

October 25, 2018

Mr. Steven Creps Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus PO Box 62201 Harrisburg, PA 17106-2201

Dear Mr. Creps:

On behalf of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus members, volunteers, board of directors and team members, please accept this letter as an expression of the profound gratitude we feel having received your generous gift of \$550 for the National AIDS Memorial Grove initiative. Thank you.

Twenty-five years ago, through herculean efforts of San Francisco residents and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, the National AIDS Memorial Grove was established inside Golden Gate Park. The site has since become an international gathering place and is the only national memorial of its kind.

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (SFGMC) has long dreamt of building a lasting tribute to the 300 singers it lost during the AIDS pandemic. Now, in celebration of SFGMC's 40th birthday, The Grove has invited SFGMC to create a permanent memorial there, making our dream a reality. This project simply is not possible without generous donors like you. Thank you for making it happen.

The "artists portal" serves as the western entrance to The Grove. An eight-foot emperor chime becomes its centerpiece. Etched into the limestone floor spiraling out from the chime are the names of individuals whose voices were silenced by AIDS. Around the outer edge of the circular portal is where the **Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus** is going to be permanently etched. Upon its dedication, visitors are going to be invited to ring the chime and speak a name. The tone will carry that memory across Golden Gate Park like a ripple across a pond.

A sneak peek of the memorial is taking place during SFGMC's 40th birthday celebration weekend on Saturday, October 27th at 11:00 am. The dedication ceremony is set for World AIDS Day on December 1, 2018. We are sending you information about both events to your email in-box.

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Your support of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus means a great deal to us. Thank you.

Warm regards

Christopher Verdugo Executive Director

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