



THE  
**DANCE**  
FOUNDATION

# Generosity *in motion*

**Annual Summary  
of Service  
2019- 2020**



## Dear Friends,

**Your generosity moves us.** Your belief in our mission makes a difference in the lives of children and adults in our community, learning to dance and learning through dance.

This past year was full of wonderful, creative experiences, and we are thankful for all who participate and find joy and inspiration with us. That is why we are here.

In this annual summary, we highlight selected elements of our Studio, Community Partnership, and Studio Use Programs, as well as special projects and events.

When our in-person programs ended in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we quickly turned to virtual programs to continue dancing. And, we reached out to you and were reassured with your generous response. These current times remind us that our human connection is key to everything. Thank you for each and every kindness.



Diane Litsey  
Executive Director



Kara Barlow  
Board President



Our unique Movement-to-Music curriculum introduces preschoolers to dance with live music. As students age, they work toward being in our Dance Artist Program which embraces creativity, artistry and technique.

Our annual performance **FREEFORM** was bigger than ever in 2019 - four guest artists, three performances, one Afterparty and more than two dozen student performers. Guest visual artist Jon Osborne painted on stage alongside student dancer Sara Wolnski. Artist in Residence Germaul Barnes performed.



We partnered with the Alabama Dance Council to provide a collection of workshops, "Deepening Your Creative Life and Work." With the support of the Alabama State Council on the Arts, we hosted five guest artists for seven in-depth sessions with 118 dancers.



**Our Artist-In-Residence** Germaul Barnes shared his creativity with us in a number of programs last year.

**Our Studio Use Program** hosted a variety of community artists last year. These offerings complement our mission and add to the creative spirit of our surroundings.



All ages were moving in our studios or moving at home while joining in virtually this past spring and summer. We also continued our collaboration with the MS Society to lead movement sessions with live music which help improve balance and agility.

**Dancing With Words --**  
When you build vocabulary and stories through movement, you make memorable connections.



The **Community Partnership Program** reaches more than 1,000 children each week during the school year and hundreds of additional students during the summer months at dozens of partner sites throughout Birmingham. This year, we added all three early intervention programs with Vestavia's elementary schools and expanded classes for children with special needs at EPIC Elementary School.



## It all adds up to...

**11,041** individuals served in 2019-2020.

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**5,877** individuals attended events, performances or participated in an activity or benefitted as an educator (in person and virtually)

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**1,179** students each week of the school year benefitted through **Community Partnership Program**, including **Dancing with Words**

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**630** students each week of the school year and **256** campers and students during the summer through **Studio Classes**

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**2,423** individuals who were hosted as part of events and performances during the year in the **Studio Use Program**

# Our Community Partners

## **Movement to Music**

Bell Center for Early Intervention  
Brookwood Forest Elementary  
Burkett Center  
Cahaba Heights Elementary  
Canterbury Child Development Center  
Canterbury Day School  
Cherokee Bend Elementary  
Crestline Elementary School  
Einstein's Playground – Derby Pkwy  
Einstein's Playground – Bessemer  
Elizabeth Perry Rushton Child Development Center  
Epic Elementary – Pre-K Program  
First Church Early Learning Center  
Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Child Care  
Holy Trinity Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral Day Care  
Hall Kent Elementary – Pre-K Program  
Harris Early Learning Center  
Hueytown Elementary  
James Rushton Early Learning Center  
Liberty Park Elementary  
Montclair Early Learning Center  
Mountain Brook Elementary  
Preschool Partners  
South Highlands Child Development Center  
St. Francis Xavier Early Learning Center  
United Ability / Hand in Hand Learning Center  
Vestavia Hills Elementary East  
YWCA Child Care Center  
YWCA Kids Corner / Child Care for Kids in Distress

## **Dancing With Words for English Learners and Language Arts Integration and Brain Body Balance: social-emotional learning through movement**

Hall Kent Elementary RISE Program  
Norwood Elementary  
Washington Elementary  
YWCA (Afterschool Enrichment for Homeless Children)

## **Additional Partners**

Alabama Dance Council  
Exceptional Foundation  
Greater Birmingham Arts Education Collaborative  
MS Society  
People in Motion  
UAB Early Start

# Our Supporters

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**Our mission: to teach the art of dance to all,  
inspiring creativity, confidence and curiosity.**

# Children's Arts Guild

Since 1975, a dedicated membership of women have raised funds for us to teach dance with live music with young children and those with special needs. Since then, they have raised, in total, more than \$1,000,000 for the cause! The Children's Arts Guild held its annual children's fashion show and luncheon at the Birmingham, Country Club in March and had its most successful event to date, raising more than \$72,000. Bravo and many thanks to membership President Rebecca Hughes and her many committed volunteers!

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# Financial Summary

## For year ending June 30, 2020

### Assets

current assets	254,856
property and equipment, net	1,281,057
deposits	335
total assets	<u>1,536,248</u>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

current liabilities	
deferred revenue	7,559
mortgage note payable	27,540
total current liabilities	<u>35,099</u>
mortgage note payable, non-current	363,431
payroll protection program loan payable	99,000
total liabilities	<u>497,530</u>
net assets	
unrestricted	1,038,718
total net assets	<u>1,038,718</u>
total liabilities and net assets	<u>1,536,248</u>

### Statement of Activities

programs and other earned income	529,842
fundraising support, net	91,412
government and private grants	75,775
contributions	58,742
other income, interest	10,995
<b>Support and Revenue Total</b>	<b><u>\$766,766</u></b>

program services	751,200
management and general	46,182
fund raising	41,756
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b><u>\$839,138</u></b>

change in unrestricted net assets	(\$72,372)
unrestricted net assets, beginning of the year	\$1,111,090
unrestricted net assets, end of year	\$1,038,718

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, operations were shuttered March 13 through June 30, 2020, which greatly impacted earned income from programs and financial year-end. A Paycheck Protection Program loan was received in April 2020 and included as an obligation for 2019-20, with anticipation that it will be forgiven in 2020-21 and eliminated as a liability.*

**69% earned income**  
**89% program expenses**

# THE DANCE FOUNDATION

## Founders

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