



# The 2009 Inspiration Ribbon

*The Concert for Life Committee  
Honors with love and gratitude*

## **Charles Berardesco**

*For a decade of transformational leadership and generosity*

Ten years ago, fundraising for the 1999 Concert for Life was lagging until Charlie Berardesco stepped forward. He volunteered to lead an effort that generated a one-year 22 percent increase in concert proceeds. Fundraising for every Concert for Life since then has grown significantly, sustained in part by Charlie's leadership, relationship-building, and personal generosity.

Tonight, Charlie will again offer his vocal gifts as a member of the Concert for Life Choir. This ongoing labor of love is one Charlie shares with his partner, Jeffrey Thurston, who also gives his artistic talent, having performed as first violinist for 15 concerts and serving as Concert Master last year and tonight.

Charlie, you truly are our premiere angel. Thanks to you, hundreds more persons living with HIV/AIDS have received a much-needed helping hand. On their behalf and for the inspiration you provide all of us, we thank you.