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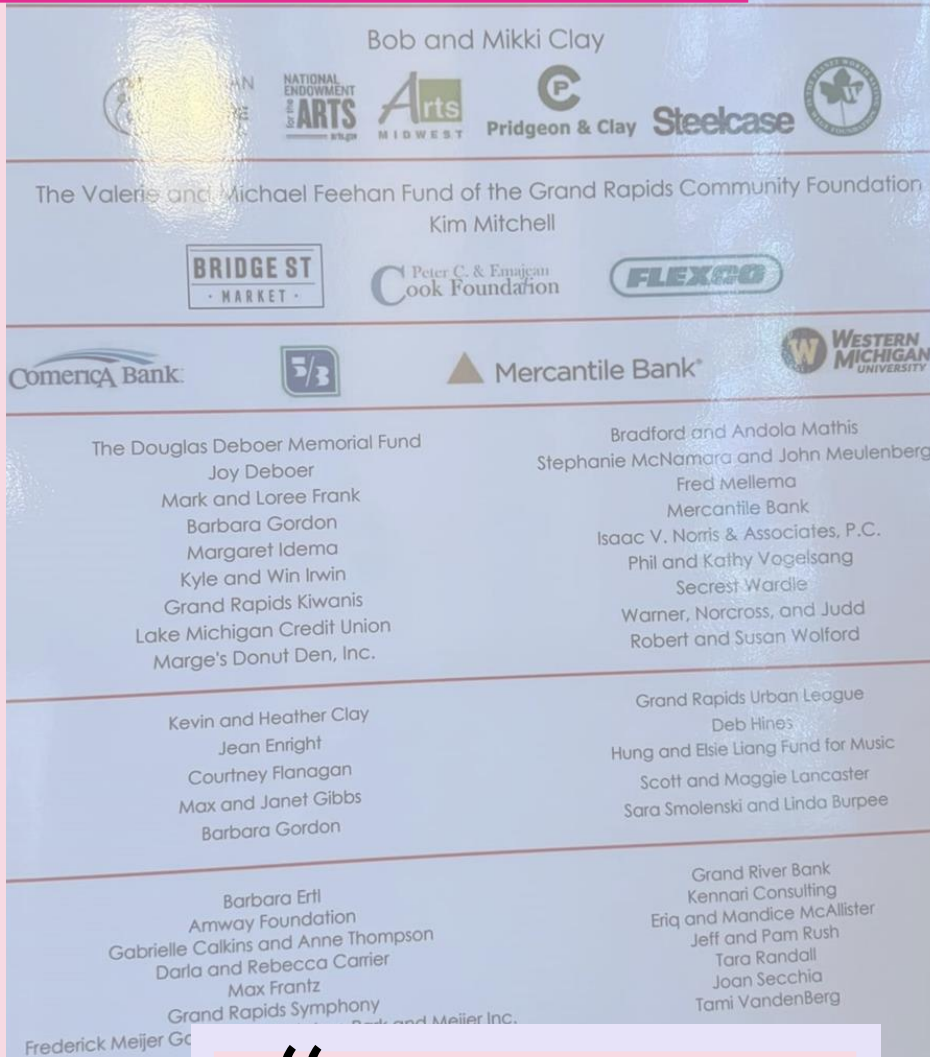
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GCA benefits we’ve
ever attended”

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OUR SEASON AT A GLANCE

In August, our singers jumped right in even before the school year began, to perform for the groundbreaking event for the Joan Secchia Children's Rehabilitation Hospital.

September gave us just one month to prepare for our appearance for THE PLAYGROUNDgr for their highly anticipated and sold out annual show, "Play Soleil: The Main Event" at GLC Live.

October was very lucrative as seven of our singers helped to raise over \$1500 from this year's first fundraiser. Proceeds from those funds will go directly to each girl's travel account. WAY TO GO!

Our annual "Giving Girls a Voice" benefit filled the Wege Ballroom with laughter, music, and an award presentation to Bob and Mikki Clay for their ongoing generous support of our mission...

... and just four days later we hosted our annual Fall Concert at the First United Methodist Church, featuring some of our musician friends.

Five singers participated in our second fundraiser, each garnering funds towards their travel fund.

And December opens the doors to the holiday as we bring caroling and joy to our friends and supporters... WHEW!!

THANK YOU From the GCA Staff

This year we turned some very exciting corners as we rounded out our team and added new faces to our own roster. So as our girls are growing and learning to work together as a team, developing new life-long friendships, and discovering new and wonderful things about themselves, so too are we. Thank you for your encouragement as we walk this journey, hand in hand, toward the vision we all share.

- ❖ Executive Director: Lisa Knight
- ❖ Artistic Director: Careta Gilmore
- ❖ Director of Development and Communications: Penny Hock
- ❖ Choir Director: Kristen Moss
- ❖ Administrative Assistant: Hazadiah Whitley



GIVING GIRLS A VOICE

We had 145 attendees and raised nearly \$17,000 at our annual benefit in November where we honored the gracious and giving Bob and Mikki Clay, who are Maestro Level Donors. The funding made available to Girls Choral Academy by them has garnered us the beautiful dresses that our singers wear for events such as this, among many other opportunities and benefits. THANK YOU!



SPECIAL MUSIC

As a special tribute to Bob and Mikki, their son Kevin Clay performed a beautiful duet with our own Kristen Moss, which brought the house down. The talent among our family of staff and supporters is a wonderful gift. Over \$2500 in donations were sent during this great performance.



THE CARRIERS OF OUR VISION

We are incredibly proud to have supporters like Shelley Irwin who carry our message, vision, and philosophy across the airwaves and into our event. A local celebrity in her own right, Shelley and co-emcee Alexis Rocha brought the house down with banter and levity, remembering that for the sake of our children we gather in laughter and love.



LET'S HEAR YOUR VOICE

In order for us to do what we do we rely on our supporters like you. As such, your opinions and advice matter to us so that each year we can achieve even greater things. Please take a moment to complete our Annual Benefit Survey and share your thoughts. Just click this link to be redirected.

<https://forms.gle/iBxZVqGdg4qwMUBg7>

[Click here for the full photo gallery and use code GCA2024](#)

IT'S GIVING TUESDAY



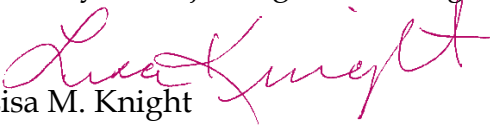
PLEASE REMEMBER GCA AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR YEAR-END DONATIONS

Since 2005 GCA has offered programming at several elementary schools on the city's southwest side and we continue to encourage participation on the southeast side. Girls at these neighborhood schools participate in choir free of charge thanks to your donations! Here's where your support goes.

- **\$1,000** gives a full scholarship to a singer for an entire year
- **\$500** covers the cost of transportation for a field trip
- **\$150** pays for sheet music for one singer for an entire year

As a donor and a friend of the GCA, you are helping us encourage girls to be the best versions of themselves and **we** are asking you to make an investment today to help empower the next generation to become leaders who will grow to make a difference in our community and be the heroes of their own stories. Click or scan the QR code and head to our website.

Thank you for joining us in *Giving Girls a Voice!*


Lisa M. Knight
Executive Director



P.S. Consider becoming a *Monthly Music Maker* by selecting an "ongoing" gift. Make a difference all year long!