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Dance Project receives \$30,000 Grant

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Dance Project has received a \$30,000 grant from NC Empowering Kids and Communities Foundation to expand Dance Project's scholarship fund and support community outreach efforts.

Founded by Charles Leuth in 2020, North Carolina Empowering Kids and Communities Foundation (NCEKCF) looks to serve North Carolina communities by supporting the next generation with financial and physical assistance. NCEKCF hopes to provide financial circumstances that allow children and families in need to break the cycle of poverty.

NCEKCF (<https://ncekcf.org/>) is funding scholarships at Dance Project to make dance accessible to more students. Funding will also support Dance Project's work in the Greensboro community, such as their Title I school residencies and free classes in the community. "We hope this partnership will encourage, support, and empower more students to be able to find their passion for dance. We hope our partnership will allow Dance Project to continue to bring dance outside the four walls of the studio and into the Greensboro community," says Nicole Leuth, Executive Director of NCEKCF.

Scholarships are available for Dance Project's Fall 2022 classes, which run August 29-December 17. Scholarships typically range from 50%-80% of the total tuition cost for the semester, and are determined by financial need. Scholarship applications will be accepted August 12-September 12, and are considered as they are received. To apply, please visit <https://danceproject.org/scholarships/>. Applicants must submit proof of income from IRS tax documentation or other official sources. For information about applying for scholarships, contact Vania Claiborne (vania@danceproject.org/336-370-6776).

"We are so grateful for this opportunity to expand access to dance in our community. We see everyday how dance contributes to confidence, empathy, determination, and creative thinking, and we're thrilled to be able to offer these experiences to everyone, regardless of their financial situation," says Lauren Joyner, Dance Project Executive Director and School Director.

Dance Project's School offers dance classes for children, teens, and adults in studios in the Greensboro Cultural Center. Fall 2022 classes are open for registration now at: <https://danceproject.org/fall>. With styles for beginners through professional level ranging from modern dance to break dance, tap to ballet, and more, Dance Project meets students wherever they are in their dance journey. Offering professional-quality dance with a community feel, Dance Project strives to create a stronger community through dance. In addition to its School in

the Greensboro Cultural Center and its community programs, Dance Project presents the statewide NC Dance Festival annually and is active as an ambassador for dance throughout Greensboro and the state.

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