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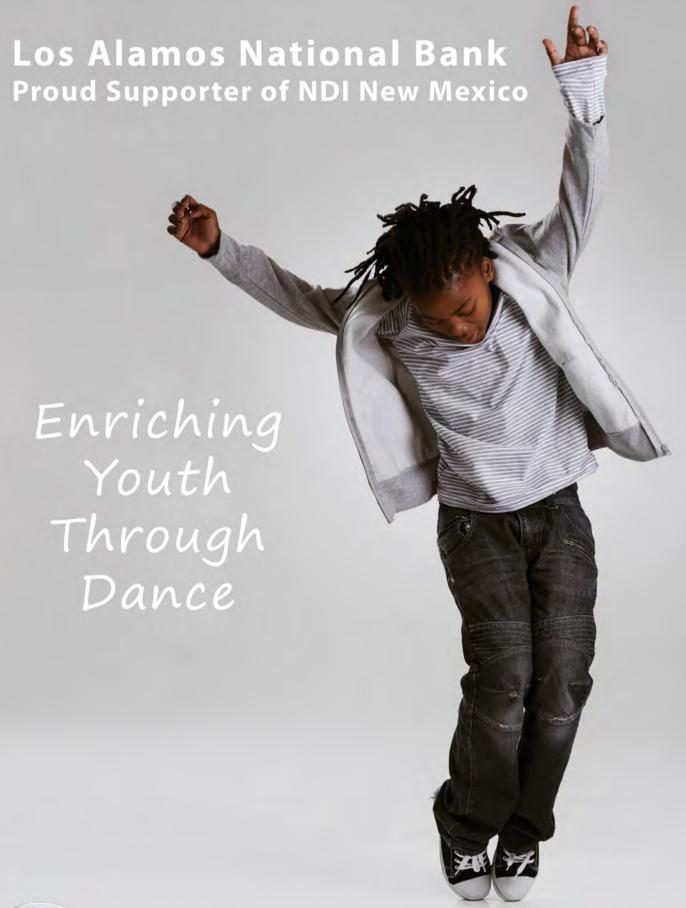














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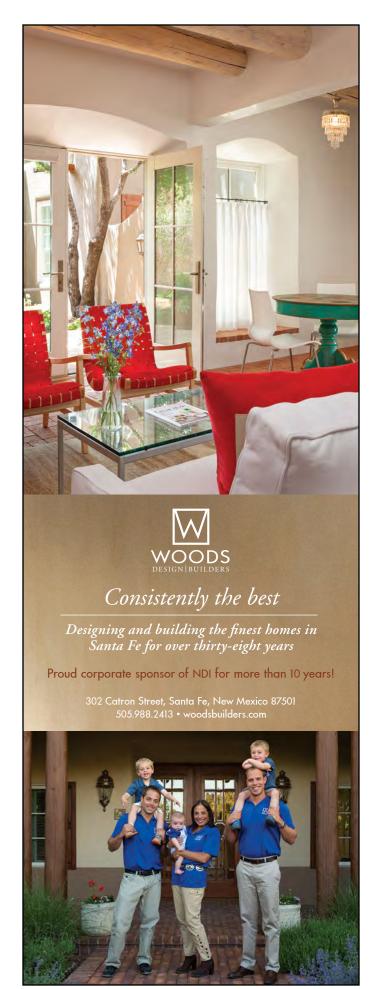
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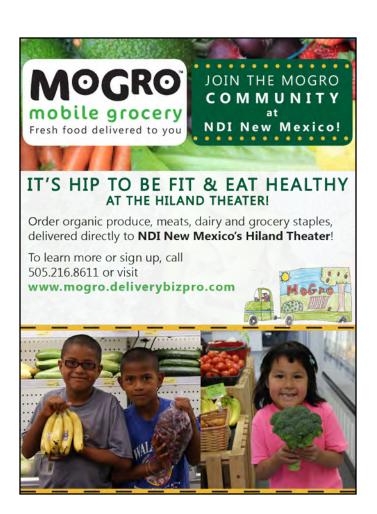


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We are proud to let you know that this year, NDI New Mexico will serve nearly 9,000 children across the state with programs that inspire them to be their best by building their self-confidence and character, supporting their academic success, and improving their health and quality of life. Since 1994, we have provided programs to over 70,000 youth in New Mexico.



# We believe that all children deserve the opportunity to experience excellence, success, and the chance to achieve their dreams.

In the future, we hope to eventually serve even more children and schools from our wait list with high quality in-school and out-of-school programs.

With the completion of The Hiland Theater renovation in Albuquerque and the training of new teachers, in the past few years we have increased both the depth and breadth of our programming in the state. In addition, we now have new evaluation results which show the profound impact of the NDI New Mexico program on children's attitudes and on their test scores.

A special thank you goes to all the volunteers and donors who help make NDI New Mexico's statewide program possible. Your commitment has helped transform children's lives. Once again, we are happy that you have joined us today and hope that you enjoy the show!

Yours in Teaching Children Excellence,

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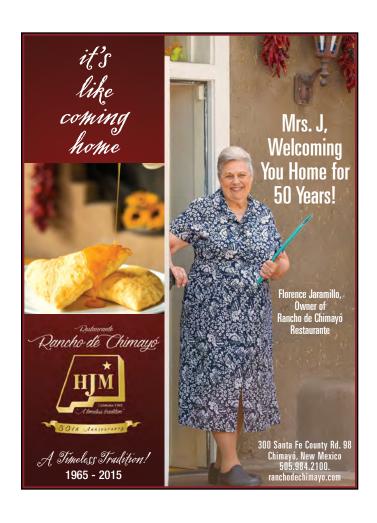
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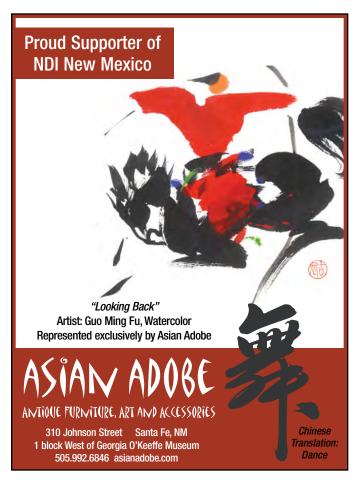


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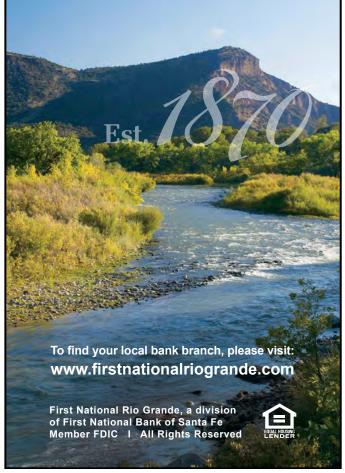


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NDI New Mexico is founded with the knowledge that the arts have a unique power to engage and motivate children. The purpose of our distinctive programs is to help children develop discipline, a standard of excellence, and a belief in themselves that will carry over into all aspects of their lives.







# OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **Our Recent Achievements**

9,000 CHILDREN In just twenty-one years NDI New Mexico has grown to serve nearly **9,000 children** annually across the state of New Mexico. With more and more schools on our waiting list, and a growing donor base, we are poised to continue to grow.

THE WALLACE FOUNDATION NDI New Mexico was **featured by the Wallace Foundation** in an **exclusive list** of eight exemplary and **highly effective** after-school arts programs in the United States.

THE HILAND THEATER

Every day, the halls of **The Hiland Theater** are filled with the sound of **happy**, **excited children**. We are thrilled to have **finished the renovations** in order to provide **high quality**, **engaging** dance classes to **Albuquerque youth**.

EVALUATION RESULTS

Here at NDI New Mexico we are dedicated to making a **positive impact** on the lives of children. This year our evaluation results show, once again, that the NDI New Mexico **recipe for success** works!

ORIGINAL SCRIPT

**Rollin' on the Rio** is the **first original show** produced by our Albuquerque outreach staff! *Rollin' on the Rio* features over 1,000 children in their End-of-Year performances.

OUR FIRST BALANCHINE BALLET

The George Balanchine Trust granted access to NDI New Mexico to produce one of the **beautiful ballets choreographed by George Balanchine.** This is an **incredible honor** as the Trust only allows **highly skilled** and **driven** arts organizations to stage their ballets.

NEW OUTREACH TEACHERS

As our **list of schools**, the number of **children we impact**, and the number of **communities we serve** grows, it has become increasingly important to teach our **unique approach** to a growing number of young dance teachers.

ONGOING PARTNERS

Our partnership with the **New Mexico Department of Health,** and NDI New Mexico Day at the **Roundhouse** are two very good examples of how we like to interact with and contribute to **our community.** 

DANCE -A-THON This year our **Dance-A-Thon** at the Hiland Theater raised over **\$12,000** to support our **dance programs** in Albuquerque! Our students really **"stepped up"** to the occasion and **exceeded our funding goal!** 

NDI NEW MEXICO DAY

Speaker of the House Don Tripp introduced a Memorial proclaiming **February 24, 2015** as "NDI NEW MEXICO DAY."





Let's cook up some joyful learning with powerfully healthy ingredients that are guaranteed to increase self-confidence, tenacity, discipline, and an understanding of excellence!



#### **Gather the Following Essential Ingredients:**

- Dedicated teaching artists
- Proven teaching techniques
- A depth and breadth of community programming available to children of all ages
- Culminating performances for audiences
- A culture of high standards and excellence
- Measurable results
- Committed community partners and generous donors
- 20-year history of stability and fiscal responsibility
- Engaged board of directors

Stir until well blended, serve in urban and rural communities all over New Mexico.









How does a youth development program prepare children to become hard working and successful students and citizens? What healthy ingredients must come together to inspire the passion and persistence needed to reach life's important goals? At NDI New Mexico, children learn to master the "CORE FOUR" – work hard, do your best, never give up, and be healthy – our guiding principals for EXCELLENCE that motivate beyond the dance class and into the future. By providing the key ingredients that create life-changing experiences for our dancers, NDI New Mexico's recipe for success proves that when you hold the bar very high, children will strive to reach it.

Dynamic teaching artists make the difference. NDI New Mexico trains artists with professional and performance backgrounds to deliver our dynamic, high-energy programs. Rigorous preparation for program instructors begins with participation in our two week intensive Teaching Excellence® workshop, followed by a one- to two-year apprenticeship and yearly artistic staff enrichment workshops to learn new skills and to share best practices. By modeling the philosophy that good enough is not good enough, they show children what it means to strive for excellence by always doing your personal best. Couple this with a deep love and respect for children, a passion for teaching, humor and energy, and you have the core ingredients required to ensure high-quality programs for the children we serve. Talented, well-trained instructors and pianists who care deeply about the impact they have on the children they teach define what we do.

NDI New Mexico knows that every child can succeed when given the proper motivation. The foundation of our philosophy is to set high expectations, create a safe learning environment where mistakes are part of the learning process, use fun and engaging teaching techniques to master challenges, and give enthusiastic praise for personal and group triumphs.

# OUR RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

# **NDI New Mexico's Recipe for Success**







Our programs are goal-oriented and **teach children that hard work can be fun and exciting.** By setting strong and achievable goals, and striving for excellence during each step of the process, children learn what it means to have a solid work ethic. The philosophy of holding high expectations and never underestimating children is another key ingredient in our recipe for success.

Culminating performances are a part of every NDI New Mexico program and give children the opportunity to gain valuable positive attention from their families, peers, and the community at large. This year alone, our **9,000 dancers** will perform for over 80,000 audience members throughout the state. Enthusiastic audiences are a mix of parents and families of the dancers, school children, teachers, principals, elected officials, business leaders, program supporters, and members of the community. Children tell us that these performances make them feel proud of their accomplishments and create lasting memories of being a star! They learn to overcome their stage fright and shine as they get their moment in the spotlight. We know that performing for an audience is a motivating factor for learning focus, tenacity and teamwork.

The Dance Barns in Santa Fe and The Hiland in Albuquerque are NDI New Mexico's dedicated and inspiring learning centers where children from the community can come together to experience the magic of the arts. Our facilities are physically and emotionally safe environments and gathering places for families. Each day they are filled with children of all ages and their mentors making art together as they explore what it means to be excellent. By providing high-quality staff and programs that are either free or offered on a sliding fee basis, we make the arts accessible and fill a gap for children who do not have many options for youth development outside of sports. Over 1,000

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# **NDI New Mexico's Recipe for Success**



children come to the Dance Barns and over 700 to The Hiland each week – children who are being physically active, emotionally nurtured, and artistically engaged.

Independent scientific evaluations of NDI New Mexico's measurable impact on students in our programs are conducted on a yearly basis. Children say that participating in classes and performances makes them feel proud, confident and energetic. Classroom teachers report that their students are learning about teamwork, goal setting and positive risk taking. Principals love that they can bring the arts into their schools in a way that joyfully improves focus and concentration. Parents say that their children are learning responsibility and how to be healthy and fit. All of these values and behaviors can help students do better in school and effectively spill over into all aspects of their lives, preparing them for success as adult members of their communities.

It takes a village to raise a child! Through the dedication of the NDI New Mexico Board of Directors, our incredible volunteers, community partners – Department of Health, public schools, City of Albuquerque, City of Santa Fe, Bernalillo County, corporate sponsors – and generous donors, we are able to serve children in 34 communities all over the state of New Mexico.

**NDI New Mexico's recipe for success** is the timetested bringing together of our award-winning teaching methodology and a belief in the power of the arts to engage and motivate children towards **EXCELLENCE**. We are serving up generous portions of life-changing joyful experiences for dancers and audiences alike.



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Jacques d'Amboise and National Dance Institute (NY) host residencies in New Mexico.

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Silver City Residency begins.

1,280 children taught in 8 communities.

**Northern New Mexico Program** begins. NDI New Mexico moves into The Pink Church in Santa Fe.

2,300 children taught in 15 communities. **NDI New Mexico** opens offices in Albuquerque.

> The Albuquerque Arts Alliance awarded the Albuquerque program its **Bravos Award** for Excellence in

Arts Education.

First Lady Laura Bush was guest of honor at the gala performance and celebrations surrounding the grand opening of The Dance Barns.

> **NDI New Mexico** receives a National Arts and Humanities Youth **Program Award.**



1,000 children taught in 8 communities. Albuquerque **Program begins** at Eubank Elementary.

100 children taught in Santa Fe. Founding

**Artistic Director,** 1994-1995 **Catherine Oppenheimer** incorporates NDI New Mexico as a 501(c)(3).

3,000 children taught in 17 communities. **Silver Sneakers Legacy Society** established.

3,800 children taught in 23 communities. 1st **Annual Santa Fe** Dance-A Alamed School. Dance-A-Thon at Alameda Middle

The Teaching **Excellence® Teacher Training** created to train and certify teachers in the NDI New Mexico methodology.



4,000 children taught in 25 communities. **Endowment Fund** established. The **Dance Barns opens in** Santa Fe!



Founding Artistic Director, Catherine Oppenheimer



Jacques d'Amboise and Founding Artistic Director, Catherine Oppenheimer



"The Pink Church" in Santa Fe New Mexico

THE HISTORY OF NDI NEW MEXICO

# **History of NDI New Mexico**



5,600 children taught in 30 communities. \$1.3M federal grant establishes comprehensive evaluation and HIP to Be Fit ® nutrition curricula & classroom teacher training. Ann

Rienking Master Class.

6,100 children taught in 32 communities. 60-year lease for The Hiland Theater signed! Roving Ambassadors created.



6,200 children taught in 32 communities. Campaign for Albuquerque reaches \$10M. Phase I & II construction completed. 2011 Santa Fe Gala honors Shirley MacLaine.

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Renovation of The Hiland completed! Celebrating 20 Years as a statewide nonprofit organization.



8,900 children served in 34 communities. Albuquerque Dance-A-Thon rases \$12,000 in support of Albuquerque dance programs.

...and into the future

5,300 children taught in 27 communities.

**After-school classes** begin at The Dance Barns.



1st Ann Albuque Dance-A Washing School. 1st Annual **Albuquerque** Dance-A-Thon at Washington Middle

5,800 children taught in 30 communities. The Wallis Annenberg Santa Fe Summer Institue named. Merrill **Brockway Performing** Arts Library opens.

7,000 children taught in 40 communities including 1,435 children in afterschool programs at The Dance Barns and The Hiland.

**Clebrating 10 Years** at The Dance Barns.

6,600 children taught in 32 communities. The Hiland opens!

**NDI New Mexico** is honored by The Wallace Foundation for creating exceptional arts programing for teens and tweens.



The Dance Barns in Santa Fe



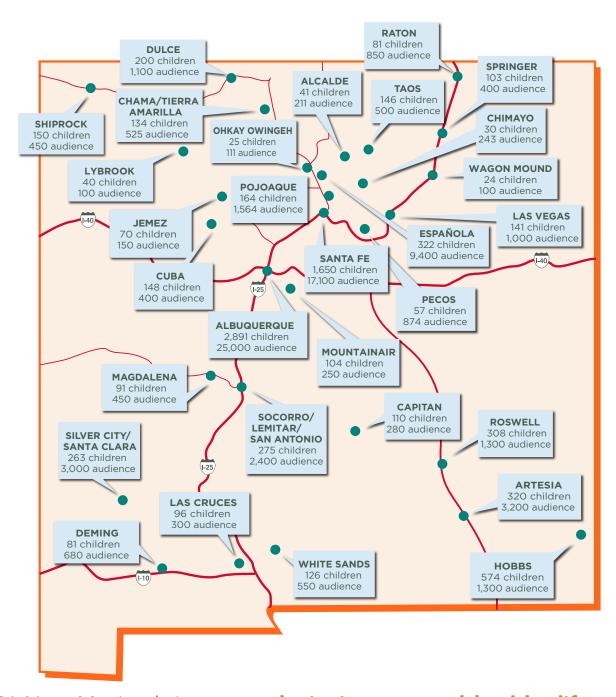
Shirley MacLaine with NDI New Mexico children



Renovations Complete at The Hiland Theater



# **NDI New Mexico Statewide Programs**



NDI New Mexico brings award-winning arts and healthy lifestyle programs to underserved children in urban, rural and Native American communities throughout New Mexico. NDI New Mexico's statewide outreach is offered in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Northern New Mexico and in Residency programs throughout the state.





# Spotlight on the Socorro Residency



Ronna Kalish is Director of the New Mexico Tech Performing Arts Series in Socorro, New Mexico. Just over 20 years ago, she met Catherine Oppenheimer, NDI New Mexico's Founding Artistic Director. After seeing Catherine teach, Ronna immediately started working to bring the NDI New Mexico program to Socorro, because, as she says, "I was eager to establish some strong performing arts outreach programs for youth in Socorro. What I love about NDI New Mexico is that it gives amazing hands-on experience in dance, theatre, music and live

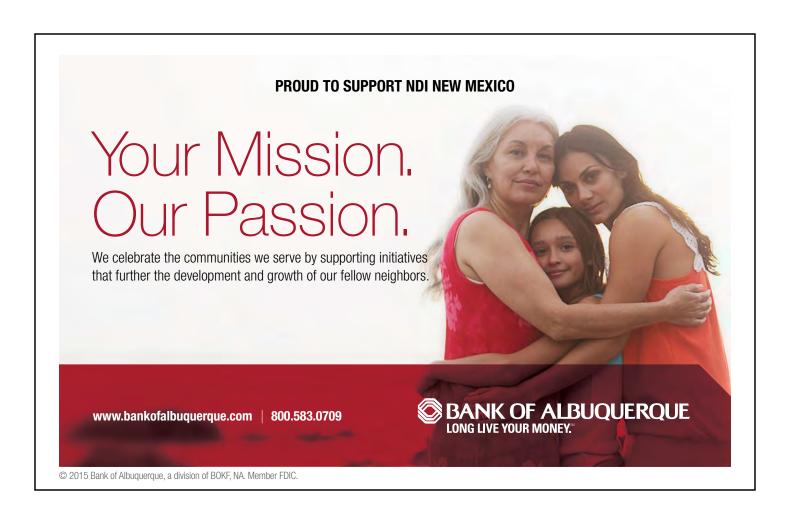
performance to students who in most cases would not get that opportunity."

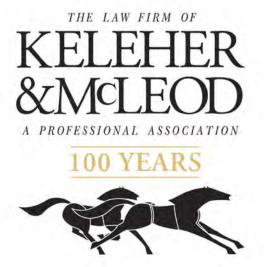
NDI New Mexico has been conducting residency programs in Socorro for 18 years. Every fall a team of instructors and musicians spend three weeks teaching 275 children from 5 local schools. The children's hard work culminates in performances on the Macey Center stage. Ronna says the final performances "bring the community together, and are a cultural education for students and audiences alike."

"It is key for our students to learn the Core Four values of NDI New Mexico: work hard, do your best, never give up, and be healthy. The NDI program is a highlight of the fourth-grade year here in Socorro!"

- Ingrid Halverson, 4th-Grade Teacher

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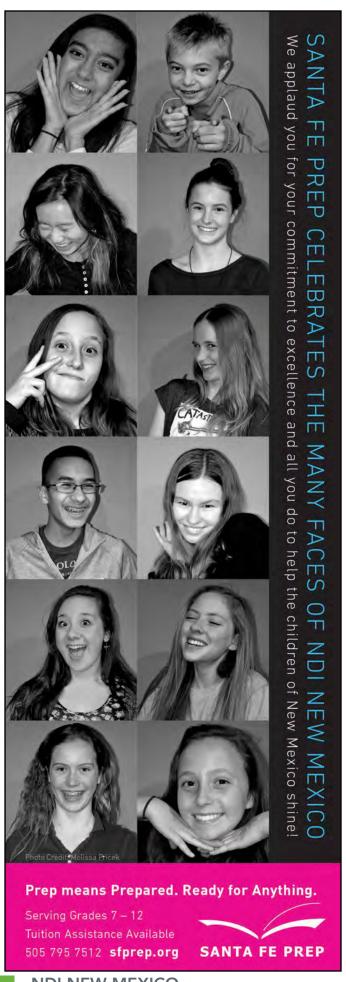
**The Dance Barns** in Santa Fe and **The Hiland** in Albuquerque were built to meet the needs of the children in our outreach programs as well as from the community. Each week **1,700 children** between the ages of 3 and 18 years old come to these two vibrant facilities for **high quality after-school** classes with a **focus on excellence.** 

The Dance Barns and The Hiland have become assets to their communities. They provide a **nurturing and engaging** "third place" for children and their families – a place separate from home or school where children and teens can **come together to explore** creative movement, ballet, modern, tap, jazz, voice, and theater. Showcases onstage give each child an **opportunity to show what they have learned** and gain exciting and valuable performance experience.

Classes at The Dance Barns and The Hiland are open to all children in the community and are offered on a sliding fee scale. For additional information about after-school, weekend, and summer programs, as well as class schedules and upcoming performance dates, please visit our website: **www.ndi-nm.org.** 











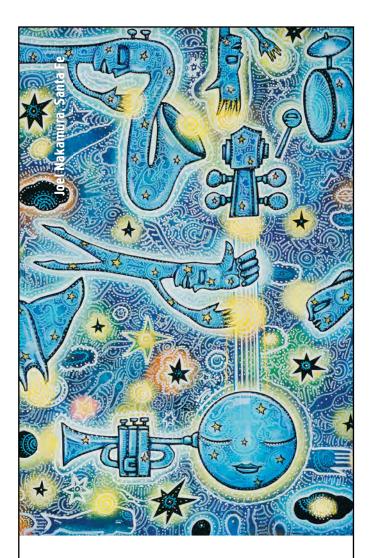




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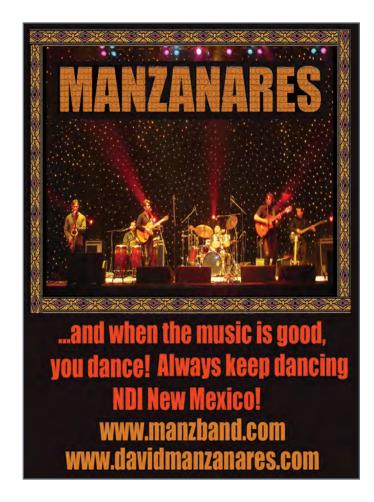
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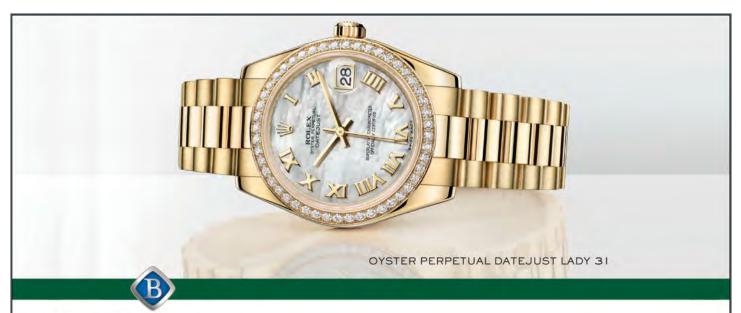


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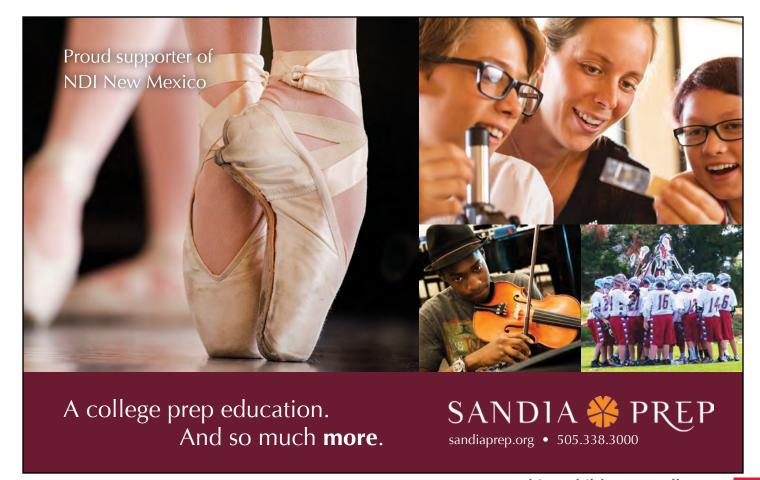
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# Spotlight on Student Hugo Pizano



energy and effort in class earned him an invitation to join the North SWAT Team, and then in middle school, a spot on the Celebration Team. He spent five years on the North Advanced Teams, which he says were like a "second family" to him.

"Miss Stamper really opened my eyes and showed me the love of dance that I have. She taught me to always give everything 100%, to never stop trying even when things seem impossible. She has a very special connection with each and every one of her students."

family and friends dedicated to making the commute, he took advantage of after-school classes and summer programs. In eighth-grade he auditioned for and was accepted to the Dance Department of New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA), and also joined NDI New Mexico's pre-professional performance group, Company XCel. Hugo commutes from Española daily. An average school day for him includes 5 hours of academic courses, three hours of NMSA dance classes, and another two hours of Dance Barns classes and XCel rehearsal (plus homework!).

"Always give everything 100%, never stop trying even when things seem impossible."

- Hugo Pizano

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# **Powerful Partnerships**

We couldn't do it alone! Building and strengthening relationships with individuals, businesses, foundations and government agencies help keep our programs thriving in communities throughout the state. Strong community support and powerful partnerships are the cornerstones of NDI New Mexico. In addition to teachers, principals, schools and school districts, there are many who make it possible for us to bring our staff to cities and towns all over New Mexico.

Thank you to the State of New Mexico! Generous support from the NM Department of Health helps us to provide more than 67,000 instructional hours to almost 2,000 children and 145 classroom teachers around the state. The NM Arts Commission supports our program in the Pojoaque and Española Valleys. Speaker of the House Don Tripp introduced a Memorial proclaiming February 24, 2015 as "NDI NEW MEXICO DAY."

Our partnership with Bernalillo County ensures that The Hiland Theater is an anchor in neighborhood redevelopment as well as a safe, inviting place for children and their families to explore the performing arts.

The City of Albuquerque's Family and **Community Services Department continues**  to help us reach 680 students enrolled in after-school programs at all city community centers, introducing many of them to dance for the first time.

We are grateful for the City of Santa Fe's support of our programs and The Dance Barns.

Launching a new partnership in Albuquerque, we are proud to announce the MoGro Food Club at The Hiland Theater! MoGro's efforts to support sustainable local food systems and eliminate barriers to affordable healthy food are in perfect alignment with NDI New Mexico's HIP to Be Fit® programs. Participants receive nutrition facts, recipes, and information on the benefits of fitness.



Mayor Javier Gonzales and Secretary of Cultural Affairs Veronica Gonzales



The MoGro Food Club at The Hiland



Representative Monica Youngblood

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# Inspiring

"This methodology benefited me so much as an aspiring dance educator. I learned not only how to inspire kids to dance, but also to become better people through dance!"

# Hands-On

"I learned so much about classroom management; how to be quick, authoritative, concise, and keep students engaged!"

# **Immersive**

"Tons of fun, I never knew I could learn so much in two weeks!"

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# **CELEBRATION GRADUATES**

# Celebration Graduates

Celebration Team members are dancers who are invited to join the team after excelling through the Super Wonderful Advanced Team and demonstrating excellence and model behavior.



**LUIS AGUILAR** HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL I have been in NDI New Mexico for four years. It has been a pretty big part of my life. I made a lot of new friends and had a lot of fun doina it.



LAURA BALDERRAMA **DEVARGAS MIDDLE SCHOOL** To me NDI New Mexico means family, to be part of something important. I feel safe to be around the people here and to do the one thing I enjoy, dance. It inspires me to be who I want to be and not let anyone put me down.



POJOAQUE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL NDI has given me is the opportunity to make new friends. What NDI means is looking forward to every Saturday. I feel that it's one of the greatest things that has happened to me. NDI inspires me to be a better person and help others.



SHEELEH BENALLY JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL I have been dancing with NDI New Mexico since the 3rd-grade and have been dancing for six years. NDI New Mexico means a lot to me because my passion is to dance and I hope to become a professional dancer when I grow up.



KYLA ARAGON WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL I have been dancing with NDI New Mexico for five years. NDI New Mexico is an amazing place. For the last five years, I have made some amazing memories here. You guys are my second family. I love you!



**EMERY CHACON** SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL NDI New Mexico has inspired me to become a better person in school, at home, and anywhere else I go. Thank you NDI New Mexico!



MONTE DEL SOL NDI New Mexico has given me so many wonderful opportunities. They have taught me that if I work hard and never give up I can accomplish anything. I am so thankful to have been a part of NDI New Mexico.



KEMMER CROFF MCCURDY CHARTER SCHOOL NDI has given me many friends, friends that I can count on and trust. NDI inspires me by never giving up, doing my best, and working hard!



ANISTASIA BACA
ABQ SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE It has been a wonderful five years with NDI New Mexico, my second family and home. I cannot be more thankful for what I have learned and accomplished. Thank you NDI New Mexico.



**JACOB DEVARGAS** POJOAQUE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL NDI-NM has taught me not to be afraid to perform in front of others. It has helped me step out of the box to try new things. I will always remember NDI!



**MARISOL BACA** CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL I'm forever grateful for NDI New Mexico. I would have never discovered my passion for dance and I hope my journey doesn't end here. Thank you!



**SEBASTIAN DUPONT** TIERRA ENCANTADA NDI New Mexico was an amazing experience. It improved my physical physique, and my confidence in presenting in front of large audiences. To me, NDI New Mexico means, excellence, improvement, and fun.



# **Celebration Graduates**



ARIANA ESTRADA CARLOS F. VIGIL MIDDLE SCHOOL NDI inspires me to be more confident in everything that I do. I will always reach for my dreams and never give up. NDI has inspired me to possibly pursue a career in

dance. I will never forget this experience.



**ERIC GARCIA** MISSION ACHIEVE AND SUCCESS **CHARTER SCHOOL** 

I have been dancing with NDI New Mexico for five years. NDI New Mexico was a big part of my life. I enjoyed being here every Saturday. I will remember this experience for the rest of



**JULISSA FIERRO** MONTE DEL SOL

Respect, a word that has given me strength provided by dance and NDI New Mexico.



**JANIS GARCIA HOME SCHOOL** 

I have been dancing with NDI New Mexico for about six years. NDI New Mexico has enriched my life with dance and friends.



**ADRIANA FONT** HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

NDI New Mexico has taught me that it's okay to be different. I learned to accept myself and build my confidence. Thank you!



ANGELICA GUTIERREZ MONTE DEL SOL

NDI has done a lot of good things for me. It was a place where I could express myself. I'm very grateful that I was in NDI. Thank you, NDI!



**SOFIA GABALDON** 

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL I have been with NDI New Mexico for five years and those have been the best years of my life. NDI New Mexico has become my second home and family. They will always be in my heart.



**BEN HANNUM** 

COTTONWOOD CLASSICAL PREP NDI New Mexico has shown me how to be myself. I have learned success through dancing. And I know now that to do well, you have to look up and keep smiling.



JAEANN GONZALES HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

I have been dancing with NDI New Mexico for five years, it's been amazing. NDI New Mexico has taught me to be confident and to try my very best in everything. NDI New Mexico will always be my second family.



**SOPHIA KING** 

ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL

NDI New Mexico means coming to see my friends, instructor, and learn new technique every Saturday. NDI New Mexico has given me the gift of being more confident in myself. NDI New Mexico has and will always have a place in my heart.



FATIMA GONZALEZ
WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL I have been dancing at NDI New Mexico for five years. In these five years of my life, I have made so many memories. It's been amazing. Thank you so much for an amazing and wonderful experience.



HAILEY LEMON PUBLIC ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS

NDI New Mexico has given me selfconfidence, motivation, and the ability to express myself.... and a second home and another family. I will always be grateful for this wonderful experience.



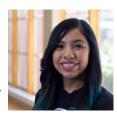
# **CELEBRATION GRADUATE**

# Celebration Graduates



**ERICA LIRA** CAPITAL HIGH

The greatest gift that NDI New Mexico has given to me is inspiration to become a better person and dancer. It's where I can express myself, be myself and not get judged. The opportunity to be an NDI New Mexico dancer is just great because it's an amazing feeling.



**ALI MARIN MEZA** TIERRA ENCANTADA CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

"NDI New Mexico taught me I can do anything. It gave all of us a stage we could shine on. Smiles, Laughter, and Fun. I'm going to miss this place, thank you for the unforgettable memories."



OSCAR LOYA ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND THE CLASSICS

The greatest gift of NDI New Mexico is the knowledge that family is whoever you love.



ANGELA MONGE HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

NDI New Mexico has taught me how to have confidence, to try my best and never give up. I made some amazing friendships and wonderful memories which I will never forget.



JUSTIN MARTINEZ

CARLOS F. VIGIL MIDDLE SCHOOL NDI-NM has given me new friends, excellence and teamwork. NDI means a lot to me because NDI is like a family to me. NDI inspired me with NDI Core 4.



**HEIDI ORDONEZ** POJOAQUE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The greatest gift NDI-NM has given me is confidence. When I first came on the team I was shy and now NDI have me confidence in



**SANTIAGO MAZULIS CONNECTIONS ACADEMY** 

NDI has taught me that I don't have to be the cool guy to make friends. It also taught me that you have to be responsible in situations that require your attention. NDI will always have a special place in my heart. It taught me how to be a better person.



GABRIELLE QUINTANA

CARLOS F. VIGIL MIDDLE SCHOOL The greatest gift NDI-NM has given me was to be my best. NDI-NM means to me to do my personal best. I love NDI-NM.



TERRANCE MATTHEWS

**GONZALES COMMUNITY SCHOOL** NDI New Mexico has taught me so much! It has taught me to follow my dreams and never give up. Thank you for the opportunity!



ANNELIESE RIOS DESERT ACADEMY

For the 4 years that I've been at NDI, my friends and I have made our own little family. Through dance, I have been given ways to express myself that I never would've found on my own. I will always be grateful for the amazing ways that NDI has impacted my life.



KENYA MEDINA **CORRALES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL** 

NDI New Mexico has been part of my life for six years. NDI New Mexico is the one place I can be myself. I want to thank NDI New Mexico for teaching me dedication and excellence for those six years.



**RUTH RODRIGUEZ** TIERRA ADENTRO CHARTER

I have been dancing with NDI New Mexico for five years. NDI New Mexico is my second family. I want to thank all the staff, but especially I want to thank Jackie and Tom.



# **Celebration Graduates**



VICTOR ROMERO
ORTIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

NDI New Mexico brought so many friends into my life. It became my home and I will always cherish my time here! Give everything your very best and never ever give up. Thank you NDI New Mexico for all you've done!



MELANIE SOLIS CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL

NDI New Mexico has given me a place to get away from the world. A place where I made a family that I can count on. NDI New Mexico has given me a gift no other place in the world can give me. I feel grateful for what NDI New Mexico has provided me.



ESPERANZA SALAS-TORREZ MENAUL SCHOOL

NDI New Mexico has taught me to have confidence in myself and to never give up. My five years here have been amazing because I've met many people. NDI New Mexico is my second family. Thank you NDI New Mexico.



JOHN SOTELO CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL

Every step we take is a beginning to a new chapter. NDI New Mexico has made me a better person mentally and physically. NDI New Mexico is my second home. I love you guys!



ERNESTINA SAVAGE SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL

NDI New Mexico has given me many gifts through the years, although the greatest one of all is that NDI New Mexico has taught me how to become a better person through dance. Thank you!



VICTORIA TRUJILLO
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I love NDI New Mexico because it's fun. I'm so happy that after elementary school, I could continue dancing by being on the Celebration Team.



THANDIE SEAGRAVES
NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

The first three years of my NDI New Mexico experience can be summarized by: Do Your Best, Never Give Up, Work Hard, Be Fit. These last three years I have learned: Smile and Leap! You'll always be my home.



BRAYAN VAZQUEZ

HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Each time I go to a rehearsal, I feel very happy
to know that my teammates and I will have
fun learning new dances that require hard
work. I will miss NDI and it will hold a special



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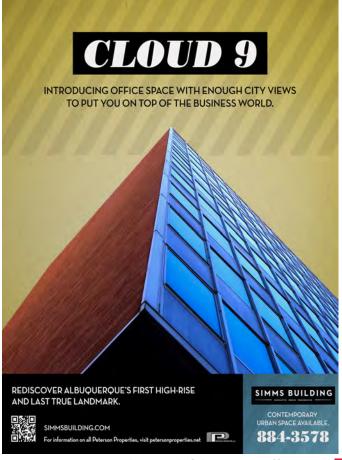
place deep down in my heart forever.

NDI New Mexico has taught me to be flexible both physically and mentally. I always knew I could trust the NDI New Mexico community.

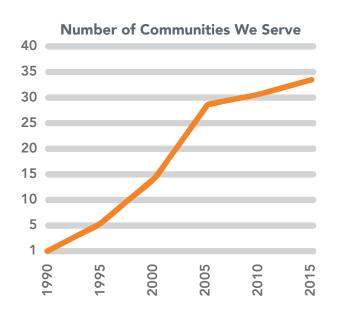
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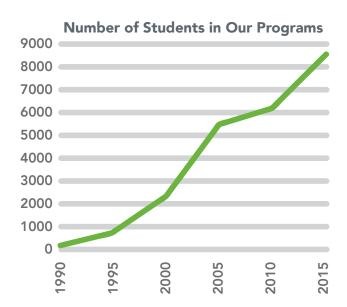




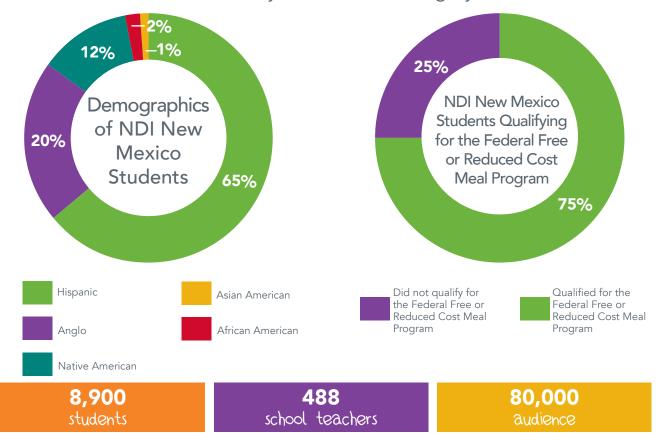


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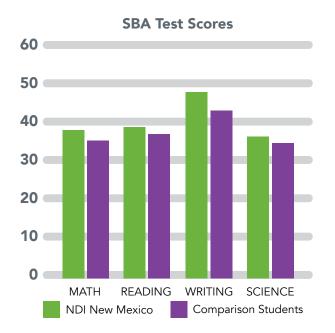
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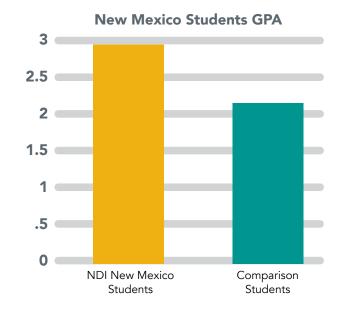
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# Spotlight on Alumna Deyla Curtis



Relations, and French from Whittier College. She has interned with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and has been a student research consultant for the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Deyla currently lives in Washington, D.C. working for Namati, an international development/ human rights non-governmental organization that empowers people in developing nations through grassroots legal advocacy. What do these accomplishments have to do with NDI New Mexico? A lot, according to Deyla and her parents.

When asked how NDI New Mexico contributed to her personal growth, Deyla is effusive in her compliments of her teachers and all that they gave her, which she carries with her today: Allegra Lillard for "empowering me to express myself creatively;" Robyn Avalon for "developing my logical and analytical mind through the patterns rhythms of tap dancing;" Catherine Oppenheimer for "teaching me to invest my time in the things that make me feel passionate."

Company XCel) for a total of eight years.

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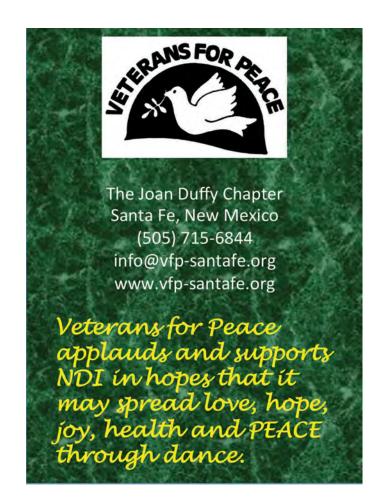
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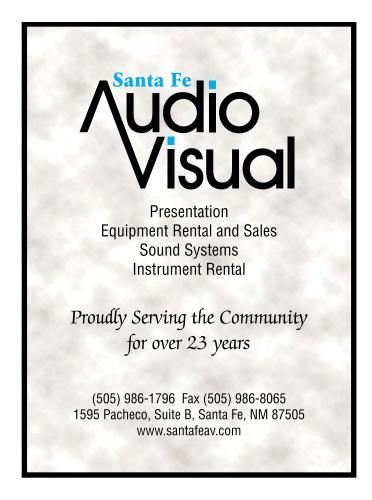
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# Spotlight on Student Sheeleh Benally



class in the morning, Celebration Team rehearsal in the afternoon, and in between in a studio reviewing her choreography. At home, she's tapping in the kitchen, and twirling as she cleans her room. Her mother Desbah says that NDI New Mexico has had a tremendous positive influence on Sheeleh, in particular on her confidence and poise. "When Sheeleh was little, she was so shy that even among family she wasn't comfortable making eye contact or shaking hands. If you had told me a few years ago that she would become this outgoing, energetic girl, comfortable in the spotlight in front of hundreds of people,

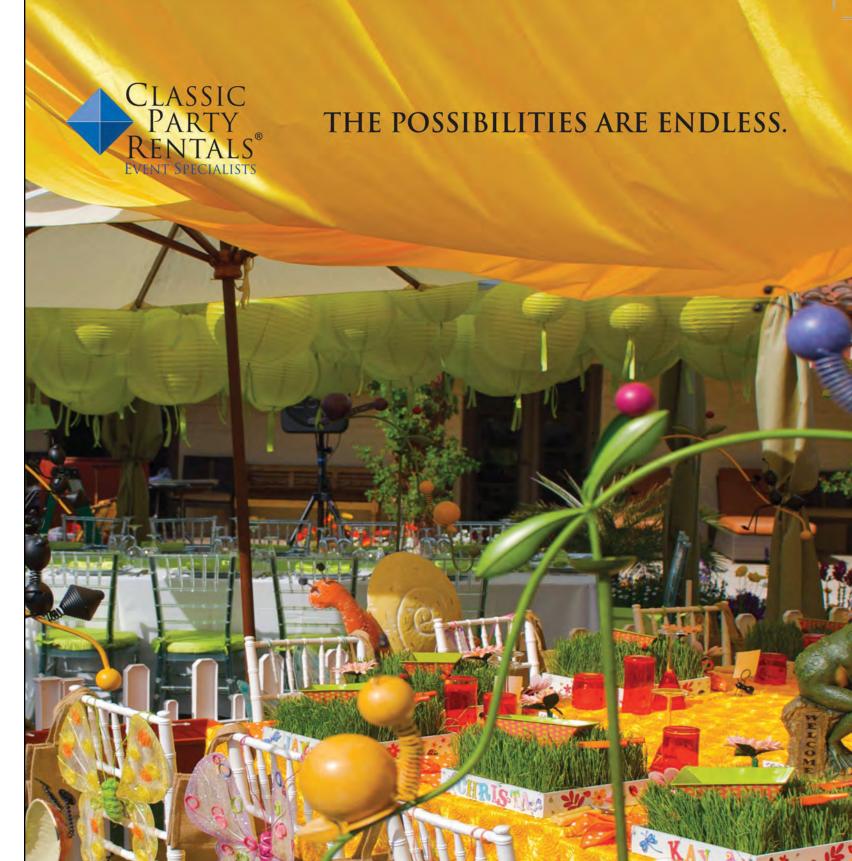
for five years, and is graduating from the Celebration team this year. She was first exposed to NDI New Mexico through the program at Montezuma Elementary School in Albuquerque, and the Albuquerque Summer Institute.

Her father, Buford comments on all the people in Sheeleh's life who have recognized what NDI has given her: from a dance instructor in another program seeing the training and focus she brings to rehearsals to a classroom teacher seeing improvements in the determination with which she approaches her school work.

"The bright smile and the twinkle in her eye after rehearsals and performances...she knows that she can do whatever she sets her mind to."

-Sheeleh's Father

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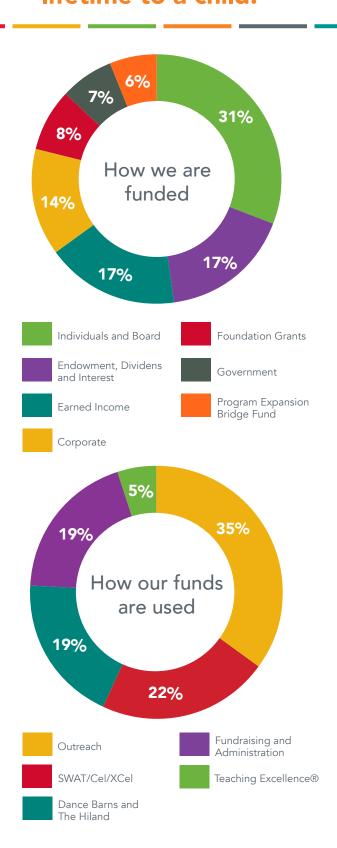
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# SPOTLIGHT ON JOE & TOMA CORDA

# **Spotlight on Joe & Toma Corda**



Joe Corda is no stranger to NDI New Mexico's Core Four values: Work Hard, Do Your Best, Never Give Up and Be Healthy. As the son of an immigrant father from Sicily, he was the first in his family to attend college, earning him degrees in engineering and business, leading him into a lifetime passion of helping other immigrants realize The American Dream.

Joe married Toma in 1974, and they grew the family-owned mobile home park business from a small investment in Burbank, California to a large successful enterprise that now includes four mobile home parks in Santa Fe.

For Joe, getting ahead in America requires discipline, dedication and hard work – merits he sees in children who participate in NDI New Mexico programs.

"It's impressive to see the level of interest and involvement NDI New Mexico has created in this state – such breadth, and one can see the results."

To deepen the community impact of their business interest in Santa Fe of providing low income independent housing, the Cordas collaborated with colleagues Ana and Doug Ottersburg, who introduced them to NDI New Mexico, through "The JC Sales and Creative Homebuyer's Scholarship Fund. "This initiative provides valuable support for those students demonstrating a strong work ethic through their participation on the SWAT and Celebration Team – a focus requiring weekly rehearsals of three to four hours afterschool in addition to performances.

"We have enthusiasm to support NDI New Mexico given the results we've seen in children devoting the time, effort and commitment to the program. We see exactly where our funding goes and are appreciative that there is no inflated bureaucratic overhead. It is important to recognize the family support these children receive with limited resources. To that end, we are happy to be part of that process."

"The best education is from the lessons learned when you mess up, but don't give up."

- Joe & Toma Corda

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Krys and Phil Custer distinctly remember when they first learned about NDI New Mexico – 20 years ago! In 1995, Krys caught wind of an interesting program that Jacques D'Amboise and Catherine Oppenheimer were presenting in Silver City. "From the moment we saw it, we were hooked!" Krys and Phil have remained involved throughout NDI New Mexico's growth, including their granddaughters appearing as Tiny Tots during Hiland End-of-Year performances.



When asked to join the Silver Sneakers Legacy Society, the Custers quickly said yes. "It was an easy decision," Krys notes. "Seeing the incredible facility and truly dedicated staff, witnessing firsthand the development of students, and learning about the statistics and outcomes from student evaluations, Phil and I feel that NDI New Mexico is definitely a safe and worthy investment for future generations."

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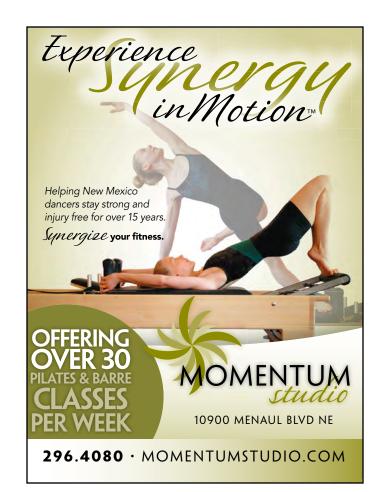
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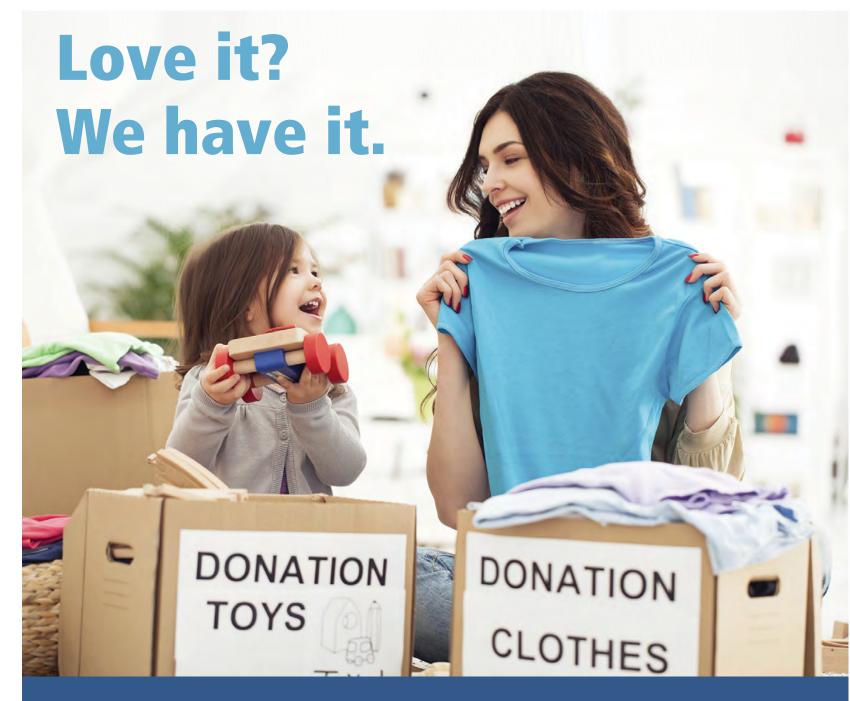
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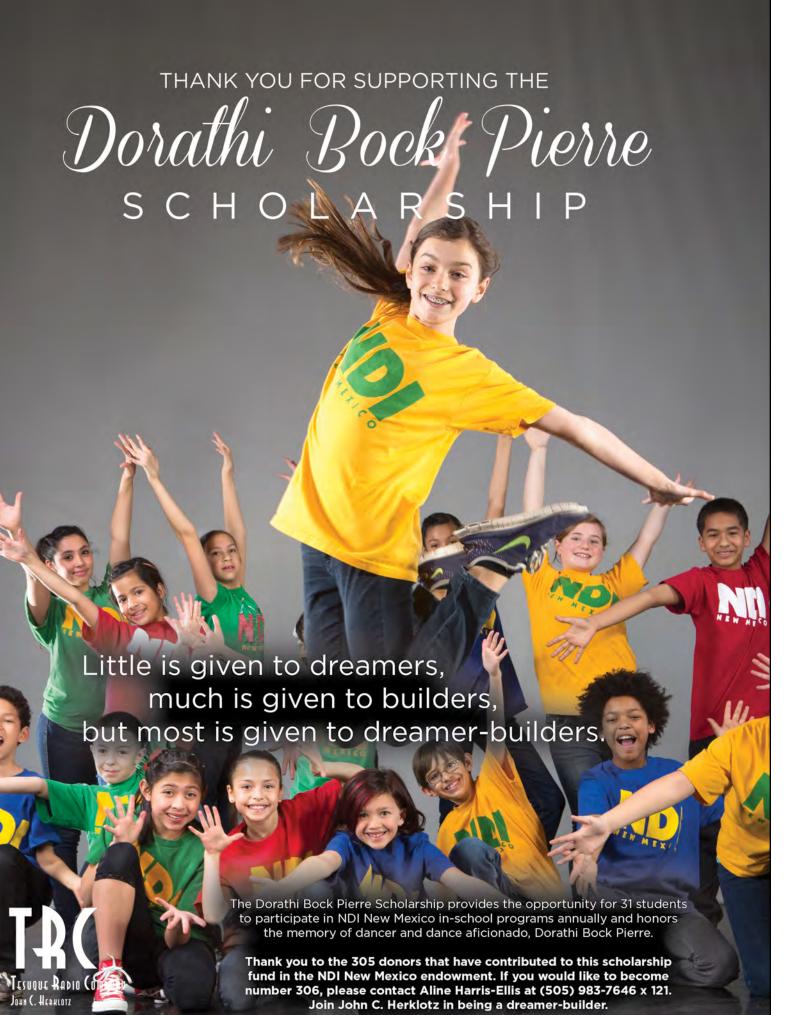
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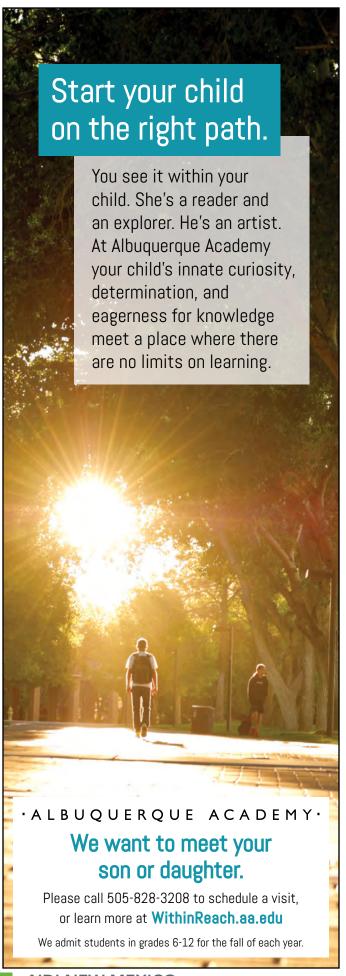
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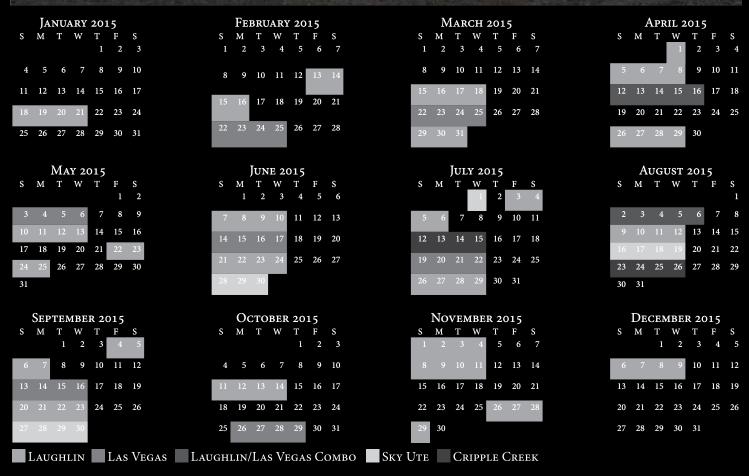




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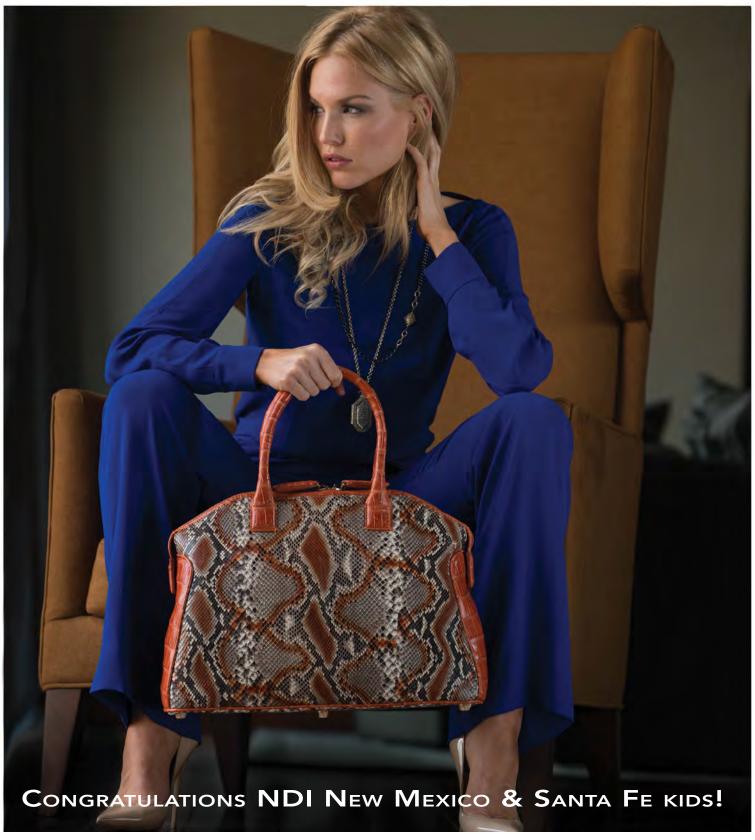














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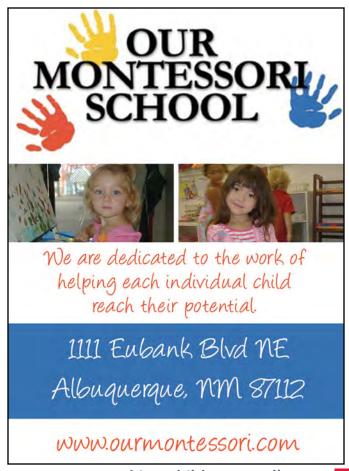
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Emily grew up in Farmington, New Mexico. Her father was a theater professor and instilled a love of the performing arts in Emily from an early age. Emily

received her B.F.A. in Dance at the University of New Mexico, training and performing with Bill Evans, MaryAnn Newhall, and Jennifer Predock-Linnell. After graduating, she moved to Santa Fe and saw her first NDI New Mexico performance, a residency at the Jemez Pueblo. Emily was so inspired by the energy and approach to teaching that she enrolled in NDI New Mexico's Teaching Excellence® teacher training workshop, after which she joined the artistic staff full-time

Emily describes what inspires her about her job: "I see students working hard physically and mentally to master a dance step, and also learning to work

together as a team. I see students witness their teammates' struggles, support one another with patience and perseverance, and then share in the excitement once everyone gets the step. These are important lessons that make a difference in children's lives, and lessons that will stick with them as they grow."

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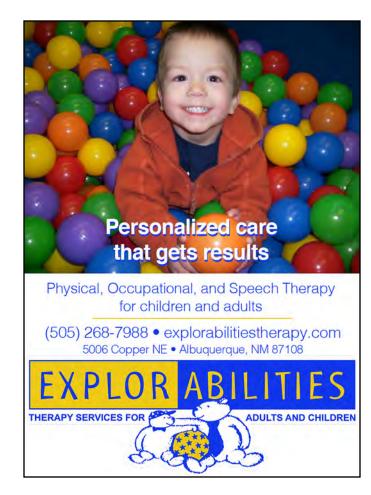
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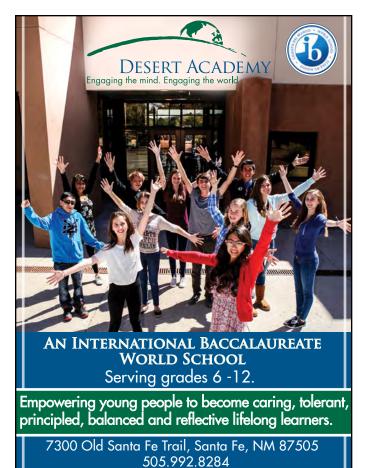
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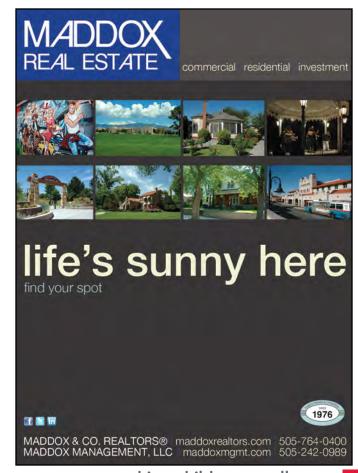
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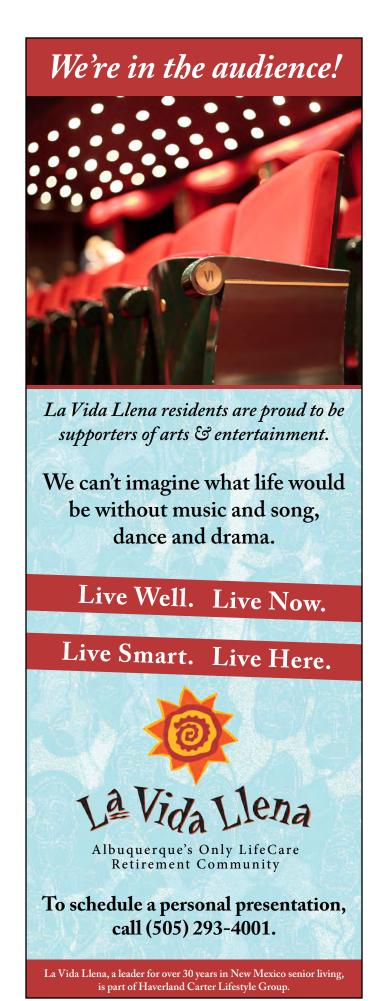


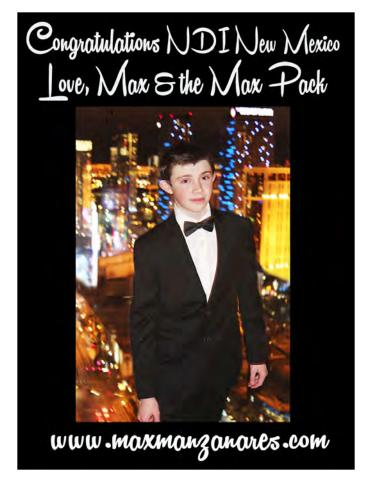
















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