



On behalf of the Hearts With A Mission Board of Directors, we would like to extend our sincerest apology to the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and to Neumann United Methodist Church for the decision to not accept a donation from the concert event. We realize the decision to refer the funds to another non-profit was a mistake.

We sincerely apologize to the LGBTQ community for the offense we caused. This decision did not reflect our commitment to foster relationships within our whole community. We have reached out to our local LGBTQ community and have accepted their generous offer of LGBTQ diversity training for both our Board of Directors and staff. Our board is also reviewing our current policies and procedures to ensure they truly reflect our hearts, who we truly are and how we have always and will always care for our youth.

Hearts With A Mission believes in helping all youth, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or ethnicity, while respecting their differences and individuality. Our staff works hard to establish genuine relationships with our kids, no matter their background, current status, or future endeavors. We have always and will always ensure all youth feel accepted and valued for who they are. It is our actions now and over the coming months and years that will make the difference.

Please, if possible, find it within yourself to accept our sincerest of apologies as we aim to correct our mishandling of the generous funds that were donated by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus through the Neumann United Methodist Church. Even as adults we make mistakes. We are truly sorry for what happened and that we let you down. We take full responsibility for any pain or frustration this has caused you. Moving forward, we will work diligently to ensure no one feels hurt, offended, or misrepresented as a direct result from any decision we make as an organization. We acknowledge it will take time to gain back the trust that was lost, but we hope through your forgiveness and our dedicated efforts, Hearts With A Mission will set an example for you to be proud of.