



Dear Friend,

The Prevention and Research Center at Mercy, in partnership with The Maryland State Boychoir, is proud to announce a benefit concert, **The Healing Power of Music**, to take place on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Proceeds from this event will support the research and outreach programs of The Prevention and Research Center and the scholarship program and activities of The Maryland State Boychoir.

**The Healing Power of Music** benefit concert, expected to be attended by over 300 people, will be held at The Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts at 3400 Norman Avenue in Baltimore's Mayfield neighborhood. Concert-goers will also have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items during a reception beginning at 2:30 p.m. The concert begins at 4 p.m.

Research conducted by The Center for Prevention and Research at Mercy has demonstrated the benefit of mind-body medicine on the healing process for cancer survivors and others facing the challenges of serious or chronic illness. The concert will show, in a tangible and enjoyable way, the potential benefit of music as part of the healing process. As recent studies have begun to reveal, music can impact not only human emotions, but also clinical responses such as blood pressure, respirations and pain – i.e. the mind-body connection.

The Maryland State Boychoir was founded in 1987 and offers talented boys from throughout Maryland the opportunity to sing and build self esteem. The 140-member choir includes boys from a broad cross section of socioeconomic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

The Prevention and Research Center at Mercy and The Maryland State Boychoir invite you to consider making a tax-deductible gift to our auction which will take place at **The Healing Power of Music** benefit concert. We anticipate that our guests will bid on a variety of appealing items, including restaurant gift certificates, wines, jewelry, and show or sporting event tickets.

As a donor, you will receive acknowledgement in the **The Healing Power of Music** program and on signage at the event. For your convenience, we are enclosing a gift in-kind auction donation form. You may complete and return the form to Caroline Rutter in the Prevention and Research Center at Mercy.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Holmes  
Artistic Director, The Maryland State Boychoir