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### **49ers to perform benefit concert for Coatesville fire victims**

The community spirit shown in Coatesville as neighbors cope with a rash of fires has inspired many to want to help. The Forty Niners Chorus gives people who've been touched by the victims' stories a fun and easy way to do so. What could be better than to enjoy an evening of music and laughter while supporting those who lost their homes to the fires?

The concert will be 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at Olivet Methodist Church, 310 E Chestnut St, Coatesville, PA 19320. There is no cost to attend. Instead, the Forty Niners will donate all audience contributions raised at the concert to Coatesville Disaster Relief. ([www.CoatesvilleRelief.com](http://www.CoatesvilleRelief.com))

The tragedy hits close to home for several Forty Niners members who live in Coatesville, and for the group's musical director, Greg Givler, who grew up in Coatesville and also directs Olivet's choir.

"Over the weeks after the Fleetwood Street fire, the Olivet Methodist Church became a storage facility and the general purpose room a staging area for the outpouring of generosity from the local community." Givler said. "I was moved and amazed by it, but also wanted to help. So I proposed a benefit concert to the 49ers' executive committee." The board agreed that the concert was a great way for the 49ers to act on their mission of community service.

More information about the concert, including directions to Olivet, can be found at the chorus's website, [www.49ersChorus.org](http://www.49ersChorus.org).

The Forty Niners Chorus is an all-volunteer community group made up of approximately 50 men and women from Chester County and surrounding areas. In existence since 1952, their performances raise money every year to provide cash awards for three local high school graduates planning to major in music in college. Its mission is to keep community music alive by encouraging young musicians to develop their talents and give back to their communities through groups like The Forty Niners Chorus.

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