

## We Love Cincinnati!

The Seventh World Choir Games (WCG) is ending. It is the first time WCG is being held in the United States and Cincinnati is the lucky city to host the well-known “Olympic of Music” this July. Participating singers from all over the world received a warm welcome from the people of Cincinnati. As a registered choir from the U.S., New Jersey Huaxia Chinese Chorus (HXC) is very proud of the outstanding organizing proficiency and strong local support provided by the host city. During the Games, volunteers were everywhere and extremely helpful. Local people were very friendly, supportive, and knowledgeable about choir music.



As a first-time participant, HXC had a wonderful journey to Cincinnati and had experienced many great things worthy to be put in its memory book. Among those exciting and entertaining moments, one worthy to be reported is a slogan brought up by some members during the choir games. It was: “*We love Cincinnati!*”

Several HXC members had unforgettable experiences in which some Cincinnati residents became their heroes. At the night of July 6, three HXC members were driving their car out of a parking building in downtown Cincinnati, after their event. Suddenly, one tire was exploded on a nearby street. What surprised them the most was that another car followed them and two people immediately came out and offered help. The helpers, who parked their car in the same garage, had noticed the potential tire problem and followed the problematic car from the garage. Soon after, two other people came to help. It was dark at the time, so one helper used her cell phone as a flashlight. With the help of the four great local people, the flat tire was quickly replaced and the problem was solved. Two HXC members took a picture with the helpers (above) and it certainly was an unforgettable experience.

Several other HXC members had a similar experience. One day they couldn’t find the parking building in downtown Cincinnati, where their car was parked. They had no information about the name, address, or location of the building. All they remembered was, “a fancy parking building and you feel cool after entering the gate”. There was a relay of people helped them to find the garage. A city bus driver let them ride his bus and drove them around to a possible spot. Then several people, one by one, tried very patiently to help them find their parking place, even with the little information provided. Finally, a mother and daughter pair lead them to the right parking building. The photo at left shows the two helpers (in the middle) and two hunting HXC members.



These are only two stories among many. The impressive friendly people and the lovely City of Cincinnati inspired HXC members to say, from the bottom of their hearts, “*We love Cincinnati!*”

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