



# *Take Note!, Inc.*

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## **Update 2010-2011**

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate the beginning of our 9th concert season, we reflect with gratitude on our unique journey and look forward to many more years of giving back to our community through our benefit performances. Perhaps you were there at our first concert in June 2003 and have followed us since, or you have joined us along the way. Or maybe we've been able to help your organization. Whenever and however we first became acquainted, we are grateful that you have made Take Note! a part of your life. It is this continuing community support and encouragement that allow us to keep reaching out to others.

We hope you can offer your financial assistance to our worthy cause. Every year, we help a number of local nonprofit organizations raise funds. As you know, many of our neighbors are struggling, and there is no shortage of requests for our services. We continue to offer everything without cost to these organizations—and we continue to derive great joy from doing so. However, although there is no cost to those who benefit from our performances, we do have expenses—from music, to printing, to supplies, to administrative costs, to rehearsal and performance expenses (no members of Take Note! are compensated for their participation), and while Take Note! members contribute financially to the group—in addition to contributing our time and effort—we must rely on support from our community in order to continue to expand our outreach.

Please look over the following information, and consider becoming a supporter of Take Note! for the 2011-2012 concert season. For your convenience, we have included a donor response card and return envelope for your tax-deductible donation (Take Note! Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization). It takes many different notes to make wonderful music, and we hope that you will choose to help us make music with whatever level of support you are able. Donations will be acknowledged in our concert programs. As we share our love of choral music, your support of our endeavors can help make a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Please join us for an afternoon of our music, followed by a reception, on **Sunday, June 12, at 3:00 p.m.** at The First Church of Christ in Mansfield (Routes 89 and 195 in Mansfield Center). We are sure you will like what you hear, and we would love to see you!

***Through performances in support of charitable endeavors, we are raising voices, raising spirits, raising hope...***

*Take Note!* was founded in February 2003, inspired by Artistic Director Linda Tracy's desire to lead and be part of an a cappella group of select, talented, local singers who enjoy eclectic, challenging music. The mission of the group naturally evolved as members of *Take Note!* recognized that benefit performances could support local community organizations, while at the same time supporting the group's need to make beautiful music. The group became a non-profit organization in July 2004. And here's what the organizations we have helped have been saying ever since:

• Thank you so much for such a wonderful concert. The audience loved it—we had so many positive responses! The [food bank] was thrilled with the amount raised.

• It is so wonderful knowing that there's a group of fine people who care about helping their community of local nonprofit groups.

• The funds raised by your efforts will ensure the operation of [our] project.

• Thank you all...for your tremendous generosity and your spirited performance to benefit our program. How fortunate we all are to have such talent in our region. The hard work you all put into the group...as well as your passion for the music and performance...was evident and infectious. The money raised will impact the experiences of our students strongly.



• Thank you for giving of your time, your talents and your beautiful voices.  
• It was a wonderful evening and a generous way to share and give back to the community. You uplifted us all.

• Thank you for another successful concert. We thoroughly enjoyed all of the singing talent and musical selections. Your generosity of time and talent enabled [us] to raise a substantial amount for our program.



• The interaction between performers and audience was pure magic. Thank you all so very much for your efforts. We look forward to a future collaboration—knowing it will be a wonderful event.

• Thanks to the members of *Take Note!* for donating their time and beautiful voices to our fundraising concert. It was such a pleasure to have everyone enjoying themselves while supporting our community.

• Heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of your beautiful voices. It was a joyous and inspiring concert. What a wonderful gift you have, made more wonderful in its sharing for charitable causes. Your gift will help to ensure that [our organization] will be here for generations.



## The good works of the following groups or individuals have benefited from our efforts to date:

- Access Community Action Agency RISE YouthBuild
- American Cancer Society Windham Region Relay for Life
- Arts at the Capitol Theater ACT Fund Scholarship
- Baroco Corp. (Adult Day Options Program)
- Books to Dreams, Inc.
- Books for Babies
- Artist and Teacher Pat Browne
- Colchester Hadassah - Center for Emergency Medicine, Israel
- Covenant Soup Kitchen
- Prudence Crandall Museum
- Creative Living Community of Connecticut
- Daily Bread Food Pantry, Putnam
- Delta Kappa Gamma Society's Higher Educ. Scholarship Fund
- Eastern Connecticut Railroad Museum
- Emergency USA Fund/Katrina Relief
- The First Baptist Church of Mansfield, Raise the Roof Fund
- The First Church of Christ in Mansfield, Outreach & Ancestors' Fund
- Guilford Smith Memorial Library
- Heifer International
- Hospice of Eastern Connecticut and VNA East
- Governor Samuel Huntington Trust
- Immaculata Retreat House
- InterCommunity Mental Health Group - Common Ground
- Lebanon Historical Society
- Liberian Children's Mission
- Mansfield Senior Center Association
- Natchaug Hospital
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Windham Cty
- V. & C. Prewitt Scholarship for Peace Studies (ECSU)
- Quiet Corner Self Help for the Hard of Hearing (SHHH)
- St. Peter's Church, Hebron, Outreach
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Willimantic, Outreach
- Second Congregational Church of Stafford at West Stafford Ministries
- Storrs Congregational Church, Accessibility Fund
- Students First Fund, UConn Student Health Services
- South Windham Congregational Church Organ Fund
- Temple Bnai Israel
- Tents of Hope for Darfur, Sudan
- Westfield Congregational Church
- Windham Area Interfaith Ministry Fuel Bank/other Outreach
- Windham Free Library
- Windham Hospital Emergency Service & Outpatient Center
- Windham No Freeze Project, Inc.
- Windham Theatre Guild

## *A Note From our Artistic Director*

We are eagerly looking forward to the coming year! Our long-awaited second CD will be recorded by early summer, with plans to release it in the fall. We're most grateful that we've been able to hire a professional sound engineer to see to it that the next Take Note! CD in your collection is of excellent quality! This new recording comes none too soon, as we have now sold all of our first CD, *Sweet Songs from the Quiet Corner*.

For our upcoming concerts, we have added some wonderful new music to our repertoire, and will be revisiting some of our old favorites. I know that you'll find our 2011-2012 performances just as entertaining and uplifting as ever. And, with our 10th anniversary approaching in just one year, we're busily planning ways to celebrate!

### *Take Note!*

Linda Tracy, Storrs, Artistic Director

Sheri Barna, Mansfield

Cheryl Chase, Ashford

Melody Decker, Willimantic

Julia DeLapp, Storrs

Arthur Dimock, Mansfield

Christine Dimock, Mansfield

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## *Please Join Us*

### **Take Note!'s Annual Fundraiser and Sponsor Appreciation Concert**

**Sunday, June 12**

**3:00 p.m.**



**The First Church of Christ in Mansfield  
(junction of Routes 89 and 195)**

**Mansfield Center**

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## Fermata (\$500+)

Arthur and Christine Dimock  
New England Center for Hearing Rehabilitation  
Sjef van den Berg, *remembering Toni Brancia*

## Whole Note (\$250-499)

IMCORP  
Fran and Drew Jaffe  
Ross and Chris Koning  
Deb and Jim Russel  
Hank and Sue Walker

## Half Note (\$100-249)

The Barna Family  
Design Center East  
Janet and Dave Haines  
Jacqueline L. Janes  
The Kitchen Family  
Sue and Lonni Leroux  
M. and M. Mashikian  
David and Bertha Rappe  
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Ted Yungclas

## Quarter Note (\$50-99)

Alan and Pamela Abel  
Janice and Robert Bittner  
Joanne and Alex Capo  
Cass Crewdson  
The Decker Family  
First Congregational Church, UCC, Willimantic  
Diane T. Gamache  
Bill Glenister  
Kevin and Sonia Greene  
Ann Gruenberg  
Wayne and Loretta Haeger  
Lois K. Happe  
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Kristina and Richard Staron  
Temple Bnai Israel Discretionary Fund  
Laurel Thurman and Cheryl Chase  
Catherine Wade  
Marlene and Don Wenner

## Eighth Note (\$10-49)

Bob's Windham IGA  
Gene and Francia Bowen  
Marian Cohen  
Carol and Howard Drescher  
Toni Drescher  
Gladys Freeman and Elizabeth Freeman  
Gloria Gamache  
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*As always, special thanks to family and friends who support us in so many ways!*