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Coral Cantigas increases awareness and appreciation of the many rich styles of Latino (Latin American, Spanish and Caribbean) choral music, and promotes diversity by uniting communities through the joyful and transformative power of music.

Coral Cantigas (choral songs) is named after *cantigas*, Spanish homophonic songs of the 13th Century that developed from both folkloric music and sacred chant.

April 13, 2010

The American Red Cross
International Response Fund
P.O. Box 37243
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Coral Cantigas, Washington's premier Latino chorus, collected \$2,449 for the Haiti and Chile Relief efforts during its recent **Canto y Poesía: Songs of Freedom** concert. We decided to forward these funds to those in need through the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

By having a special collection during this concert, where the choral music of Chile and Haiti were highlighted, we hoped to bring comfort to those affected by recent earthquakes in those countries. The money collected (personal and cashier's checks made payable to the American Red Cross) should be equally split between Chile and Haiti as indicated in the attached table. Both embassies have been notified of these efforts.

These disasters hit very close to home in the Coral Cantigas family. Relatives of two members live in Chile and, thankfully, they are all fine. Also, a former choir member, currently living in Haiti and now trying to rebuild her life, is lucky to have been out of that country when the quake hit.

Coral Cantigas is honored to have served as an instrument for these very worthy causes, giving voice to those in need.

Sincerely,

Ana Astrid Molina
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Attachments: Envelope with collected funds (\$2,449 total)
Table with the distribution of collected funds between Haiti and Chile
Canto y Poesía: Songs of Freedom concert program

Cc: H.E. Ambassador of Haiti Raymond Alcide Joseph
S. Rosenberg, Embassy of Haiti, Cultural Affairs Office
H.E. Ambassador of Chile (To Be Designated)
Natalia Allende, Embassy of Chile, Cultural Department