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The SYMPHONIA ANNOUNCES NEW STRING OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR UNDERSERVED KIDS IN DELRAY BEACH

Boca Raton, FL --The SYMPHONIA, South Florida's world-class chamber orchestra, has just unveiled its new outreach program, *Building a String Orchestra and Self-Esteem*. The Symphonia is pairing up with Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach to create a sustainable String Outreach Program for underprivileged children. This program is made possible through a Great Ideas grant from Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

The Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach provides after school care for children who are at risk. This program is funded by The Children's Services Council, a special district created by Palm Beach County voters, which provides leadership, funding and research on behalf of the county's children so they grow up healthy, safe and strong.

The new String Outreach Program will serve as a developmental program for students. It will encourage students to express themselves in new and positive ways while helping children to become more confident and productive citizens in our community.

Building a String Orchestra and Self-Esteem will expose children to classical instruments and music, both through hands-on experience and as audience members. The program will include the children and their families as partners in the process of building their own String Orchestra.

Children ages 6-9 will be introduced to the program, which will be ongoing annually, by receiving one-hour instructional sessions in small groups of 3-4 children. As the children progress, one-on-one tutoring will be offered through pre-planned scheduling. Each child will receive two lessons a week. At the end of the semester, a Symphonia String Quartet will perform for and play side-by-side with the children, allowing them to show the skills they have learned to their families and friends.

“Studies show how important music is to academic achievement. Unfortunately, what we see in schools too often is, when faced with budget cuts, arts programs disappear first. By introducing a music program to the Boys & Girls Club, The Symphonia will not only teach these children how to play a musical instrument, but the kids will also gain skills that come with practicing an instrument and performing,” Annabel Russell, Executive Director of The Symphonia said.

For more information on this program, visit thesymphonia.org or call 1-866-687-4201.

About The SYMPHONIA | Boca Raton

The SYMPHONIA, recognized as the region’s world-class chamber orchestra, provides high quality classical music for the enjoyment and benefit of the South Florida community. The SYMPHONIA’S performances and educational outreach programs feature nationally and internationally acclaimed conductors and soloists, enhancing the cultural lives of area residents, with special emphasis on its younger citizens.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

Founded in 1971, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit youth development organization dedicated to promoting the educational, vocational, health, leadership and character of boys and girls in a safe, nurturing environment. Thirteen Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Palm Beach County serve more than 8,000 children ages 6 - 18. In addition to a safe, fun and constructive alternative to being home alone, the club provides development programs to help youth build life skills, self-esteem and values during critical periods of growth. It is one of 13 Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Palm Beach County. For more information, please visit www.bgcpcb.org or call 561-683-3287.

About Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, a special-purpose government established by Palm Beach County voters in 1986 and reauthorized in 2014, provides leadership, funding, services and research on behalf of the county's children so they grow up healthy, safe and strong. For more information, visit www.cscpcb.org or contact Shana Cooper, Public Information Officer, at 561.374.7570 or shana.cooper@cscpcb.org.

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