



**MidSouth Music Institute, Inc.**

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"Making a better world through the gift of song and people"

Dear Community Partner,

The MidSouth Music Institute, Inc. is a local non-profit organization that supports a choral music education program called CoroRio. We currently work with over 150 students in grades 1-12 from public, private, parochial and home schools to "make a better world through the gift of song." It is a tuition based program, but we give \$10,000 in scholarships each year to students who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate and need the *discipline, leadership, confidence and team-building skills that we foster in our students*. **Research shows that a well-rounded education that includes high quality instruction in the arts is key to transforming communities and the young people who will be the leaders of tomorrow.** We also support a community adult program and sponsor professional development workshops for the public and private school music educators in the area as a service to the community. We present several concerts a year and also perform for different community functions, as well as for local nursing homes and hospitals. We recently launched a facility campaign that would allow us to expand our programming to include senior citizens, special needs, and pre-school programs through other music avenues such as keyboard classes, drumming circles, guitar classes, and other instrumental options.

CoroRio is hosting our second annual fundraising dinner, Gala del Rio, on Friday, November 30th, at The Red Barn Hernando. The Mississippi River Chorale and Ictus (our adult groups) are going to provide a concert and dinner entertainment for the evening, in addition to some cabaret style acts, a silent auction, and wine pull. This fundraiser is a vital part of our organization's growth for future endeavors such as our facility campaign and expanded programs for our children and youth. You can find more specific details about the event on our website, [www.cororio.org](http://www.cororio.org).

**We are looking for businesses who share our heart for young people and the future of our community and would be willing to partner with us by providing silent auction items for the Gala del Rio.** In response to your philanthropy, we would like to express our gratitude by listing you as a donating partner on the event page on our website and acknowledging you as a donor at the event on November 30th. We will also be giving shout-outs to partners through social media leading up to the event. Donated items are considered a 501(c)3 tax-deductible contribution to the MidSouth Music Institute, Inc.

Thank you in advance for considering this partnership. We look forward to working together with you to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Tabitha Wadkins  
Director of Marketing and Development, MMI



**Donor Registration Form**

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Media: (please give account names for tagging)** **Facebook:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instagram:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Twitter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Item Donated:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Value:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MMI Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

*~ Please return to Tabitha Wadkins no later than November 26, 2018.~*

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Deductible Contribution letter delivered
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business listed as donor on Gala del Rio webpage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Placard made for donated item at the Gala
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social media shout-out