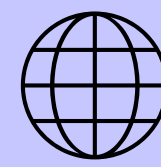




Creating choirs for people living with Alzheimer's
(and other dementias) and their care partners



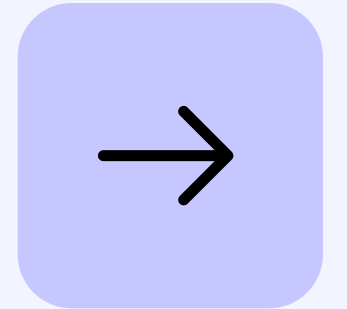
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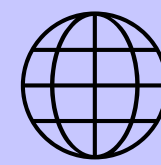
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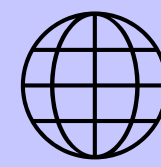
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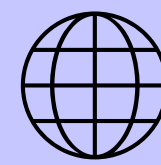
Who We Are

Twin Cities based nonprofit that supports and inspires the creation of choirs for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias and their care partners

Photo from 2025 Giving Voice Conference



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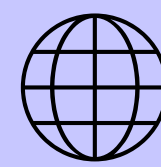
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Our Founders Marge & Mary

Our Story



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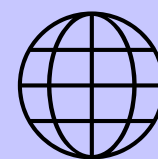


The Giving Voice Chorus Model

Our proven program model



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The Giving Voice Chorus Model

The St. Paul Giving Voice Chorus
at the JCC



Choir Composition



Rehearsal Format



***Dementia-Friendly
Practices***



Rehearsal Structure



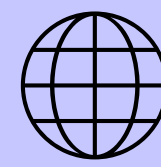
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***Performance
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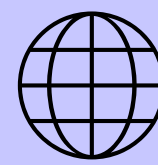


Choir Composition

- The choir is composed of:
 - 2/3rds “duets” (person living with dementia and their care partner)
 - 1/3rd volunteer singers
 - Volunteer singers help round out the vocal sound
 - May sit with a singer living with dementia to provide support as needed
 - May allow care partner to sing in their own section
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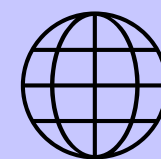
Rehearsal Format

- Rehearsals are 1.5 hours long, scheduled in the late morning or early afternoon
- Each session includes a social/snack time, held either before or after rehearsal

The Infamous snacks of
Crosstown Giving Voice Chorus



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2025 Volunteer Training St. Paul
Giving Voice Chorus

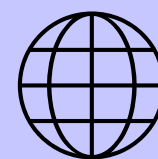


Dementia-Friendly Practices

- Trained staff and volunteers
- Dementia-friendly environment
- Carefully selected music
- Adapted choral music & lyric sheets
- Clearly formatted music binders
- Practice tracks
- Name tags and a consistent seating chart
- A consistent rehearsal structure



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Who We Are



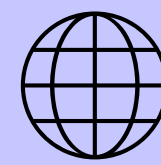
Rehearsal Structure

Move 'n Groove Moment

- Welcome and opening
- Vocal warm-up
- Music rehearsal
- Social engagement activity
- Music rehearsal
- "Move and Groove"
- Music rehearsal
- Closing song



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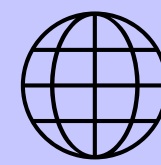


Semester Schedule

- Each semester spans 12 to 15 weeks, culminating in a public performance.
- The semester ends with a celebration and feedback session, allowing participants to reflect and share their experiences.



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Giving Voice Network Choir
Resounding Voices

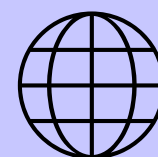


Performance Details

- Singers wear coordinated concert attire: white shirts, black pants, and purple scarves.
- Performances are enriched with singer stories that highlight individual voices and experiences.
- A reception follows each performance



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Empowerment & Purpose

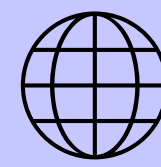
Community

Joy

Redefining the Stigma



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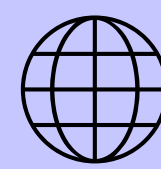


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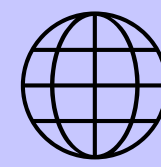
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Giving Voice Toolkit+

Giving Voice Network



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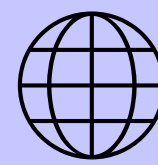
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Choirs in the Twin Cities operated by Giving Voice



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St. Paul at JCC



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Crosstown at Meetinghouse Church



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St. Paul at House of Hope



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Bloomington at Schmitt Music

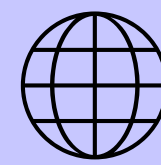


Sabios Cantores

at CLUES, DARTS, & Tyrone Guzman



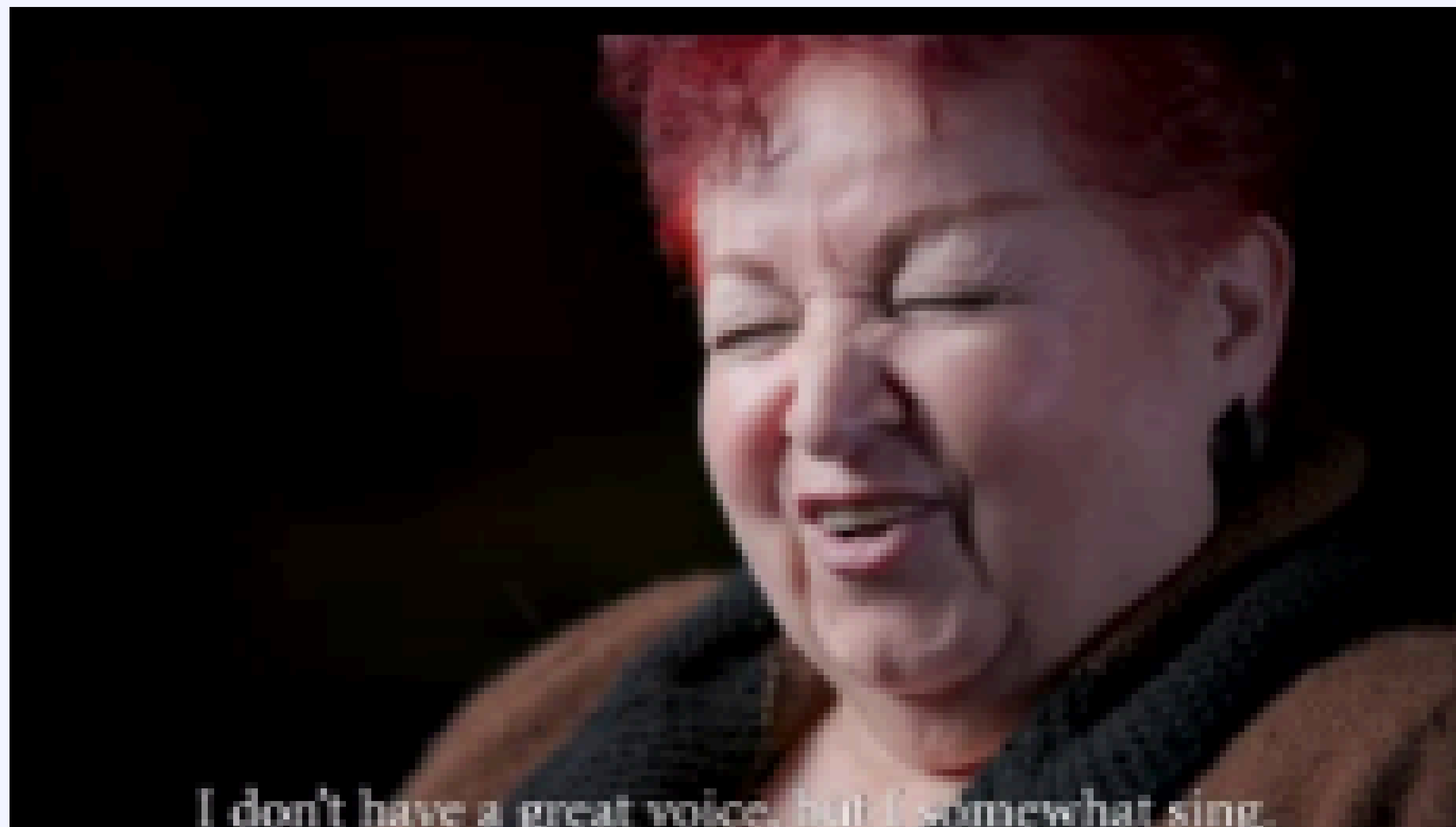
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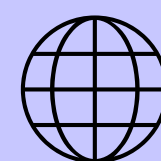
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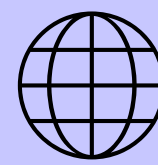
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A comprehensive guide to starting a dementia choir in your community.



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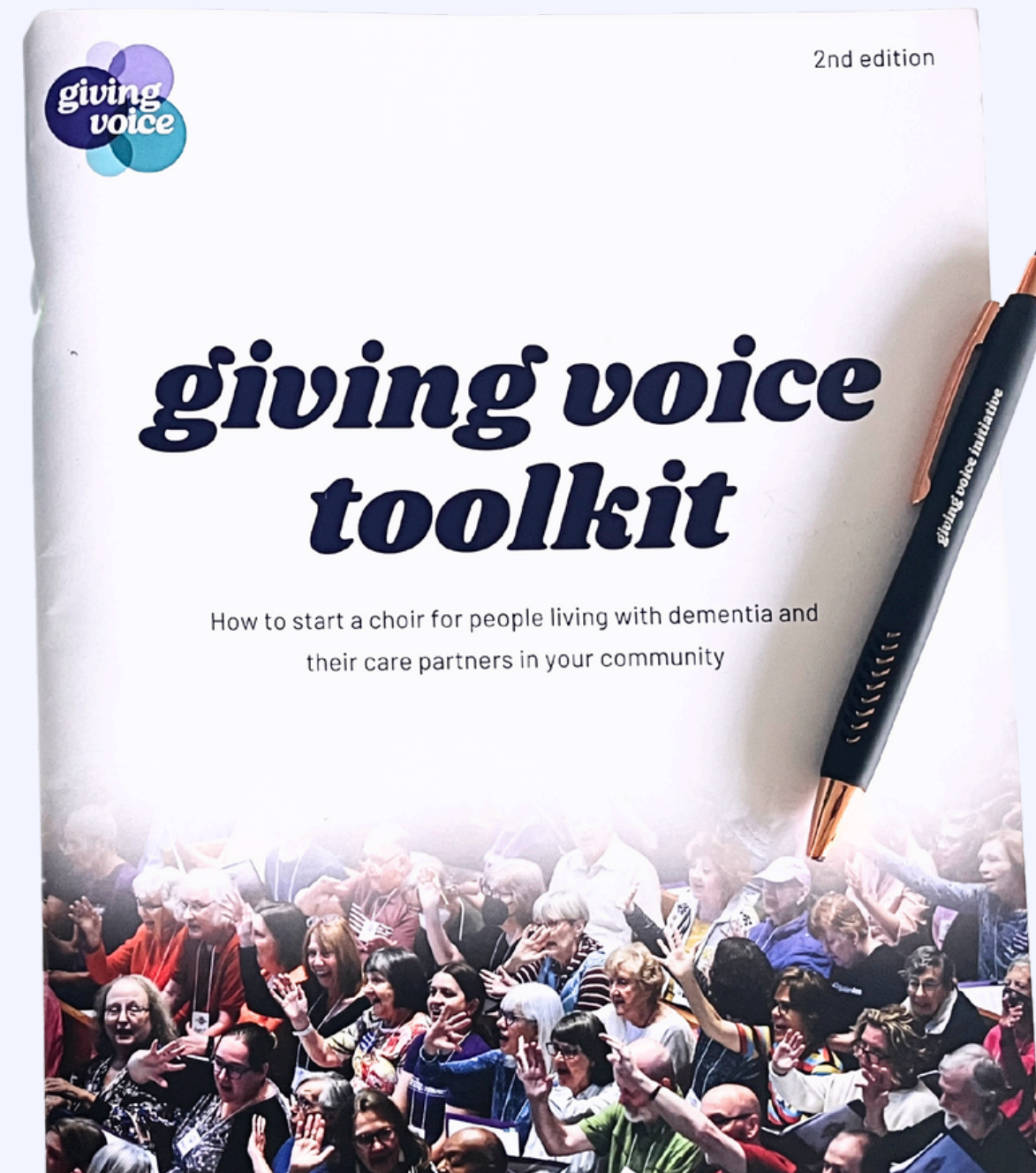


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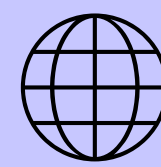


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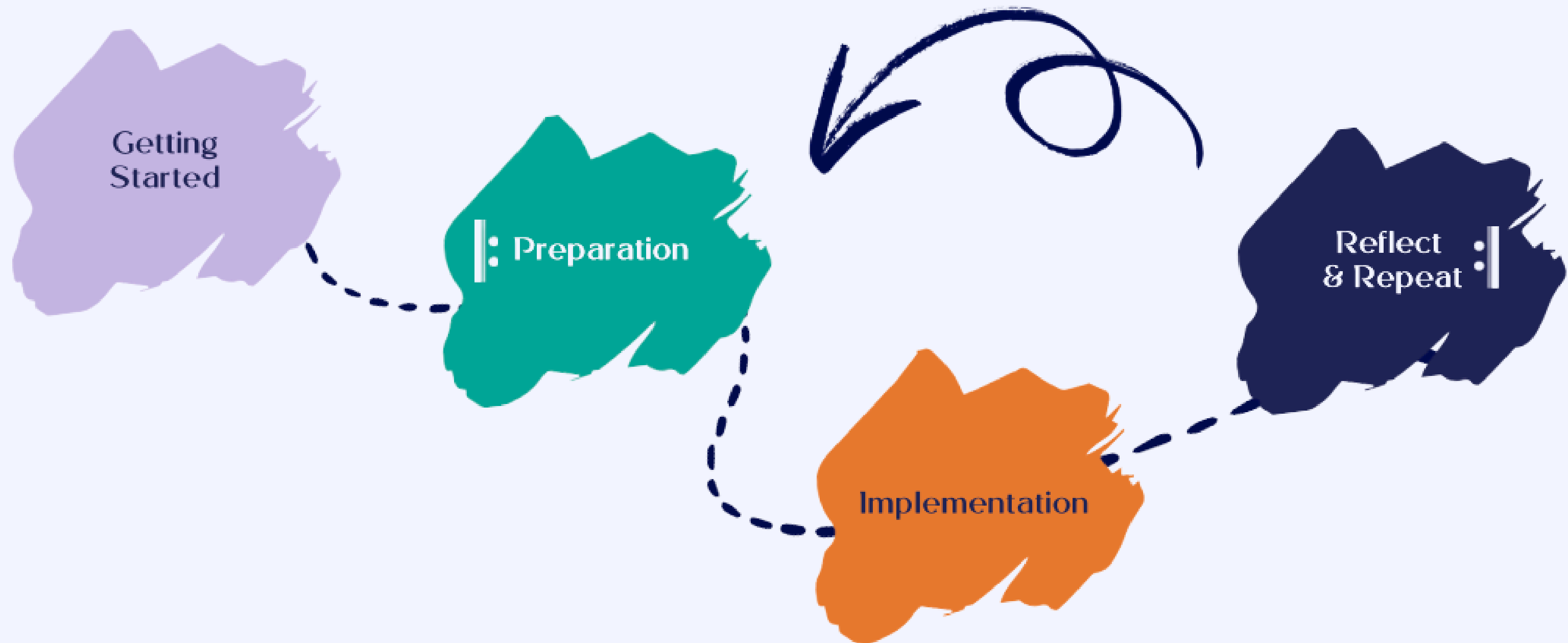
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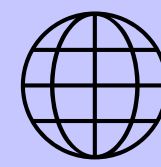
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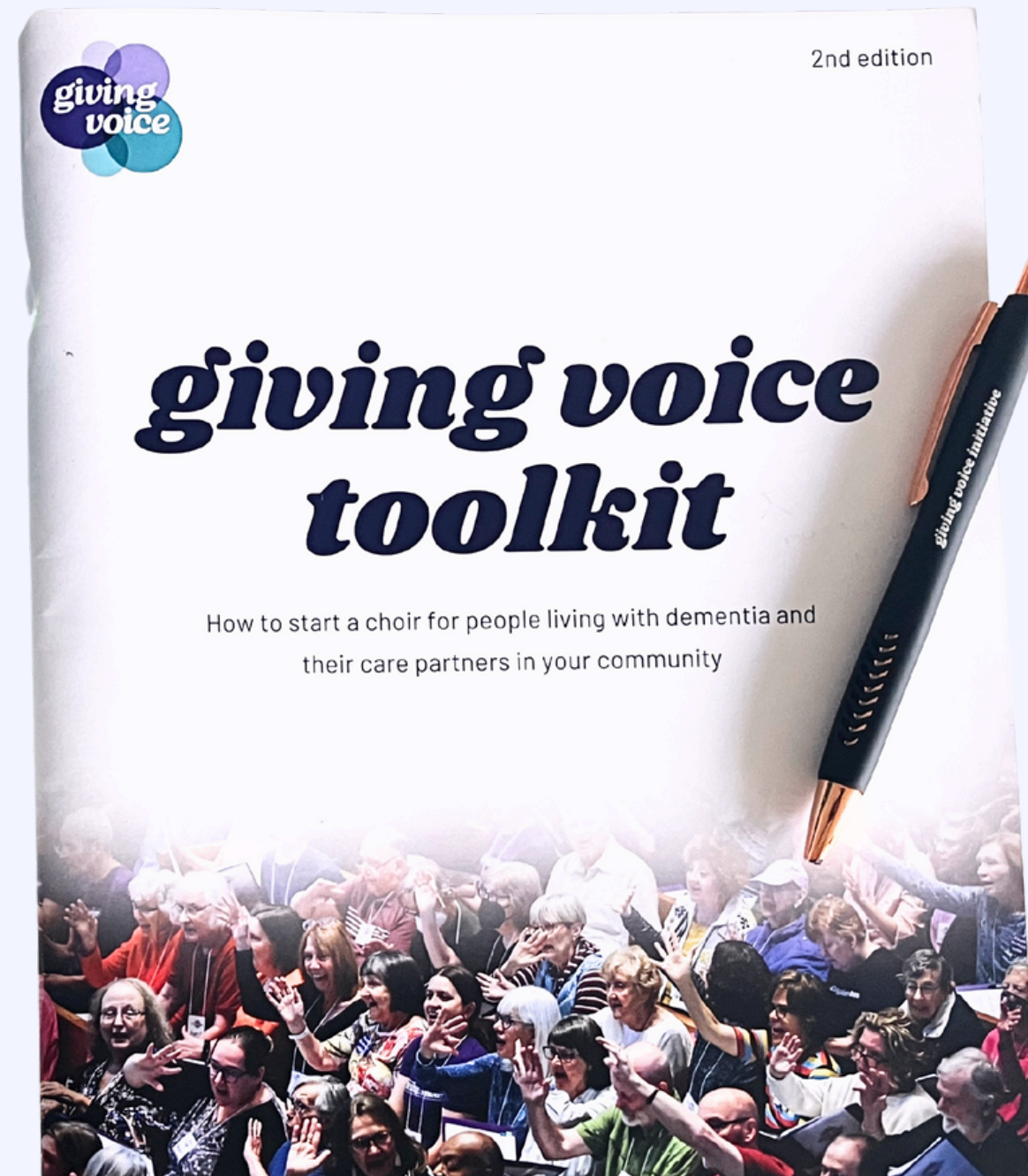


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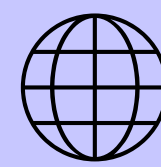


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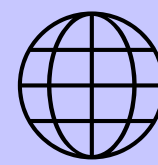
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Giving Voice Network

A growing community of choirs around the world inspired & trained by Giving Voice and united by shared values & practices.



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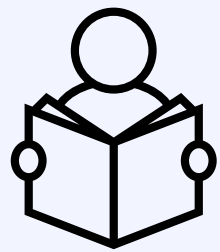


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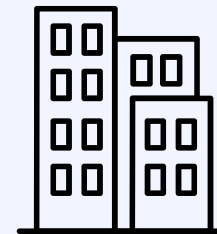


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Shares Values & Practices



The Singers



Community Performances



Dementia-Friendly



Empowerment



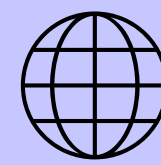
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Changing the Narrative



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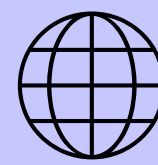
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Goals of the Network

- Connection & Collaboration
- Growing a Movement
- Visibility & Storytelling



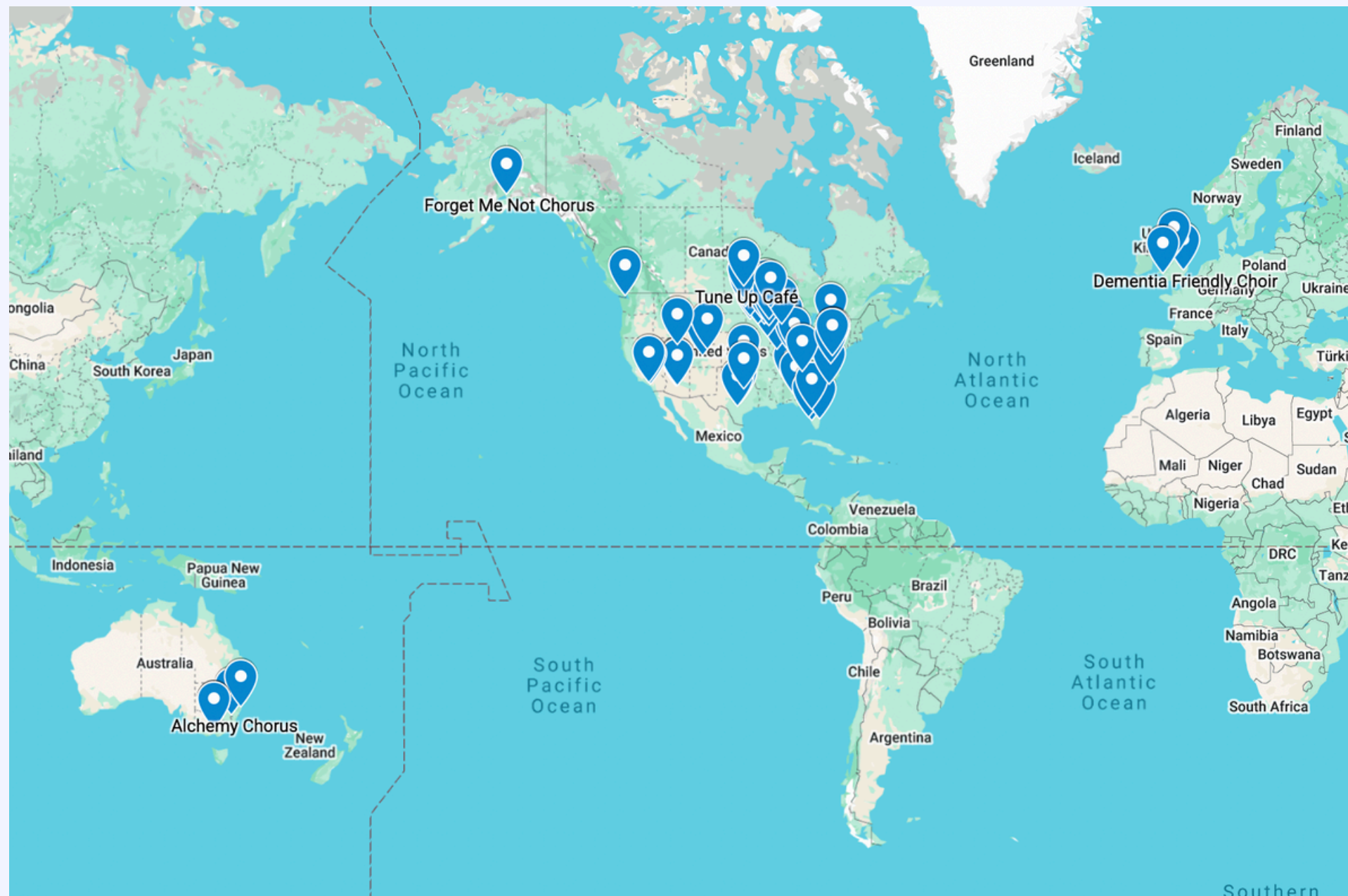
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Choirs Across the US



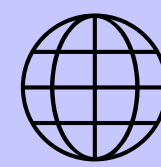
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~2000 singers around the
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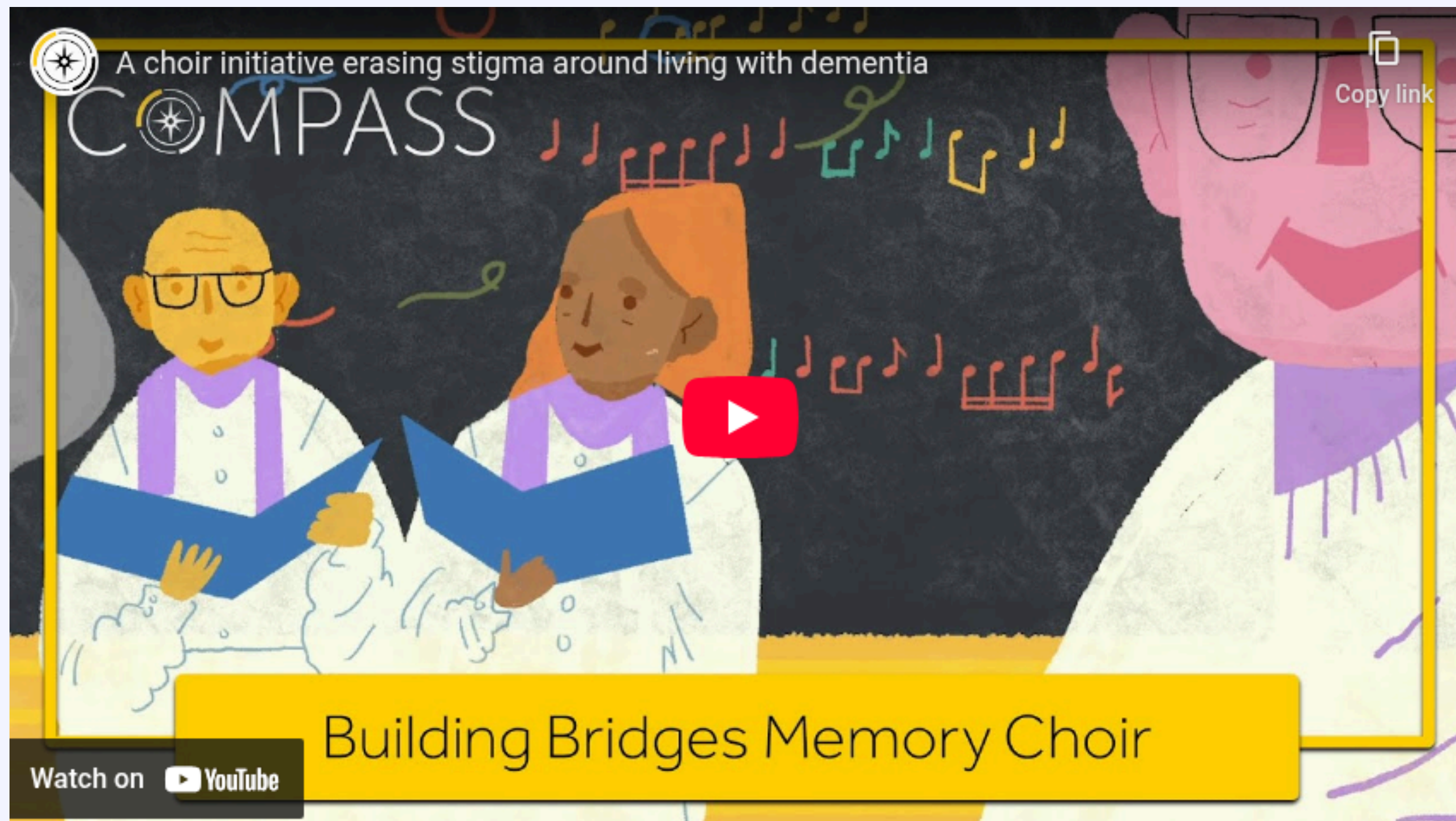
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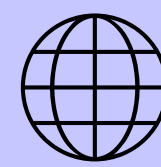
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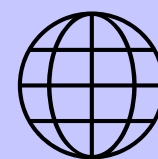


Getting Involved

Grow this awesome movement!



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Getting Involved

Support a Choir Near You!

- Sing with a choir
- Volunteer for a choir
- Support financially
- Spread the word

Start a Choir

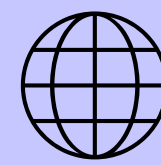
- Champion a choir in your community
- Download the Toolkit
- Contribute to a choir in your community

Support Giving Voice

- Volunteer for us!
- Donate time, skills, or money
- Be an advocate!



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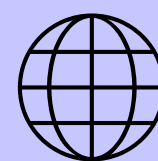




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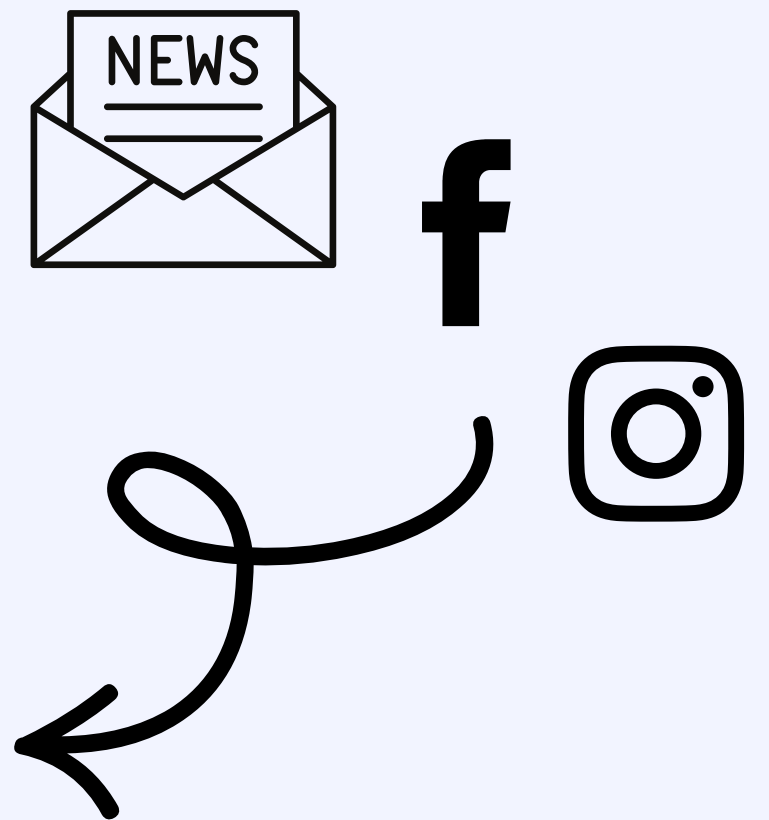
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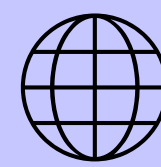
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