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## THE SANTA FE DESERT CHORALE

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FEDERAL TAX ID 85-0300479

# Leader, Interfaith Community Shelter Choral Program

## General Description

Musically program and lead the Chorus at the Interfaith Community Shelter (Pete's Place).

## Goal

Providing Arts Access to members of the community who would not have the opportunity to participate in musical activities otherwise.

## Duties

- Plan, select, and execute the music to be used at each rehearsal
- Hire and supervise rehearsal pianist
- Recruit and encourage guests to participate in the weekly program
- Assist and supervise set up of rehearsal space every Wednesday at 9:00am and clean-up space at 11:00am
- Conduct weekly rehearsals every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:00am

## Skills

- Knowledge of wide range of choral music
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work effectively with wide range of people and personalities
- Flexibility in rehearsal and repertoire management
- Ability to motivate and inspire others
- Ability to arrange music appropriate to skill level of the chorus (much will be learned by rote) that is uplifting, fun, and challenging in unison or two-part harmony
- Ability to model and control the room

## Additional Requirements

- Choral conducting background required
- Ability to lift and move up to 30lbs required
- Music education experience preferred
- Experience with marginalized communities preferred
- Spanish-language ability preferred

## Additional Qualities

- General flexibility and patience
- Sense of humor and warm personality
- Commitment to team work and collaboration
- Ability to foster dignity, joy, and a safe space for participation
- Preparation of at least 2-3 alternative plans for each rehearsal

**Additional Qualities (continued)**

- Hold singers musically accountable through legitimate rehearsal techniques while understanding when to let go (Ex: attention to texts, phrasing, consonants, etc.)
- Establish relationships with chorus members, facility staff, and volunteers
- When possible and appropriate, integrate story-telling and group sharing into rehearsals

**Reporting Structure**

- Report to Executive Director of the Santa Fe Desert Chorale (SFDC)
- Work in collaboration with the Community Liaison of the SFDC
- Work in partnership with staff and volunteers at the Pete's Place

**Start Date:** As soon as practical

**Schedule:** Every Wednesday from 9:00-11:30am; schedule may fluctuate on semi-annual performance weeks

**Compensation:** \$40 per hour/\$100 per week on a contractual basis (no benefits)

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Please email resume and cover letter to Emma Marzen, Box Office Manager & Community Liaison at [emma@desertchorale.org](mailto:emma@desertchorale.org).