

CHILDREN SING FOR PEACE



On Monday April 15th, two bombs exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, one of our City's most treasured and family-friendly events. Three were killed on site, hundreds were injured. Beyond those directly impacted were thousands of interwoven communities to which these folk belonged, including ours.

Eight-year-old Martin Richard lost his life. His sister Janey, a member of our Dorchester Kodaly Singing Class program, lost a leg, and their mother faces a long and difficult recovery.

Formulating Boston City Singers' response to these events was extremely challenging. All levels of our organization were deeply affected. After several days of thoughtful conversation, we developed a two-level approach:

1. Make preparations to support our families and their singers.
2. Plan a community concert to celebrate our neighborhood and support the beginning of the healing process.

Our *Children Sing for Peace* concert was held in the evening of Saturday, April 28th at St. Mark's Church in the heart of Dorchester. Hundreds of our neighbors came as did local and national media who covered our story with great skill and sensitivity. Guest musician Nick Page invited us all to "let the light in."

Boston City Singers' choruses were joined by the junior choristers of St. Paul's, Cambridge and the Choir of Men and Boys at All Saints, Ashmont.

Over \$4,000 was raised for the Richard Family Fund and One Fund Boston.

Our Tour Choir, Cantare and World Rhythm Ensemble participated in a second event on Sunday, April 29th at Trinity Church, Copley Square. The collaborative concert raised over \$5,000 for One Fund Boston and Louis Brown Peace Institute.



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"Our community is strong and nowhere is our resilience more visible than in our children and their beautiful voices. The youth of our neighborhoods do so much to uplift us every day. Our concert this evening is designed to be an evening to celebrate them and our shared spirit of community and peace."

— Jane Money, Boston City Singers
Founder, Artistic and Education Director
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I don't do great things. I do small things with great love. — Mother Teresa

Peace is not the product of a victory or a command. Peace is a never-ending process . . . — Oscar Arias

It takes courage for a person to listen to his own goodness and act on it. — Pablo Casals