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Concert Celebrating Nature Inspires Generosity Towards People of Fort McMurray

The people of Fort McMurray were very much on the minds of the Goulbourn Jubilee Singers this past weekend as we presented our spring program, called "Sing a Song for Nature." As a community choir, GJS has always strived to give back and donate some of our funds to charity out of gratitude for the support we receive from our community.

This year was different; the need was greater, so we reached out to performers and those attending the concerts, many of whom had friends or family affected by the devastating wildfires and subsequent evacuations, for donations to the Alberta Fires Appeal through the Red Cross. As the choir sang about the beauty and the harshness of nature, hats were passed among those attending (red cowboy hats appropriate to the cause!), and as always the community stepped up in a huge way. Over the course of two performances, GJS raised \$1,734, which will be matched dollar for dollar by the Canadian government.

Quote:

"We were particularly inspired by this cause given the theme of this year's spring concert. Nature is integral to our identity as Canadians; the homes we build, the clothes we wear, and the music we create all reflect the four distinct and beautiful seasons we enjoy here. It can be a thing of beauty and renewal or it can be harsh and unrelenting, but it is always inspiring. The terrible destruction in Fort McMurray only served to reinforce the idea of how small we all are in the face of nature's power."

About Goulbourn Jubilee Singers

The Goulbourn Jubilee Singers is the longest established choir in the west end of Ottawa with members ranging in age from 8 to 80. The adult choir was established in 1977, the children's choir, Junior Jubilees, in 2000, and the teen choir in 2014. These non-auditioned choirs accept singers of all musical abilities. We are a fun-loving group of folks who come together to sing and enjoy social activities. If you share a love of music and good times, consider joining the Junior Jubilees, the GJ Teens or Goulbourn Jubilee Singers. Practices are every Wednesday night at Stittsville United Church. To learn more about the Goulbourn Jubilee Singers, visit <http://gjsingers.com>, or check us out on Facebook.