



OVERTONE VISIONARIES REPORT

May 1–October 31, 2025

Dear Donors,

As Chair of the Philanthropy Committee, I have been fortunate to meet and personally thank many of you. For those I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting, please know how deeply I appreciate all the ways you support Sweet Adelines and help our mission thrive.

As I reflect on what Sweet Adelines have achieved over the past 80 years, I am proud and in awe of how far this organization has come. Because of your partnerships, we have been able to provide more than ever. In this report, you will learn more about how generous funding provides for enhanced and expanded learning opportunities, impactful scholarships, and outreach to young singers.

Every donation of any amount makes a difference. In this report, we highlight a few donors whose love for this organization inspired them to help fund the many programs that make the Sweet Adelines experience unique and beloved.

Thanks to everyone of you for helping to Build Our Future Together.

With sincere appreciation,

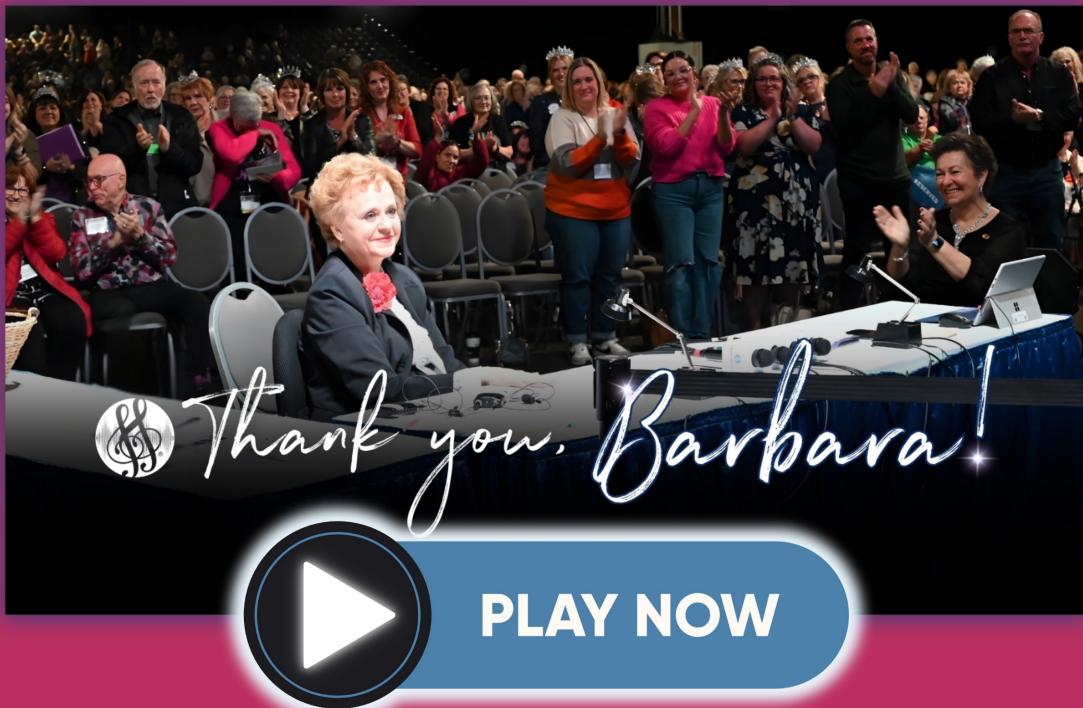
Janice McKenna

*Chair, Philanthropy Committee
International Board of Directors*



Celebrating our Donors in Columbus

As we ended our time at the 77th International Convention and Competition in Columbus, Ohio (USA), we learned how impactful this organization has been for one of our members, Barbara A. Nielsen. Barbara has chosen to leave a legacy gift with a current value of \$500,000 USD to Sweet Adelines International. Her generosity will establish the Barbara A. Nielsen Endowment Fund, dedicated to supporting Judge Scholarships, Education, and Training. This remarkable gift reflects Barbara's lifelong love for Sweet Adelines and her commitment to ensuring our organization continues to grow and thrive for generations to come.





Celebrating our Donors in Columbus!

We celebrated the generosity of our donors in Columbus in the donor suite and during special events like the Major Donor Luncheon and the Toast of Celebration. The support of our donors make it possible for us to continue building our future for generations to come.



Challenge Exceeded!

and WE DID IT TOGETHER!

During the 77th International Convention and Competition in Columbus, Ohio (USA), our International Board of Directors (IBOD) and an anonymous donor gave \$40,000 USD. Attendees and viewers of the webcast were challenged to match that to raise \$80,000 in celebration of our 80 years as an organization. Thanks to you, we met that challenge! The future of Sweet Adelines is bright, and we are so proud to be part of the celebration of all we have achieved together.



A FEW PETS EVEN TUNED IN!



2024–2025 Donor Impact

Education Fund

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Judge Training Program and Rising Star Quartet Contest were both fully funded this year. Generous contributions totaling \$100,000 USD completely funded the in-person judge training event in Tulsa. *Thanks to your donations, 49 Sweet Adelines judges were able to train in person for the first time since 2018.*

Sweet Adelines' *e-learning platform* continues to expand access to world-class education. We are currently focused on creating innovative curriculum content and delivering high-quality online education to advance barbershop learning.

The newest classes on the e-learning platform are from the Jurassic Chords retreat. Access to these classes is made possible by two donors whose gifts funded videography during the live sessions in Tulsa.

Other programs currently available on the e-learning platform are the *Directors Certification Program and select classes from the most recent Directors and Visual Leaders Seminar*. Your gifts to the Education Fund allow us to continue to enhance our e-learning platform, providing valuable resources and educational opportunities for our members.



We're so grateful for your support! Tap or scan the QR code to hear our judges share their heartfelt thanks—your generosity keeps the music alive. You don't want to miss this one, it's truly worth hearing!!



2024–2025 Donor Impact

Scholarship Fund

Scholarship opportunities that empower emerging leaders and talented singers to pursue their dreams are advanced through your giving to the Scholarship Fund. Each gift helps provide access to meaningful educational opportunities for judges, directors and arrangers, empowering members who might otherwise miss out.



We are thrilled to announce a new scholarship!

PAT OSTRANDER **4-STAR COLLECTION** **QUARTET** SCHOLARSHIP



Pat Ostrander, the lead of 1997 International Champion Quartet 4-Star Collection, generously funded this new scholarship to help developing quartets cover fees and expenses for educational events as they grow in the art of barbershop singing.



2024–2025 Donor Impact

Young Singers Fund

DONORS SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING KEY PRIORITIES FOR YOUNG SINGERS

Sweet Adelines International is opening new doors for the next generation of singers. This year, the Education Department launched a *youth chorus affiliate membership* pilot program for established school-based choruses—a fresh, flexible pathway into Sweet Adelines for young singers. It's a new way to connect with music educators and invite more students into the barbershop experience. Your support of the *Young Singers Fund* helps expand these opportunities and empower young voices.

Rising Star Quartet Contest – Underwritten by generous donors, the Rising Star Quartet Contest gives women 25 and under the chance to sing barbershop, shine on stage, and make lifelong friends.

Music education grants, supported by donors, help bring barbershop harmony to the next generation—funding festivals, workshops, and performances for young singers.

GRANT CYCLE 1

Awarded five grants awarded totaling \$12,050 in 2025-2026



Thank you for your generosity and support of our vision. Together we see the future!

The following is a list of donors who contributed between May 1 – October 31, 2025.

Some of the challenge gifts that helped turn \$40,000 into \$80,000 were received after October 31, 2025, the end date for this report. These gifts will be included in the next issue.

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Thank You!

