

We Sing, We Serve

In December 2015, the men of the Calgary Foothills Chapter – Western Hospitality Singers – decided to support the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank. One of the chapter's quartets had a five-minute spot on a local radio station and presented the Food Bank with a check for \$2,000. A month later ten men from the chapter joined some veteran volunteers at the Food Bank and worked along a conveyor belt sorting food. The unrelenting conveyor belt was a challenge at times, but with the support of some veteran volunteers up and down the line, it turned out to be a most enjoyable three hours. They are planning to supply one shift a month of 10-12 men.

The men also sang a couple of songs at the mid-shift break. Several other volunteers enjoyed the singing and are interested in attending the chapter's next annual show. The Food Bank staff are very interested in having the full chorus perform for a volunteer appreciation event later in the year.

The Barbershop Harmony Society slogan "We Sing, We Serve" is just what the Western Hospitality Singers are trying to do. This is a perfect example of community outreach, serving with money, music and manpower.

Attached three "working/action" shots of the men on the conveyor belt.

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