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Dear Friends,

I am deeply humbled to be asked to serve as the 2025 Honorary Chairman for "ENCORE". This is an amazing musical production presented by the Morton Civic Chorus on behalf of the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund (CIMKF). I have been aware of the many great concerts that have been performed in Morton but never involved in the organizing or part of the volunteer crew needed to make it happen. This year I get to be a part of this extraordinary event.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with what CIMKF is really about, it is a local charity formed by Dr. Robert Pflederer and the Morton Women's Club in 1976. This 501(c)(3) charity provides funds to those with chronic kidney disease when all other avenues of assistance have been exhausted to cover costs such as transportation, groceries, or medications. When no other help is available, CIMKF is there to provide these emergency living expenses.

This is the 49th year that the Morton Civic Chorus has donated virtually every dollar raised from their benefit concert to CIMKF, over \$1.8 million to date. Under the direction of Denise Adams, you will hear selections including "God Bless The U.S.A", "If Love Should Count You Worthy", "The Awakening", and "Java-Jive" just to name a few. This year's show is May 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. and May 25 at 2 p.m. at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center. It is a musical event worth your time and support.

Please join me for at least one of these great concerts, bring your friends to share in this wonderful musical experience and consider donating to CIMKF, a great organization making a real difference in our communities.

Thank You,

Susan Pyles

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