

The background of the top section is a photograph of a mountain range at dusk or dawn, with a full moon in the sky. The Threshold Choir logo is written in a large, elegant, purple script font, featuring a treble clef as the letter 'f' in 'Choir'.

Threshold Choir

2015 Annual Report

Kindness Made Audible

Jean Di Carlo-Wagner – San Diego (CA) TC

Deep sea blue eyes, that's what I'll remember. We were called by a daughter wanting song for her actively dying, unresponsive father. Their lives were filled with song, she was sure that her dad would be appreciative. Six of us gathered around the bedside, solemn and caring. We always ask if there are favorite songs, and yes, he loved show tunes! "I'm Getting Married In the Morning" had been written up by one of his caregivers from his nursing home. The room vibrated with love and song. His labored breathing became rhythmic. Curtains covering blue oceanic eyes lifted, crinkled and danced. It was his last conscious effort before sailing away after midnight. We are more than bodies, and our souls are always free to dance.

Dear Threshold Friends,

My four years volunteering on the Board of Directors, most as chair or co-chair, has come to an end. I thank each donor, each member, each singer, each friend of the Threshold Choir...for your trust. What an honor it has been to serve this young and growing organization.

Much has been accomplished. Our founder, Kate Munger, has blessed the collective to carry the mission forward. We are in awe of all she held for so many years. We have become "leaderful". When we receive inquiries about starting a chapter, we provide resources and coaches. We demonstrate the gentle touch of our songs at local, regional and national events and conferences. We communicate more regularly with our members. Each chapter knows it has the legal right to choose... if they consist of all women's voices, all men's voices, or if they are genderful! Our singers seem to channel new songs each week, which can be downloaded from our website. We joyfully gather by twos, dozens, and hundreds. We are kin through shared songs and our sacred work. The "we" includes each of you. I thank each volunteer.

As when singing at the bedside, may we also as an organization, blend our voices with love, joy, creativity, and ever abiding respect. There is still much to do, and what joyful possibilities!

Cesca Wright
Outgoing Chair

Our Mission

Threshold Choir is a network of *a cappella* choirs of primarily women's voices: a community whose mission is to sing for and with those at the thresholds of life.

Chapters By Region

Northeast

Greater Hartford Threshold Choir (West Simsbury CT)
Merrimack Valley Hospice Threshold Choir (Andover MA)
Concordia (Lakeville MA)
Threshold Singers of Indian Hill Music (Littleton MA)
Martha's Vineyard Threshold Choir (Oak Bluffs MA)
Grace Note Singers (Providence RI)

Mid-Atlantic

Threshold Choir of New York City (New York NY)
Threshold Choir of Westchester, NY (Dobbs Ferry NY)
Threshold Choir of the Hudson Valley (Beacon NY)
Great Lakes Erie Threshold Choir (Erie PA)
Philadelphia Threshold Singers (Philadelphia PA)
Pittsburgh Threshold Choir (Pittsburgh PA)
Pittsburgh Men's Threshold Singers (Pittsburgh PA)
Threshold Singers of Washington DC
Montgomery Hospice Threshold Choir (Rockville MD)
Charlottesville Threshold Choir (Charlottesville VA)

Southeast

Threshold Choir of Leesburg (Leesburg FL)
Spring Hill/Brooksville Threshold Choir (Spring Hill FL)
Tallahassee Area Threshold Choir (Tallahassee FL)
Florida SunCoast Threshold Choir (Sarasota FL)
Voices of Love Threshold Choir (Dunwoody GA)
Heart of Georgia Threshold Singers (Macon GA)
Triangle Threshold Singers (Chapel Hill/Durham NC)
Long Bay Threshold Singers (Myrtle Beach SC)
Threshold Singers of the Lowcountry (Beaufort SC)
Nashville Threshold Choir (Nashville TN)

Midwest

Bloomington Threshold Choir (Bloomington IN)
Indianapolis Threshold Singers (Indianapolis IN)
Threshold Choir of Ann Arbor (Ann Arbor MI)
Grand Rapids Threshold Choir (Grand Rapids MI)
Detroit Area Threshold Singers (Sterling Heights MI)
Traverse City Threshold Choir (Traverse City MI)
Hearts, Hands & Voices Threshold Choir (Akron OH)
Threshold Singers of Cincinnati (Cincinnati OH)
Threshold Choir Cleveland (Cleveland OH)
Columbus Threshold Choir (Columbus OH)
Jennings Threshold Choir (Garfield Heights OH)
Hospice of Northwest Ohio Threshold Choir (Toledo OH)
Threshold Singers of Yellow Springs (Yellow Springs OH)

Great Lakes

St. Helena's Threshold Singers (Burr Ridge IL)
Abington Threshold Singers (Glenview IL)
Rainbow Hospice Threshold Singers (Mt. Prospect IL)
Central Baptist Village Threshold Singers (Norridge IL)
Peoria Threshold Choir (Peoria IL)
Threshold Singers of Wheaton (Wheaton IL)
Threshold Singers of Eau Claire (Eau Claire WI)
Threshold Singers of Madison (Madison WI)
Menomonie Threshold Singers (Menomonie WI)
Northern Door Threshold Singers (Sister Bay WI)
Heart Song Threshold Singing (Sussex WI)
Circle Singers (Sturgeon Bay WI)
Lovely Loon Threshold Choir (Grand Rapids MN)

Central

Sioux Falls Avera Threshold Singers (Sioux Falls SD)
Pathways Comfort Singers: A Threshold Choir (Chesterfield MO)
Tulsa Spirit: Threshold Choir (Tulsa OK)
Sunflower Threshold Choir (Lawrence KS)
Austin Threshold Choir (Austin TX)
DFW Threshold Choir (Dallas TX)

Rocky Mountains

San Luis Valley Threshold Choir (Alamosa CO)
Boulder Threshold Singers: Hearts in Harmony (Boulder CO)
Moon Over Mountains 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)
Mile High Threshold Singers (Denver CO)
Gentle Voices Threshold Choir (Longmont CO)
Sandpoint Threshold Choir (Sandpoint ID)

Southwest

Flagstaff Threshold Choir (Flagstaff AZ)
Phoenix West Threshold Choir (Phoenix AZ)
Threshold Singers of Sedona (Sedona AZ)
Tucson Threshold Choir (Tucson AZ)
Albuquerque Threshold Choir (Albuquerque NM)
"Your Song" Santa Fe (Santa Fe 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 (Westminster CA)
San Diego Threshold Choir (San Diego CA)
Hospice SLO County's Threshold Choir (San Luis Obispo CA)
Santa Barbara Threshold Choir (Santa Barbara CA)
Westside Threshold Choir (Santa Monica CA)
Victor Valley High Desert Threshold Singers (Victorville CA)

Northern California

Arcata Threshold Choir (Arcata CA)
Aromas Threshold Choir (Aromas CA)
Davis Threshold Choir (Davis 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 Singers (Santa Cruz CA)
Sonoma County Threshold Choir (Sebastopol CA)
Diablo Valley Threshold Singers (Walnut Creek CA)

Northwest U.S. and Western Canada

Bowen Threshold Singers (Bowen Island BC)
Crossing Over Men's Threshold Choir (Bowen Island BC)
Sunshine Coast Threshold Choir (Sechelt BC)
Vancouver Threshold Choir (Vancouver BC)
Calgary Threshold Choir (Calgary AB, Canada)
Eugene Threshold Singers (Eugene OR)
Portland Threshold Choir (Portland OR)
Lower Columbia Threshold Choir (Rainier OR/Longview WA)
Anacortes Threshold Singers (Anacortes WA)
Agate Pass Threshold Choir (Bainbridge WA)
Bellingham Threshold Singers (Bellingham WA)
Women with Wings (Bellingham WA)
Whidbey Island Threshold Singers (Coupeville WA)
Evergreen Threshold Singers (Kirkland WA)
Port Townsend Threshold Choir (Port Townsend WA)
Threshold Choir of the Palouse (Pullman WA)
Seattle Threshold Singers (Seattle WA)
South Sound Threshold Singers (Tacoma WA)
Vashon Threshold Choir (Vashon WA)

Europe

Heart of London Threshold Choir (London ENG, UK)
Moray Threshold Choir (Forres SCT, UK)

Pacific and Southeast Asia

Na Mea Mele L'ai (Kailua/O'ahu HI)
Sydney Threshold Choir (Sydney NSW, Australia)
Brisbane Threshold Choir (Brisbane QLD, Australia)
Melbourne Threshold Choir (Melbourne VIC, Australia)
Adelaide Threshold Singers (Adelaide, SA, Australia)
Threshold Choir Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)



Board of Directors - 2016

Chair - Katharine Kirner, San Francisco, CA
Vice-Chair - Nancy Roberts-Brown, Seattle, WA
Treasurer - Leeann Enright, Chicago, IL
Secretary - April Boyden, Bellingham, WA
Member - Susan Graves, Beacon, NY
Member - Cherry Tinker, Seattle, WA

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A Message from our Executive Director

Threshold Choir is indeed blessed. As a non-profit manager who has worked with boards for – yikes! – over 40 years, I learned long ago that the right board members appear at the right time. We attract the skills that we need to sustain our mission. We have recently seen three of our board members move on to new projects and life changes after making significant contributions to the Threshold Choir board of directors. They all gave 150% of their time and energy in building the foundation of our organization.

Susan Randazzo, from Massachusetts, brought to our board her wealth of experience as executive director of Indian Hill Music. Serving both as secretary and chair, her guidance and experience were invaluable in helping the board set their sights, hold the vision and move us forward. We are blessed to have had her leadership service.

Karen Friis, from California, served as our secretary and brought a common sense approach to decision-making that was deeply appreciated. Her grounded spirit and gentle energy will be deeply missed.

Cesca Wright, also from California, left the board in early 2016 after serving nearly four years of her three year term! Her leadership and organizational experience helped us through some extremely difficult and challenging situations. As our chair, her expertise as a business consultant served us well in our formative years as a 501c3 non profit. We value what she taught us as we move forward.

Three volunteers at the right place, at the right time. So, too, are each of our volunteers at the bedside, in a choir rehearsal or leading our chapters; each brings one loving, kind spirit in service to our mission. The coming year will unfold with new challenges, new projects and bring more people to our threshold. Let us move forward together - one choir, many voices.

I am grateful to be in service to this beautiful organization.

Kindly,
Heidi Dressler
Executive Director





Threshold Choir Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2015

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
105 · Wells Fargo Checking *0045 (QB)	87,899.36
110 · WF Market Rate *0491	26,347.07
116 · Paypal	11,945.19
120 · Petty Cash	60.00
Total Checking/Savings	126,251.62
Total Current Assets	126,251.62
Fixed Assets	
130 · Office Equipment	2,631.55
Total Fixed Assets	2,631.55
TOTAL ASSETS	128,883.17
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
200 · Accounts Payable	10,111.25
Total Accounts Payable	10,111.25
Other Current Liabilities	
240 · FICA/MC Liability	809.00
242 · Federal Inc Tax Withheld	561.00
246 · State Income Tax Withheld	165.12
248 · SDI Liability	47.59
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,582.71
Total Current Liabilities	11,693.96
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Equity	
300 · Fund Balance	58,104.54
Net Income	59,084.67
Total Equity	117,189.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	128,883.17

The Threshold Choir - One Choir, Many Voices