

## City Choir Elite Donor Category: 2018-19 Season Underwriters

### Definition:

A “season underwriter” individual or couple signs a committed pledge form no later than December 31, 2018 offering an infusion of new money at the \$5,000 level or above to be paid between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. This contribution is not based on cumulative giving for the past year or year and a half, as we do when we list donors in our concert program booklets. It’s an annual injection of new revenue that we can count on when we budget and plan our seasons. Information and pledge forms may be obtained from season underwriter liaison to the Board, Barbara Greene, reachable at [essexroad@aol.com](mailto:essexroad@aol.com).

### Benefits:

- Special recognition in concert programs throughout the 2018-19 concert season
- For those submitting pledges to renew by April 8, 2018, listing in the new season brochure
- Two free subscriptions to our 4-concert 2018-19 series [value is not tax-exempt]. For individuals “sharing” a sponsorship at \$2500 each, one free subscription is offered to each
- Invitation to an annual Spring Gathering of Season Underwriters with Bob & Sharon Shafer [typically a brunch or late afternoon dinner buffet].
- Invitations to other exclusive meet and greet events, as they arise, at no additional cost to you. These are often at private homes, embassies, other prestigious venues with Robert Shafer, concert artists, Board members and a limited number of others equally committed to the financial well being of The City Choir of Washington
- In addition to being able to direct that your donation is in honor of someone or in memory of someone, the ability, if you so choose, to earmark a portion of your contribution to a specific budget area. For example under concert production costs, \$5K would partially pay for the professional soloists at one of our concerts. The instrumentalists for a particular concert can cost up to \$20K. Direct costs for an individual concert can easily reach \$40K and ticket sales do not begin to cover these expenses. Or a portion of your contribution could be directed to City Singers, our outreach group that brings music to those who can not easily come to us – folks in nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, retirement communities, shelters, assisted living facilities.
- The heartfelt appreciation you will receive from our artistic director, staff, and large cadre of professional-caliber volunteer singers who come from a broad geographic area to be part of our City Choir family.