

at the Bridgeport Women's Shelter, the Bridgeport Men's Shelter, Operation Hope, the Sullivan-McKinney Elder Housing, the Meadow Ridge Senior Living Community in Redding and the Carolton Chronic and Convalescent Hospital in Fairfield. Your music brought peace and joy to the holiday season!

The Broadway Show and our biggest fundraiser, the Silent Auction, were a huge success as well, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Pooja Garg and Danni Curtis, who co-chaired the event. I would like also to shout out a big thank you to Heather Radia for her hard work on this auction and to all of our donors for believing in, and donating generously to, the FCCC.

My daughter Rachel, a former FCCC chorister, says, "Being in the choir was so much more than learning about music, singing and art. It was where I grew confident and developed a strong sense of self-worth. It was where I learned discipline and the importance of teamwork. It was where I participated in diverse experiences that helped shape my understanding of what it means to be human and part of a global society. It was where I contributed to a supportive community that was (and still is) always there for me. It was where I felt most myself, and most at home."

To all our readers, please continue to believe in us and to support us, for in Plato's words, which ring as true today as they did when first spoke them nearly two and a half millennia ago, "... Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other, because rhythm and melody find their way into the inward places of the soul, on which they mightily fasten, imparting grace ..."

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