



A gift to SONG

It was with hearts full of gratitude that the Shelter Valley Folk Festival Board representative Deborah Hackett, and Artistic Director Lesley Marie Boileau completed our final charitable act as an organization.

It was the unanimous decision of the SVFF Board of Directors to donate the financial proceeds of our organization to Sounds of the Next Generation, a local charity which charitable objects that very much are in line with the festivals.

Sounds of the Next Generation (SONG) is a free, socially inclusive choral and orchestral after-school music program for under-served children and youth in Northumberland County. Inspired by [el Sistema](#), SONG promotes social development through the pursuit of musical excellence.

We feel humbled that the Board of SONG has chosen to use our gift of \$10,000.00 over the next 5 years to support their 'Artists in the Classroom' project, as a legacy honouring the work of Shelter Valley Folk Festival to influence the children of Northumberland County for good.

The impact of the Shelter Valley Folk Festival on the musical and artistic culture in Northumberland County is undisputed. We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of this wonderful story.

As Festival Director Emeritus, Aengus Finnan, voiced so movingly, "I too am proud of all that came and went and the constant rebirth of good".

The intersectionality of our organizations cannot be overstated. We share similar values, key volunteers and donors. Artistic Director, Marie Anderson, was part of the original organizing committee of the Waterfront Festival in Cobourg in the 1980s, a festival that was used as a template for the Shelter Valley Folk Festival.

The Shelter Valley Folk Festival community is encouraged by the Board to look at the website of [SONG](#), and see if there's a place for you in the ongoing charitable aims of this organization.

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Deborah Hackett, Board, Lesley Marie Boileau, AD, Jennifer Darrell, volunteer for both organizations, Shannon Linton, Co-founder and Choral Facilitator of SONG, and Nicole Beatty, SONG Board of Directors.



This email is our last communication as a festival and charitable organization to our stakeholders, friends, and community. Thank you to all for your love, friendship, hard work, and support over the years.

Let Shelter Valley live on in your hearts and your lives - in the friendships formed, the skills honed, the beautiful memories, and the knowledge that it can be done - that communities can come together, formed of strangers who become family, to make something beautiful and positive that touches so many lives.

We look forward to working with you to create more beauty through community.

- Shelter Valley Folk Festival Board of Directors