



November 2021

Dear Friend of Gaudeamus,

Thanks to you and our many past and present dedicated musicians, volunteers and Board of Directors, Gaudeamus is pleased to continue its 30<sup>th</sup> year of ministry. As we approach the Christmas season, we wish to update you on our fundraising efforts and contributions to support those in need.

Thanks to your generosity and donations generated by our 2020 virtual Christmas concert, we were honored to be able to contribute more than \$20,000 to a variety of organizations including Girls on the Run, The National Brain Tumor Society and a local family with financial needs due to a serious illness. During our fiscal year, Gaudeamus also was pleased to support Holy Rosary School and several education funds for children needing financial support. Since supporting the educational and medical needs of children is our paramount mission, Gaudeamus has committed to continue our support of Amigos de Jesus, a home and bilingual school in Honduras for 150 wonderful and loving children. Amigos de Jesus will be the beneficiary of our 2021 concert at St. Patrick's Church. In addition, Gaudeamus continues to provide assistance to children with medical needs and this year we will be working with "Megan's Mission/National Brain Tumor Society," which unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments and advocates for patients and families. Our annual concert at Epiphany of Our Lord Church will be presented in memory of Megan McLaughlin Patterson, a 30-year-old Plymouth Meeting native, who recently died of brain cancer.

As we approach the Christmas season in this year of renewed hope and promise, Gaudeamus plans to present two Christmas concerts: St. Patrick's Church/Malvern on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual concert at Epiphany of Our Lord Church on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We are pleased that Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. and AmeriHealth Administrators have agreed to be our corporate partners in this venture.

The concert will also be available for viewing on several social media platforms, starting on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. The concert will run continuously so that you will be able to watch at your convenience by simply clicking the 'view video' link on our website [www.letusrejoice.org](http://www.letusrejoice.org). We do however, look forward to performing for an appreciative "live audience" this year and will take every precaution to ensure that the concerts take place in a safe environment. We encourage our audience members to wear masks at our concerts in accordance with the county health guidelines.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for one of our joyful concerts which celebrates the true meaning of the season. If you are unable to attend, please watch the event on social media and share with family and friends who may have never enjoyed our concerts in the past. If you would like to make a donation to our ministry, you can visit our website: [www.letusrejoice.org](http://www.letusrejoice.org) and click the donation link or mail it to us in the enclosed envelope to Gaudeamus Music Ministry, Inc., P.O. Box 8, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

From the musicians of Gaudeamus, we wish you a blessed and healthy Christmas and happy 2022.

Sincerely,

Connie Steuer

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