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## **Dakota Choral Union establishes Endowment Fund at Black Hills Area Community Foundation**

Fund will benefit from Beverly & Lloyd Paulson Family Fund endowment challenge

RAPID CITY, SD—July 15, 2010— The Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) announced the establishment of a new endowment fund benefiting the Dakota Choral Union (DCU). Presenting the inaugural donation were DCU Board members Patty Tlustos and Deanne Farrar, and Artistic Director Caroline Brown (see attached photo). BHACF Executive Director, Regina Jahr, acknowledged the importance of the contribution, “We are very pleased to serve as DCU’s endowment partner. This organization, which enriches our Black Hills community through the performance of choral music, is also working to secure its financial future. Distributions from this fund will assure that their music will inspire and entertain audiences in the years to come.”

### **BHACF AUGMENTS FUND**

Separate from the initial funding, this endowment contribution will benefit from the endowment challenge launched by the Beverly and Lloyd Paulson Family Fund and BHACF. Earnings from the first year on the Paulson Family’s endowment are being used to fund the matching grant, encouraging new contributions to area organizations.

The Paulson Family fund will match 5 percent on contributions made this year to a new or existing endowment fund that benefits a charitable agency. BHACF will provide an additional 5% from its grantmaking funds. The maximum match offered to any one fund is \$10,000. The challenge will end either when the entire \$100,000 has been committed or on December 31, 2010.

### **DCU FEATURED ON [WWW.GIVEBLACKHILLS.ORG](http://WWW.GIVEBLACKHILLS.ORG)**

In addition to partnering with BHACF on its endowment fund, DCU is one of 97 Black Hills Area charities featured on BHACF’s e-philanthropy site, [www.giveblackhills.org](http://www.giveblackhills.org). Donors can support local causes by making secure credit card donations through the site and BHACF grants those donations to the designated charities. “Contributions are vital to providing quality musical experiences for our singers and audiences in a variety of settings,” said Brown. In addition to its formal season of classical concerts, DCU will perform at the August 16, 2010 Naturalization Ceremony for new American citizens at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

### **ABOUT BLACK HILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

BHACF holds endowment funds for 18 agencies in the Black Hills area, as well as donor advised funds and scholarship funds. Through its tax-exempt charitable status, it enables people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about and programs that improve the quality of life in the Black Hills. Such participation can occur immediately or over time through estate planning.

Individuals interested in making a donation to the Dakota Choral Union Endowment Fund or learning more about the Black Hills Area Community Foundation should contact: Regina Jahr, Executive Director, at [bhcfoundation@rushmore.com](mailto:bhcfoundation@rushmore.com) or by calling 605.718.0112.

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