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**Chicago Children's Choir Awarded \$50,000 Grant from Allstate Insurance Company**

*Grant Supports Voice of Chicago Ensemble to Empower Youth*

**CHICAGO** – Chicago Children's Choir (CCC) announced today that they are the recipient of a corporate grant from Allstate Insurance Company, guaranteeing \$50,000 in direct support of CCC's premier ensemble, Voice of Chicago. With over 100 participants, ages 12-18, the grant will make it possible for CCC to continue providing rigorous choral training and experiences that strengthen social and emotional learning skills while empowering participants to become leaders within and outside of CCC.

"The Voice of Chicago ensemble is made up of hard working and forward-thinking individuals who pour their heart and soul into honing their craft, as well as bettering their communities and becoming global citizens," said Josephine Lee, CCC President and Artistic Director. "We are honored to receive such a generous grant from Allstate, allowing us to continue our mission of impacting the lives of so many through music."

Voice of Chicago was chosen to receive this grant for its commitment to impacting communities and changing lives through music. Voice of Chicago students are not just members of an elite ensemble, they serve as spokespeople for CCC's mission and role models for thousands of their peers, earning the opportunity to serve as leaders on the Singers Council, and gaining extensive experience speaking in front of important audiences, such as CCC's board of directors, community leaders, and their younger CCC peers.

"Allstate believes good starts young. We are committed to investing in programs that equip youth with the skills they need to be successful in life" said Kate Nack, Director of Social Innovation and The Allstate Foundation. "That's why we are thrilled to support CCC's Voice of Chicago ensemble in building the next generation of leaders and artists."

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### **About Chicago Children's Choir**

Chicago Children's Choir (CCC) is the nation's preeminent youth choral organization, serving 5,000 students across the city of Chicago. Founded in Hyde Park in direct response to the Civil Rights Movement in 1956, CCC has grown from one choir into a vast network of in-school and after-school programs driven by one mission: to inspire and change lives through music.

Since its founding, CCC has focused on building programs that reflect the racial and economic diversity of Chicago. Eighty percent of youth served are from low-moderate income homes, with over 4,000 students participating completely free of charge. All singers in CCC programs receive some level of subsidy. High School seniors enrolled in CCC have a 100% graduation and college acceptance rate, becoming global ambassadors who carry on CCC's core values in a wide array of professional fields.