life's thresholds. This is truly What we love most about what (National) a labor of love.



Threshold Choir provides.

A Message from the Executive Director, Heidi Dressler

What a challenging and exciting year this has been! We continue to add new choirs every month, new music is flowing forth and our organizational foundation grows ever stronger. Our amazing Board of Directors continues to do the heavy lifting of ensuring the sustainability of Kate's vision, and I am encouraged and enlightened by them daily. I appreciate our donors and their generous gifts, but mostly I am deeply grateful for our wonderful singers who do this beautiful work. I feel blessed for the opportunity to be of service to this dedicated group of volunteers and those we serve.

A Message from the Founder, Kate Munger

2012 was a very busy year of leading singing and connecting with great people. I traveled to Threshold Regional Gatherings in MA, OH, IL, CO, So Cal, NM and a swing through the Southeast starting new choirs (Asheville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Huntsville, Atlanta and Macon), plus visits to choirs in NYC, Oakland, Sacramento, Ft. Bragg CA. I went to Bali, Thailand, Yale University Inaugural Choral Festival, and the National Women's Music Festival in Madison WI, I was guest presenter at a Music That Makes Community retreat, and at a Women's Spirituality Conference. You'll see a lovely article about us in The Voice, the official magazine of Chorus America. Everywhere I went, I presented about the Threshold Choir and led community singing. Bedside Singing is a powerful concept that makes friends around the world.

With the Board, Heidi and Ellen (our Web Goddess)'s help, we have focused on ways our Choir's home base here in CA can help member singers and directors around the world. New great songs for bedsides have emerged from me and many others, Ellen and I created "Sending Love and Light" on our website where members can offer names of friends and family who are struggling. It is so good to know other singers are holding our concerns in song.

I love this work, these people and these songs. Kindness Made Audible is growing. Kate Munger

Our Board of Directors

Ray Caldwell, Board Chair
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What we see as the strengths of our local chapters.

Threshold Choir Profit & Loss

January through December 2012

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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income 405 · Membership Dues Income 420 · Special Events 425 · Interest Earned Workshop & Gathering Income 430 · Workshop Income 435 · National Gathering Income	52,504.00 898.32 4.03 9,548.00 29,135.00
440 · Regional Gathering Income	13,337.00
Total Workshop & Gathering Income	52,020.00
Donation Income 450 · Donations - Memorials 455 · Donations - General 460 · Donations - Pass Thru to indivi 465 · Donations - Restricted	1,695.00 35,475.91 2,372.80 48.00
Total Donation Income	39,591.71
Product Sales 480 · Songbook Sales 482 · CD Sales 490 · Sales Tax Paid	5,935.00 6,276.17 -850.00
Total Product Sales	11,361.17
Total Income	156,379.23
Gross Profit	156,379.23
Expense ADMINISTRATION 505 · Wages & Salaries 510 · Worker's Comp 515 · Payroll Taxes 520 · Accounting 525 · Bank & Paypal Fees 535 · Consultants 540 · Dues & Subscriptions 550 · Insurance 555 · Licenses & Fees 565 · Office Expense 570 · Postage & Shipping 575 · Printing 580 · Rent 585 · Telephone & Internet	48,000.16 1,699.09 4,161.99 4,135.85 2,155.70 581.00 716.97 1,523.00 1,030.00 1,375.22 2,061.71 167.30 2,750.00 1,967.92
Total ADMINISTRATION	72,325.91
PROGRAM EXPENSES 610 · Book Production Expense 615 · Donation Expense 620 · Education & Conferences 630 · Printing 640 · Travel 645 · Songbook Production Exp 650 · Supplies & Materials 660 · Volunteer Recognition 665 · Website & Communication Workshop/Gathering Expense	60.00 1,049.00 10.00 109.21 4,668.78 2,166.97 156.75 153.36 7,567.50
670 · Regional Gathering Travel Exp 675 · Facility Fees 680 · Food/Catering 685 · Speaker & Supplies	2,980.92 32,824.00 1,695.14 2,927.61
Total Workshop/Gathering Expense	40,427.67
Total PROGRAM EXPENSES	56,369.24
Total Expense	128,695.15
Net Ordinary Income	27,684.08
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