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Dedham Choral Society donates over \$3000 to Homes for Our Troops

On September 10, 2008 Kathleen O'Donnell, President of Dedham Choral Society, presented a check from DCS's first fundraiser concert to Catherine Bradfield, Projects Group Marketing Manager for **Homes for Our Troops**.

In April 2008, the Dedham Choral Society performed The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by contemporary Welsh composer, Karl Jenkins), at Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory. This New England premiere performance was the second US presentation with the accompanying film – the combination of music and pictures makes the message of The Armed Man even more powerful. Despite the name, the piece is prayer for peace and hope for mankind; it is not an anti-war protest. The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace was commissioned by the Royal Armories, the oldest museum in the United Kingdom as a commemoration of the millennium.

This truly special event was a great opportunity to raise money for a worthy local organization, **Homes for Our Troops**.

Homes for Our Troops builds or adapts housing for injured veterans of the Iraq war. This organization is strongly committed to helping those who have selflessly given to their country and have returned home with serious disabilities and injuries. They assist severely injured Servicemen and Women and their immediate families by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor and coordinating the process of building a new home or adapting an existing home for handicapped accessibility. It is a non-profit, non-partisan 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 2004. The American Institute of Philanthropy, one of the country's premier charity watchdog organizations, has included Homes for Our Troops in their "Top-Rated Veterans & Military Charities" listing.

DCS is gratified that people have been pleased and supportive of our partnership with this charitable organization.

Links:

Dedham Choral Society www.dedhamchoral.org

Homes for Our Troops www.homesforourtroops.org