

## Contributions

### Your Gift Will Be Set To Music

Symphonic music is an extremely expensive art form. Individual members of the orchestra make modest sums of money for their years of study and talent. However, the bottom line is quite large because of the many musicians involved.

The national average of all of the symphony orchestras in the United States reveals that only 50% of the costs of production and presentation are covered by ticket sales. Even with every seat in the house sold, symphony orchestras must continually raise money to compensate for the difference with fundraising events, grants, sponsorships, and individual contributions.

Donations to the annual fund of the ECSO are crucial for our operation.

You may wish to also consider making a contribution in honor of a special event such as an anniversary, honorarium, birthday, or in memoriam. We will gladly send a note advising the person(s) honored in the case of a happy occasion. In the case of a memorial gift, we will send an appropriate note of your recognition to the bereaved family.

Acknowledgements for tax purposes will be sent to you promptly, and your name will be printed in the annual program booklet distributed at the concerts.

Planned giving which can be used for the perpetual care of the ECSO and service to future generations, is an additional option to explore. Without doubt, endowment funds and planned giving are crucial for all non-profit organizations. Without them, the ECSO and other such groups are held hostage to the economic vagaries which can wipe out years of progress and success. The ECSO has an endowment which must, should, and will grow, as we all work together.

Please call the ECSO office at 860-443-2876 and speak to Isabelle Singer, ECSO Executive Director, for further information.

We encourage you to use both methods of support, if you can. We will be eternally grateful!

Help provide music for "ears" to come!