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Dear Arts Lover,

Messiah is a great and powerful work that resonates in the hearts of its audience and creators throughout the year.

For over 55 years, the Michigan City community has been blessed with an annual December performance of this great work. I am inviting you to join our NEW tradition of "raising up" our Messiah reserve fund throughout the year to a level that allows us financial stability to proceed with the next phase of planning and preparations.

We have a goal to raise \$3,000 by December 1st so that planning and preparations may go forward with abundant faith that this grand and glorious tradition will continue in good health.

As we project and protect our future endeavors, I am excited to share with you we have become an Not For Profit (NFP) Corporation in the state of Indiana and are working toward our own, individual 501c3 status with the IRS. We are expanding our funding opportunities within the community and now more than ever, need your support to ensure the future projects and activities are successful.

Every month there are meetings and activities related to the next highly anticipated performance of *Messiah*. The planning never stops and so we need the financial support to keep pace, not just coming in one short window of time.

I am asking you to consider becoming a member of the ANGEL Club with a donation of \$100. This past season we squeaked by financially while artistically, we surpassed the high benchmark set in the previous seasons. With new leadership, the formation of a steering committee and soon a board of directors, the Michigan City Messiah is taking a large leap of faith that the good Lord will provide. He DOES provide, He DID provide and I have faith He WILL provide for those that ask in HIS name.

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While the bulk of our work is accomplished in October through December, the Messiah Steering Committee meets regularly throughout the year. There are expenses incurred year-round and knowing there is money in the bank to move forward gives everyone peace of mind. ANGEL (**A Necessary Gift Ensuring Longevity**) funds will get us through the lean months and provide the resources necessary to engage our guest artists, prepare for rehearsals and advance publicity for the performance.

We pride ourselves in presenting this uplifting experience to the community free of charge. In a spirit of outreach, mission and community engagement, this undertaking brings healing, beauty, joy, tears and compassion to all who seek it. It has become a treasured GIFT to the community.

I ask for your help in ensuring the next 50 years. We ask for your assistance, prayers and support. We look forward to once again singing "Hallelujah."

Musically Yours,



Philip Bauman
Music Director, Michigan City Messiah

Yes I would like to become an ANGEL member of the Michigan City Messiah

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Name as it should appear in the program: _____

Payment Method: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Paypal visit

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