Spring 2024

Dear Friends:

On June 8th, I am participating in a fundraising *Walk for Music* in support of Sharing a New Song (SANS) and I am writing to ask if you might sponsor me.

Sharing a New Song (SANS) is a non-profit community chorus whose mission is to celebrate the human spirit through choral music. We do so by reaching across social and political boundaries to other countries and to various parts of the USA. Since 1983, SANS international tours have included South Africa, Russia, Cuba, Eastern Europe, Brazil, China, Columbia, Nicaragua, and Vietnam. Domestic tours have included a sojourn to the Gullah community of South Carolina, and trips to Louisiana to become acquainted with the people of the Houma Indian Nation, and to offer song and service to communities stricken by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. You can learn more about SANS here: <www.sanschorus.org>

Music is a powerful means to build human connection and understanding across vastly different cultures, languages and customs. In a world that has become increasingly polarized and hostile, music is a balm for the human spirit and a reminder of what is possible when we see our commonalities more than our differences.

The Walk for Music fundraiser is specifically aimed at providing scholarships to singers who otherwise might not be able to travel. This supports our aim that the chorus be inclusive of all ages, ethnicities, life experiences and socioeconomic backgrounds. 100% of your donation goes toward this fund, and your contribution is tax-deductible.

I hope you will support me, this wonderful organization, and its mission. Your pledge will make a difference. You can donate electronically here**,** www.sanschorus.org/walk-for-music. Or checks can be made out to *Sharing A New Song* and mailed to: 10 Court Street. #32, Arlington, MA, 02476. Either way, please mention my name online or on the check so that I may thank you personally.

You are also welcome to join us for the walk on Saturday June 8th! We will start at Calvary Methodist Church in Arlington (300 Mass Ave), then walk along the bike path to Spy Pond Park and Magnolia Park and back again (about two miles). Of course there will be singing! And we are super excited that our wonderful music director, Donnell Patterson will be joining us, bringing his exuberance and amazing musicality.

Thank you so much for your generosity!