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The Jim Moran Foundation Provides Grant to Further Children’s Singing Program in The Glades

The Jim Moran Foundation announced the award of a 3-year \$105,000 grant to the award-winning Young Singers of the Palm Beaches. This grant provides the funding to expand the “Choir in the Glades” free satellite choral instruction program that Young Singers started in 2014 in the underserved Glades region of Palm Beach County. Just as the original non-profit started, the Choir in the Glades began with several dozen elementary school children and is now able to expand into middle school, allowing current members to continue to grow with the Glades community children’s choir.

Choir in the Glades is led by music professionals living in the Glades community, and provides vocal instruction, singing and life skills enrichment during after-school hours. As our current choir members progress through school, having a middle school choir for them to continue singing with is an important asset to open vistas for their future success. Plans are underway to present the Middle School program as a partnership with Lake Shore Middle School in Belle Glade this coming fall. More details are forthcoming on the program.

Young Singers of the Palm Beaches is extremely grateful to The Jim Moran Foundation for recognizing and fulfilling this need. Beth Clark, Young Singers’ CEO expressed her gratitude: “This grant will open the doors for this wonderful program, giving middle school students interested in singing exciting, rewarding and meaningful experiences. We are beyond thrilled that The Jim Moran Foundation will be helping us fulfill the dire need for substantial arts programming out in the western part of our county.”

The Jim Moran Foundation is gratified to support such a high-quality organization. The mission of The Jim Moran Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the youth and families of Florida by supporting innovative programs and opportunities, like Choir in the Glades. The Foundation was started in 2000 by automotive pioneer Jim Moran. The Foundation has invested nearly \$65 million in education, elder care, family strengthening, and youth transitional living initiatives since its inception, with efforts currently focused in Broward, Palm Beach and Duval counties. To learn more, visit www.jimmoranfoundation.org or call (954) 429-2122.

Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, based at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach, is in its 14th season as Palm Beach County's award-winning community children's chorus. They serve over 350 singers in their six core choirs, as well as over a thousand children in their after-school and summer outreach programs, like Choir in the Glades. Partnering with other community organizations enables Young Singers to fulfill their mission: "building life skills through music." For more information, visit www.yspb.org or call (561) 659-2332.