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PASTOR PATRINELL “PAT” WRIGHT SEATTLE’S FIRST LADY OF GOSPEL



IN MEMORY OF PAT WRIGHT.



Total
Experience
Gospel
Choir

SODA'S Director, Monica Shuman is dedicating this issue of our newsletter to Pastor Patrinell “Pat” Wright, the founder and director of Seattle’s Total Experience Gospel Choir, who died August 30th at the age of 78.

Pat and the choir had a special relationship to SODA and to Monica. She, along with her partner Bryce, joined the choir over fifteen years ago, and often attended their rehearsals. The choir sang at the Commitment Ceremony of Bryce and Monica in January 2011. They also sang at Monica’s graduation from Shoreline Community College, and at several of SODA’s fundraising events. Pat was a big supporter of Monica and the mission of SODA. Monica often referred Pat as her second “Mom”. Pat Wright founded the choir in 1973 for students at Franklin High School. Over the years it expanded to become Seattle’s longest-running and most prominent community gospel choir. They traveled across America and abroad to several countries, including Nicaragua, Russia, the Bahamas and Japan often raising money for good causes. Wright served as musical director and a performer in the annual holiday production of “Black Nativity” at the Intiman Theatre. She sang in front of President Barack Obama three times. She was a strong advocate for black youth and against racism. We are so glad Pat was apart of SODA’s and Monica’s life! Memorial plans will be announced later.

If you wish to donate to SODA in Pat’s honor, feel free to send your check to SODA care of Monica Shuman at 12701 Greenwood Ave Apt C, Seattle Washington 98133

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