



CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

This Week's Spotlight Charity: Cantamus Girls Choir



BEING A "CANTAMUS GIRL" IS SOMETHING SPECIAL

Singing is a wonderful outlet, and to be part of the Cantamus Choir makes it an extraordinary experience. Cantamus Girls Choir will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next year. That's fifty years of performances, competitions, and support.

Based in Mansfield, the choir travels extensively and has won a number of awards throughout the years, including winning the BBC's "Choir of the Year" competition.

John Guy, treasurer for Cantamus, explained that it's about more than just singing: "Cantamus is often likened to being a family. The girls are nurtured in such a way that helps them to achieve their full potential. Over the years, the Cantamus staff have supported a number of girls who come from difficult circumstances. Sometimes they've simply made sure they had a good meal, and sometimes they've even given them a place to stay when their home lives were too volatile."

Coral, one such young lady from a single-parent family in Forest Town, spoke to us about the

amazing impact Cantamus had on her life. Coral said, "For a few hours, your life can be bliss, pouring out of you whatever you're feeling that day, and it makes you feel amazing." The positive effect being a Cantamus girl had on Coral is clear in her gushing praise of the organisation. She went on to say, "Cantamus gave me a family, and it gave me confidence. Some of my happiest memories are with them. Once you're a Cantamus girl, you're always a Cantamus girl!"

Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee, Roger Garrett, presented them with the cheque and said, "Cantamus is a world renowned local choir of disciplined and wonderfully talented young ladies. They clearly demonstrate their love of being a happy committed team, working for each other, and they're passionate in what they do."

Fancy seeing thus stunning choir in action? They've done a stunning rendition of "Fix You" at the Royal Albert Hall, which you can watch by clicking [here](#).

Freemasons and their communities

Thanks to the Freemasons' support, Cantamus can buy a new travel piano, and they can also help subsidise the families who are less able to afford to attend the upcoming competition in Riga.



Provincial Grand Master, Philip Marshall, met with Cantamus prior to their Sydney tour in July 2016.

"In many ways, the Cantamus Girls epitomise the values in life the Freemasons strive for, and we're proud to be associated with them."

Roger Garrett,
Chairman of the Provincial
Charity Committee

