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Dear Audience MEMBERS & FRIENDS



WELCOME TO TODAY'S PERFORMANCE! The journey to this moment has been filled with joyful concentration, hard work, and lots of practice! As you watch the performers, we believe you will see on their faces the confidence and joy that come from participating in the NDI New Mexico program.

Since inception, NDI New Mexico has served 100,000 children with programs that engage and inspire them to be their best. For many children, our unique methodology of using the arts to teach life lessons has been a key to unlocking learning and a path to success. This year, NDI New Mexico programs have set the stage for improved health, academic achievement, self-confidence, and quality of life for nearly 10,000 children, 500 public school teachers, and 85,000 audience members statewide. We are thrilled to announce the purchase of property adjacent to The Dance Barns to expand our services in Santa Fe and around the state. This incredible opportunity is a key component of NDI New Mexico's Five-Year Strategic Plan which will help us prepare for serving future generations of children.



We want to thank you, the many supporters who make our work possible each year. Your commitment shown through buying tickets, making financial contributions, community partnerships, and by volunteering help bring our programs to life. We strongly believe in the effectiveness of our programs to move the dial for New Mexico's youth and communities and are committed to meeting the demand and need for our services in a sustainable way. We hope that you will continue this j' urney with us!

"For many children, our unique methodology of using the arts to teach life lessons has been a key to unlocking learning and a path to success."

NDI New Mexico's Core Four message of working hard, doing your best, never giving up, and being healthy is making a positive impact on children, their families, and their schools. We hope that you leave today's performance inspired by the enthusiastic smiles, high energy, and incredible possibilities for the young people you see on stage. Thank you for being here. Together we are helping prepare children for a positive future.

Yours in teaching children excellence,

John Bernat Board Chair Russell Baker Executive Director

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Never Give Up, and Be Healthy. Our dancers learn that with tenacity and perseverance, they can meet the challenges life presents them. Through the engagement of close to 10,000 children this year, we see the momentum our programs create for young people – propelling them forward in their lives by showing them how empowering it is to apply yourself to achieve a goal.

NDI New Mexico's award-winning approach uses engaging and high energy teaching techniques in a safe, nurturing learning environment to deliver a message of what it means to be excellent. We inspire children to reach for our very high *expectation barre* and the results are fulfilling for all. Instructors use honest feedback and playful critique to show dancers that learning is a process that takes time and effort, and is also fun and rewarding!

NDI New Mexico is deeply committed to the children, families, schools, and communities in our state. We are aware of the changes happening locally and around the country, and recognize that much educational funding is at risk. **You can count on us** to continue to provide high-quality youth development programming to the children and communities we serve. Our 23-year history of successful programs and fiscal integrity demonstrates we have a working model to use as a template as we embark on our next 23 years.

Our visionary Board of Directors, extraordinary donors, passionate volunteers, committed community partners, public school principals, classroom teachers, along with our talented staff worked together this year to make it possible to serve almost 10,000 of New Mexico's most underserved children. We are continually training NDI New Mexico teaching artists, developing powerful community partnerships and increasing our fund development capabilities to allow us to sustain our important impact for generations to come.

LONGEVITY

IN THE PAST 23 YEARS, NDI NEW MEXICO'S PROGRAMS HAVE SERVED MORE THAN 100,000 CHILDREN ACROSS NEW MEXICO.

Our impact is both broad and deep, addressing some of the most critical needs in our state. NDI New Mexico has a time-tested formula for sustaining and growing our programs well into the future. We believe that if young people experience excellence in their lives, they will become model citizens and go on to build a better tomorrow for New Mexico.

"The skills NDI New Mexico teaches are exactly what our staffing team looks for in potential employees. Supporting NDI in our community benefits us all."

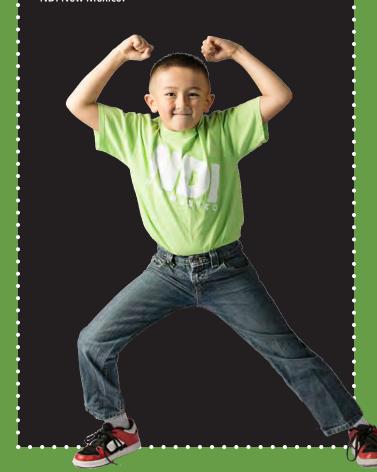
-Leean Kravitz, Fidelity Investments



NDI NEW MEXICO'S GENERATIONAL IMPACT!

WHEN BRANDON BARROW WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE SANTA FE SWAT TEAM THIS YEAR, HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE IN HIS FAMILY WHO

WAS EXCITED! Brandon's father, Sergio, was one of Santa Fe's first SWAT Team members when he was a young boy. In 1998 Sergio was a student of our Founding Artistic Director, Catherine Oppenheimer, when SWAT rehearsed on Saturdays at the Pink Church and performed at the Greer Garson Theatre. Sergio and Brandon are proud to be a multigenerational NDI New Mexico family, and we're proud to serve our community for generation after generation, giving every family the opportunity to learn and grow through the NDI New Mexico!



THIS YEAR MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF NDI NEW MEXICO PROVIDING PROGRAMMING IN THE

ALBUQUERQUE COMMUNITY! In 1997, Founding Artistic Director Catherine Oppenheimer held her first class at Eubank Elementary and today the program is going strong! The school is now Janet Kahn School of Integrated Arts, and NDI New Mexico has become an important part its culture, where young students look forward to being in the enriching classes in the fifth-grade. This year, 75 students will be dancing in the event alongside eight of their teachers – including their principal,

CHRISTY SIGMON!



"I have seen tremendous growth in our kids. Not only are they held to the NDI New Mexico standard of excellence: Work Hard, Do Your Best, Never Give Up, and Be Healthy, but they get to experience something that is rich and powerful. Being able to perform on a stage with a large audience is

life altering for many of our students, they are exposed to a bigger, better, more positive world than the one in which they live. This program helps with confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, and hope." Christy Sigmon

LAURIE MOODIE SAW FIRST-HAND THE IMPACT ON STUDENTS AT THE VERY FIRST NDI NEW MEXICO

CLASS. "Suddenly they had a new vocabulary, and they could express themselves with movement." For 16 years, she and her students were a part of the NDI New Mexico classes at Eubank. Upon retiring, Laurie knew she couldn't walk away from the important work NDI New Mexico is doing in the community. She immediately came to volunteer at The Hiland and today works in the costume shop, making sure each child is ready for their time in the spotlight!



FUN FACT: MANY OF
THE DANCERS YOU WILL
SEE THIS YEAR FROM
JANET KAHN SCHOOL OF
INTEGRATED ARTS WERE
THE FIRST TINY TOTS TO
GRACE THE STAGE OF THE
HILAND THEATER DURING
ITS GRAND OPENING
PERFORMANCES IN 2012.



DEPTH AND BREADTH

OUTREACH

In-School Outreach is the heart of what we do! By bringing our classes directly into the public schools as part of the school day, children who might not have the resources to participate in extracurricular youth development programs gain the opportunity to expand their horizons. NDI New Mexico's unique and award-winning methodology ensures that going to school is joyful and engaging. NDI New Mexico becomes part of the culture and curriculum at the public schools and communities we serve.

Children in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Pojoaque, and the Española Valley receive weekly classes conducted at their school throughout the school year. The program finishes with exciting End-of-Year shows where the dancers demonstrate what they have learned in front of enthusiastic audiences made up of families, peers, teachers, principals, elected officials, business leaders, program supporters, and community members. All Outreach classes are free of charge to children and their families due to the incredible support we receive from a variety of funding sources.

ADVANCED TEAMS

Many of our Outreach students long for more, and for these highly-motivated dancers coming from our partner schools, we have 100% scholarship-driven Advanced Training squads. Participation on these teams allows dancers to further their technical training over many years. The students on our SWAT (Super Wonderful Advanced Team) and Celebration Teams are dedicated and committed dancers who have auditioned for their valuable spots. Students meet after school or on Saturdays for up to four hours per week to learn challenging choreography, goal setting, the principles of teamwork and how to be effective leaders. The enthusiasm and accomplishment that comes from these disciplined dancers result in a self-confident child – seen by parents, school teachers, peers, and instructors.

HIP TO BE FIT®

BE HEALTHY is one of our Core Four guidelines for being excellent. We are committed to helping children get fit! NDI New Mexico's programs take children's natural energy and channel it in a positive direction. Our HIP to Be Fit® curriculum is embedded into all our Outreach classes and increases dancers' stamina and endurance. By teaching the importance of exercising and eating right, we supplement our programs with messages that help children and their families make healthy lifestyle choices. HIP to Be Fit® includes a nutrition component, the Student Nutrition Activity Curriculum for Kids (SNACK), and Train the Trainer, a professional development workshop for classroom teachers. Our goal is to make a positive impact on New Mexico's children by helping them take care of their bodies, minds, and spirits.

RESIDENCY

Our traveling Residency Team brings music and dance to underserved children in 25 rural and urban communities in all corners of New Mexico. The team conducts daily classes ranging from one to three weeks, which culminate in exciting, interactive performances for students and families in gyms and theaters in their communities. NDI New Mexico is one of the highlights of the year for many of our residency sites. Children look forward to their visit from NDI New Mexico each year.









TEACHING EXCELLENCE®

NDI New Mexico is committed to developing highly trained instructors to deliver our award-winning pedagogy to almost 10,000 children across New Mexico annually. Instructors are the backbone of our programs, as their expertise is vital to a child's engagement and success. Our Teaching Excellence® Workshop is a critical building block for training these prized teachers to develop the central skills needed to create fast-paced, dynamic and engaging classes. In the two-week intensive, participants are immersed in a highly focused and hands-on training in NDI New Mexico's methodology, motivating children using our energetic, fun and athletic approach to teaching dance. This year's Teaching Excellence® Teacher Training will be held July 24 - August 4, 2017, in Albuquerque, NM. For more information, contact Liz Salganek, Artistic Director at (505) 557-6046 or ndi-nm.org/ teachingexcellence.

THE DANCE BARNS & THE HILAND

Each week approximately 2,000 children ages 3-18, come to The Dance Barns in Santa Fe or The Hiland in Albuquerque to enrich their lives with high-quality dance training with a focus on excellence. These two dynamic facilities have become nurturing and engaging second homes to our afterschool students and their families – a place to come together to experience the arts with classes in creative movement, ballet, modern dance, jazz, tap, voice, and theater. The Dance Barns and Hiland programs give children the opportunity to participate in professionally produced onstage performances and are open to all children in the community with classes offered on a sliding fee scale. Whether looking for an introduction to creative movement or advanced classes for those with their eyes set on a career in dance, The Dance Barns and The Hiland Programs have a perfect class for you!

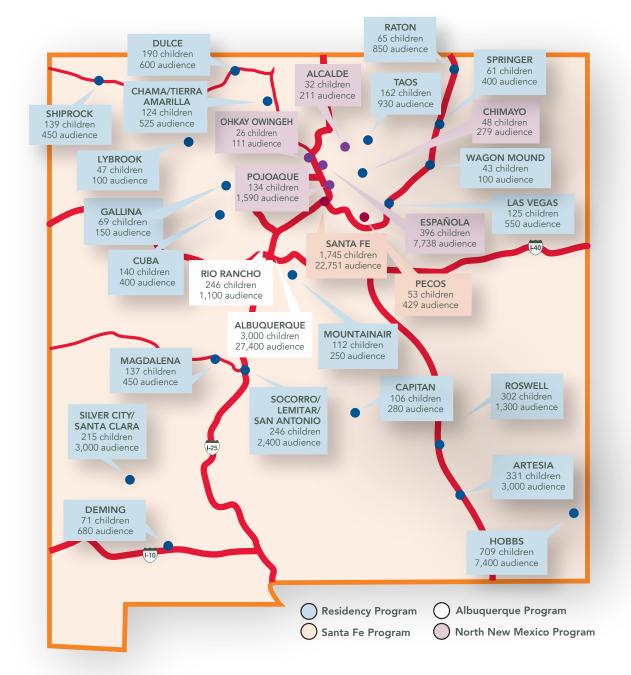
NDI NEW MEXICO STATEWIDE IMPACT



IN 2016-2017, NDI NEW MEXICO PROGRAMS WILL REACH ALMOST 10,000 CHILDREN, 500 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN 100 SCHOOLS, 33 COMMUNITIES AND 85,600 AUDIENCE MEMBERS STATEWIDE!



for helping us reach almost
10,000 children across New Mexico your wheels keep us rolling!



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"HANNAH WAS AMAZING TO WORK WITH. SHE KNEW HOW TO ENGAGE THE STUDENTS AND GET THEM TO DO THEIR BEST" -ARTESIA TEACHER



WHEN HANNAH FOSS MOVED TO NEW MEXICO IN 2012, SHE WAS LOOKING TO FURTHER HER CAREER AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN JAZZ, TAP, AND HIP HOP.

We immediately took note of her natural charisma and energy – a great fit for our Outreach programming. After visiting just one of our classes, she was eager to begin training in our high-energy and confidence-building pedagogy. Her talents were recognized quickly, and after one year of apprenticeship Hannah became an instructor for our Residency Program. The following year Hannah was promoted to be our Residency Director, and now leads a team of teachers and musicians who annually serve over 3,000 children in all corners of our state. She and her team bring the joyful and rigorous experience of NDI New Mexico programs to 25 towns, cities, and Native American communities throughout the school year.

To Hannah, being an instructor with NDI New Mexico has taught her about patience and kindness. "It has taught me that it is not the final product that matters most but it is the lessons the kids learn along the way that mean the most and that will stick with them longest."



OUR EYES ARE ON THE FUTURE

RE-ENVISIONING THE DANCE BARNS CAMPUS

With an eye to the future, NDI New Mexico made the bold move of purchasing a property contiguous to The Dance Barns. This acquisition will positively impact our ability to serve more children and create excellence for the next generation of children in our state, as The Dance Barns serves children living in areas well beyond Santa Fe itself.

Envision four new dance studios along with a grand new entrance from Camino Alire and restructured traffic flow – key elements of The Dance Barns Campus renovation. With over 1,000 students currently attending classes each week, the 14-year-old facility and property are now beyond capacity, with many children being wait-listed for classes. The expanded Dance Barns Campus will allow new students to enroll in our programs, as well as provide additional classes for existing students to progress as they advance in skill. NDI New Mexico will also be able to enhance student services with new and diverse program offerings and partnerships in areas such as workforce development, early childhood education, and our unique health and nutrition program, HIP to Be Fit ®.

To support our growth, the campus renovation will also include the much-needed increase to administrative and storage areas, as well as landscaping that ties all aspects of the property together in a way that is inspiring, safe and cohesive.

A NEW SHOW!

Our newest show, *Roots Revival!*, premieres in Santa Fe and Española this Spring. It is a vibrant celebration of the early roots of American music told through story, song, and dance, including bluegrass, spirituals, gospel, blues, zydeco, Tejano, Native American and Northern New Mexican folk music. As immigrants came to America, they brought with them strong traditions, folk songs, and instruments. Their music was shared, borrowed, passed down, and adapted, creating a new musical genre. This melded style of music played and sung on porches, in fields, around fires, and in churches, connected us to home and heritage and all at once expresses the evolution of our identity as Americans.

"From a complicated and tangled past, something beautiful emerged that connects us — music that fills the soul and tells our stories; stories of struggle, heartbreak, hope and joy...

Look for this rich story and performance coming to your community! As our premiere show, it will be traveling across New Mexico with our residency team soon!



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AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN

includes goal setting, self-evaluation and discovery, and acknowledgment of those supporting our organization. We annually ask students of all ages to reflect on their experiences and share with us and our supporters their insights and excitement around performing and dancing for the first time. We call these collective moments of gratitude our cherished *Thank You Project* – and if you're lucky enough to receive one you already know how special and heartfelt they are.



WE COUNT ON YOU!

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"THE DIFFERENCE PROGRAMS LIKE NDI MAKE IN A CHILD'S LIFE IS SO

PROFOUND, I FEEL HONORED TO BE ABLE TO SAY I AM CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR EXPERIENCE BY VOLUNTEERING AT NDI NEW MEXICO."

- KATHIE LUCERO SALGADO



NDI NEW MEXICO WOULD NOT BE WHERE IT IS TODAY IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU!

Over the years, we have been blessed to have dedicated supporters consistently show up for our organization by donating time, expertise, financial resources, valuable services and discounts – and all to make magic happen for the children of New Mexico. There is a myriad of ways our volunteers support the work we do. Across our beautiful state of New Mexico, people put in countless hours helping us through their belief in our mission of teaching children excellence.



MEET RITA LYNN CHAVEZ, MOTHER OF NDI NEW MEXICO TWINS, FELICIA AND ALICIA – AND INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEER.

Rita shares her valuable time with us on Friday afternoons to help our North program in Española. She assists with rehearsals,

sign in, snack set up, parent monitoring, clean up, and...what else?! Rita enjoys participating in activities to support her daughters, who have been SWAT (Super Wonderful Advanced Team) members for a few years. The entire team respects her friendly, while firm outgoing nature and we applaud her and appreciate her to the moon and back!

"I volunteer my time for SWAT because it continuously teaches me something new about people and being a team member with compassion. In helping others, I'm reminded that we are all in this together and need to support each other. Children are our future, and this program offers such a positive environment to help them succeed in life."

- Rita Lynn Chavez

ALBUQUERQUE'S TREMENDOUS TRIO!



ANGEL GARCIA, ELIZABETH GALLEGOS, KATHIE LUCERO SALGADO (L TO R)

"I encourage all parents
to consider volunteering
for one hour a week, a
month, every few months,
whatever works for you
and your family. It is an
amazing program and any
contribution at NDI is
time well spent."
-Kathie Lucero Salgado

ELIZABETH GALLEGOS, ANGEL GARCIA, AND KATHIE LUCERO SALGADO ARE ROCKSTAR VOLUNTEERS AT

THE HILAND. They are always willing and ready to go above and beyond in both our Outreach and Hiland programs and are individuals that everyone recognizes, trusts and loves. From folding programs to assisting backstage, these moms and grandmas are consistently ready to lend a hand, and we at NDI New Mexico can only hope that they know how much we appreciate their time and commitment to our programs and our staff.

Elizabeth enjoys working with the children, and watching them gain confidence in who they are. She also appreciates watching the staff share their knowledge of dance, music, and the discipline it takes to do their best. Volunteering allows her to experience the excitement of the events directly – performing with other parents and teachers, laughing and learning and forming long-term friendships with staff and families.

"NDI has had a tremendous impact on my son. He enjoys the activity and the social aspect of dancing with kids from Albuquerque and loves learning from their outstanding teachers. He is passionate about everything NDI stands for – the core four will be with him forever. Work hard, do your best, never give up and be healthy!"

-Angel Garcia

Angel Garcia loves being able to volunteer at NDI New Mexico and feels fortunate to be part of an amazing organization and family. "When I take my son to dance, I am hopeful that I can volunteer my services as I like to feel useful and enjoy watching the kids express their excitement as they make their way to the event."

Kathie Lucero Salgado volunteers at NDI New Mexico for two reasons: she loves the work NDI does with the youth of New Mexico, and as an educator, she has been fortunate to see the benefits of the outreach programs to the students at our elementary schools. As a parent, she is appreciative to know her son is in a safe and nurturing environment rich with the fine arts while he receives quality dance instruction. By volunteering at NDI New Mexico she can stay involved in what interests her son and have a better understanding of the different programs we provide.

Two years ago, Kathie's son had not stepped foot in a dance studio. Now, he is passionate about his new interest and wants to pursue a career in dance. He is focused in school and shows responsibility in organizing himself and his time. Furthermore, her son is showing an impressive sense of commitment as he works through school, class, and rehearsals.



IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

SANDRA AND JUAN GARCIA APPRECIATE AND RESPECT NDI NEW MEXICO BY OBSERVING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT HAPPENING IN THEIR DAUGHTERS, ELENA AND SOFIA.

Through NDI New Mexico classes, rehearsals, and performances, both girls, along with their peers, have been taught to work hard at everything they do, do their best, never give up and to be healthy. "NDI reinforces in our daughters what we teach them at home as well – to be positive in their thinking, attitudes, and behavior and to respect themselves and others.

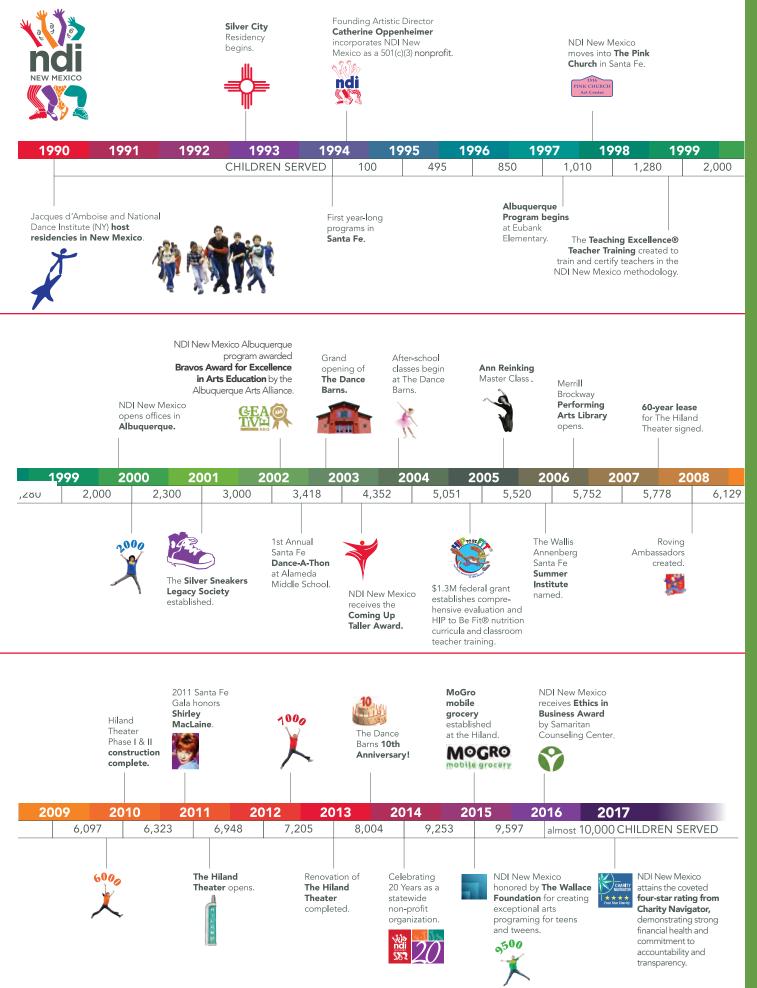
"As a result and reflection of their teachers at NDI, our daughters have grown to value patience, endurance, discipline and hard work."

Sandra and Juan are reliable and dependable volunteers who never fail to show up and do their assignments calmly and gracefully. "NDI New Mexico does so much for our girls we just want to help – they love it here."

"There are so many venues for children to get lost in negative, harmful influences and become discouraged, inactive and devalued. NDI New Mexico continuously breaks that mold by teaching our children positive values through dance and movement – it's an invaluable treasure to our city, communities and future generations."

- Sandra and Juan Garcia



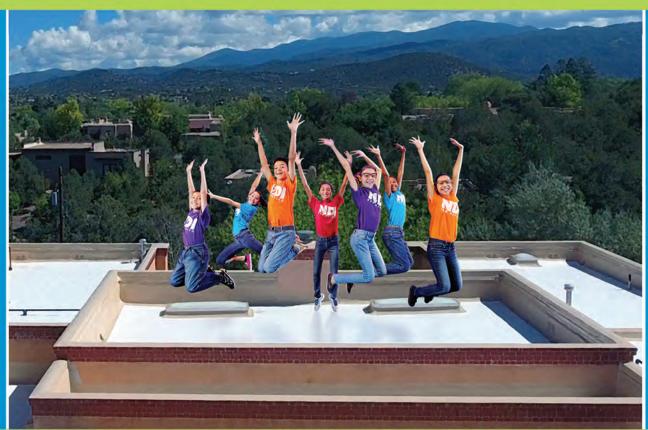




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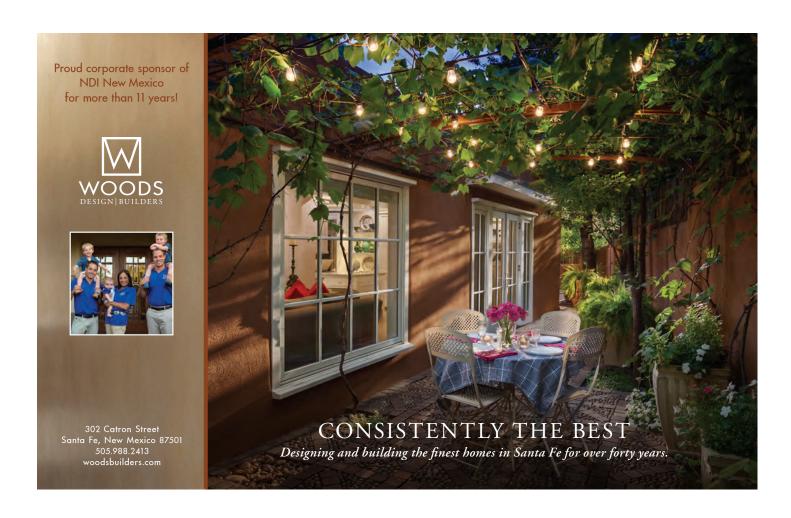
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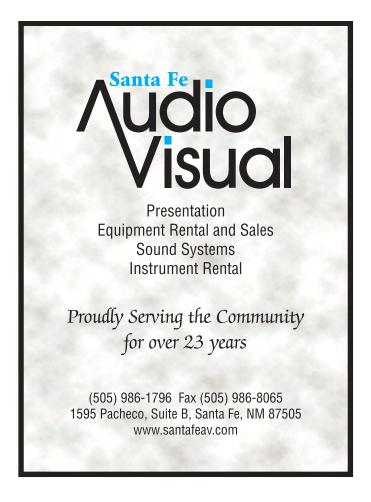


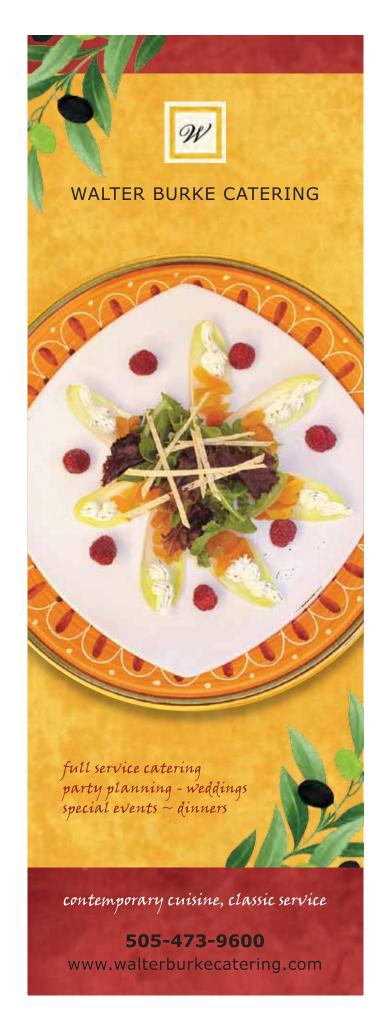
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"I am becoming a more positive person and am having fun. I am honored to represent my community. NDI is showing me how to succeed."

– Cassandra, 6th grade, Santa Clara Pueblo

NEW MEXICO IS THE ANCESTRAL HOME FOR MANY NATIVE PEOPLES FOR WHOM DANCE, SONG AND RITUAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF THEIR HERITAGE AND CULTURES. These traditions instill respect for their histories, ancestors and the land. NDI New Mexico programs also embraces similar tenets through the Core Four: of discipline, honor, perseverance and confidence.

NDI New Mexico is committed to serving Native American students and communities. This year, approximately 12% of our students are in programs at Dulce, Shiprock, Magdalena, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and the pueblos of Zia, Ohkay Owingeh, Pojoaque, Tesuque and Jemez.Luci Tapahonso, Inaugural Navajo Nation Poet Laureate, and NDI New Mexico

Board member first witnessed at a community performance in her hometown of Shiprock. The joyful showcasing of student achievement in front of families, community, and peers inspired her to expand awareness and funding opportunities through the creation of her initiative, Honoring Our Steps.



"THE GYMNASIUM WAS PACKED, BEFORE AND AFTER THE SHOW
PEOPLE WERE SHAKING HANDS, GREETING AND HUGGING EACH
OTHER ALL AMID MUCH LAUGHTER AND EXCITEMENT. THE
AUDIENCE RANGED FROM NEWBORNS IN CRADLEBOARDS TO
SIBLINGS OF ALL AGES AS WELL AS AUNTIES, UNCLES, PARENTS,
AND GRANDPARENTS. THE EVENT WAS A CELEBRATORY REUNION,
AND THE STUDENTS WERE THE STARS!"
- LUCI TAPAHONSO

We value partnerships and seek to understand how our programs can help meet community goals focused on the development, quality of life, academic achievement, and health of young people. *Honoring our Steps* current funding partners include individual donors, The Continuous Pathways Foundation, Innovate + Educate, Santa Fe Public Schools Native American Student Services, the Department of Health, United Way of Central New Mexico and the Sheila Fortune Foundation.

Spotlight on Cultural Excellence

RULAN TANGEN AND EHREN KEE NATAY



FUN FACTS: Rulan was an instructor with our programs and remembers with particular fondness teaching at our residency in Dulce. There she met a nine-year old girl ...

WHEN NORTH ARTISTIC
DIRECTOR LESLIE STAMPER
WANTED TO WRITE A
SHOW ABOUT AMERICAN
ROOTS MUSIC, SHE FELT IT
IMPORTANT TO SHARE
THE VOICE OF OUR MOST
DEEPLY ROOTED MUSIC
AND CULTURE - THAT OF
NATIVE AMERICA.

THIS LED HER TO REACH
OUT TO RULAN TANGEN,
(PICTURED LEFT),
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Rulan's vision for a piece inspired a second partnership with Native artist Ehren Kee Natay (pictured above). Ehren, a Santa Fe-based multi-media artist, musician, performer, and adjunct professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts, creates work that bridges the intersection of traditional cultural expression and contemporary pop culture. (www.ehrenkeenatay.com)



aulo T. for Dancing Earth

Both cultural artists have a connection to NDI New Mexico. Rulan was an instructor with our programs and remembers with particular fondness teaching at our residency in Dulce. There she met a nine-year old girl, Anne Pesata, who is now grown up and a member of Rulan's dance company. Ehren was intrigued by the collaboration in part due to a memory he had as a child of watching an NDI New Mexico performance and wishing he had a performing arts program in his school. Today, as a professional artist and educator, Ehren strongly believes in creating access to the arts for young people and giving voice to a modern Native cultural identity in his home state.

This heartfelt collaboration led to the creation of an extraordinary piece of music and choreography, Honoring Earth. SWAT students in Santa Fe, and Outreach students at Ohkay Owingeh Community School will perform the piece in our newest show, Roots Revival this May!

As an organization dedicated to culture and collaboration, NDI New Mexico values and supports professional performing artists. We strongly believe in fostering creative experiences for our students through work with local artists, bringing an authentic voice to themes we explore.













After-School Programs at THE DANCE BARNS AND THE HILAND

NDI NEW MEXICO OFFERS AFTER-SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR AGES 3-18 AT FACILITIES IN SANTA FE AND ALBUQUERQUE.

The Artistic Directors of these programs, along with exceptional faculty, provide inspiration and leadership through consistent, high-quality tutelage and exceptional performance experiences. These assets along with the generous commitment of our supporters have grown our after-school programs to serve over 1,000 children and teens each year. Our facilities are also a home for our Advanced Training teams of SWAT and Celebration allowing us to serve 2,000 children and teens annually at The Dance Barns and The Hiland!

A central component of teaching children excellence is providing students opportunities which expand their horizons and reveal their capacity for self-discipline and artistic expression. Dance Barns Artistic Director, Allegra Lillard and Hiland Artistic Director, Evelyn Cisneros fuse high expectations and sophisticated training, disciplines that guided them through careers as professional ballerinas, with NDI New Mexico's Core Four philosophy of working hard, doing your best, never giving up and being healthy. Their leadership creates a welcoming and inclusive environment for our diverse community of children and creates schools that meet children where they are, set a platform for their success, and inspire them to reach for the highest of heights!

For our most advanced performing companies, both Allegra and Evelyn created extraordinary ballets for our students – a commitment and feat that grew the students immensely and took close to a year to accomplish. In Albuquerque, Evelyn Cisneros and husband Stephen Legate created a sophisticated ballet to a score by Aaron Copland, *El Salon Nuevo Mexico*, blending ballet, modern dance, and Mexican folkloric influences into a beautiful story ballet. In Santa Fe, Allegra Lillard choreographed *The Firebird*, to a suite from the ballet composed by Igor Stravinsky. Her students were pushed to build upon their technical foundation and develop the true artistry of ballet – expressing emotion and narrative through the discipline's exquisite lines of movement.

Along with the expertise of our directors, our students had opportunities to work with Broadway legends who pulled out their highest potential and worked with them as true professionals this year. Our Albuquerque students had the once-in-alifetime opportunity to work with the fabulous, Ann Reinking, master of Fosse-esque choreography, who taught the slinky and sophisticated piece, *Suite Kander*. Our Santa Fe students worked with two accomplished Broadway stars, Charlotte D'Amboise and Mary Ann Lamb, who came in from New York to set the comedic and athletic Jerome Robbins piece, *Charleston*. Our students had life-affirming experiences with these talented professionals and we are proud of them all!

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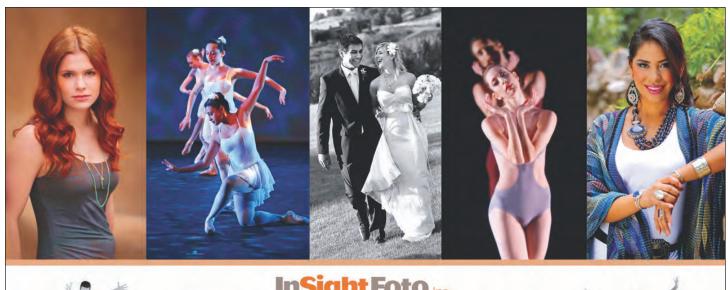
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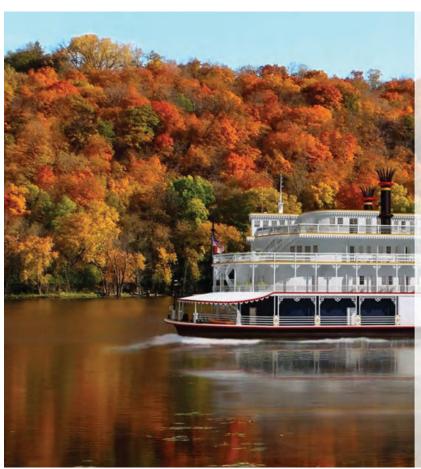






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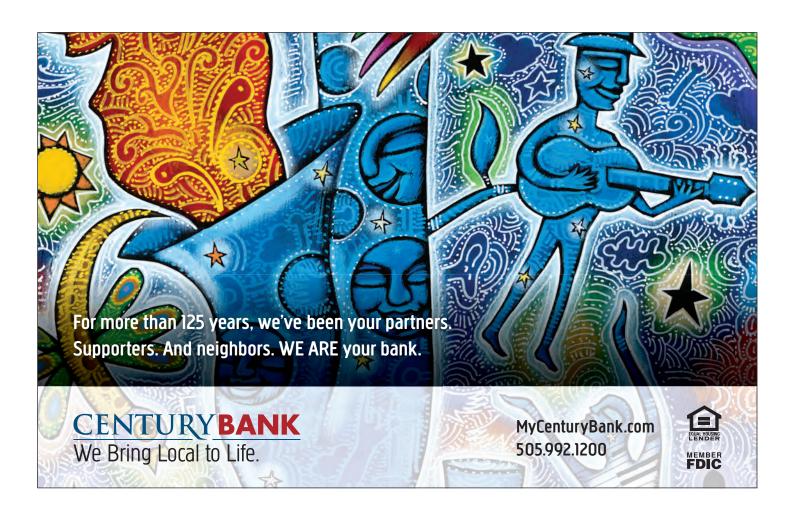
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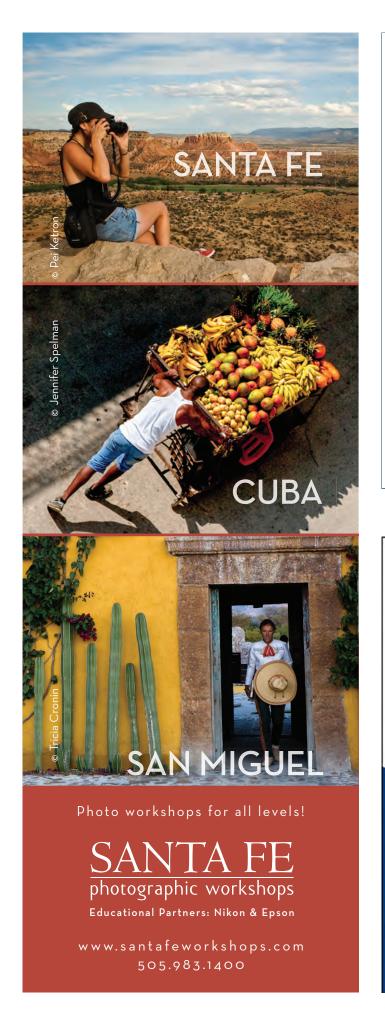


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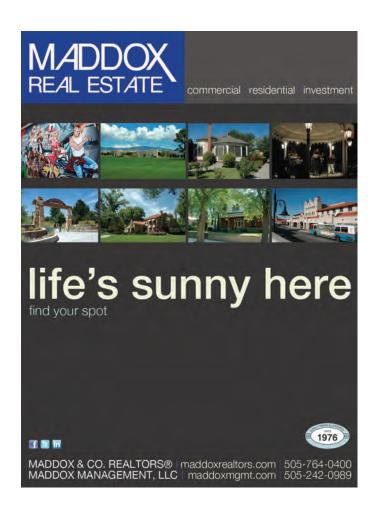
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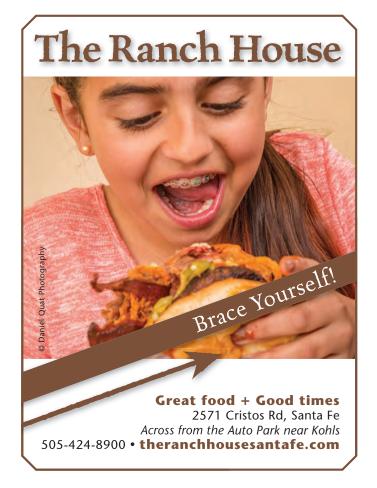
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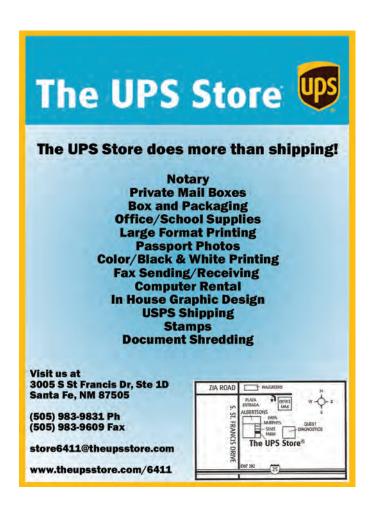
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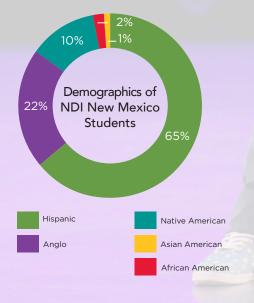
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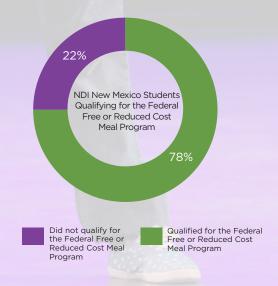
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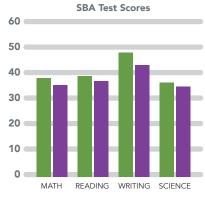
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Our instructors play a major role in achieving these outcomes. To best measure the factors that contribute to engaging students and helping them develop skills and behaviors for success in school and life, we discovered the work of Dr. Joan Duda, Ph.D., the sports psychology consultant for the Women's US Olympic team which won the gold medal at the Atlanta 1996 Games.

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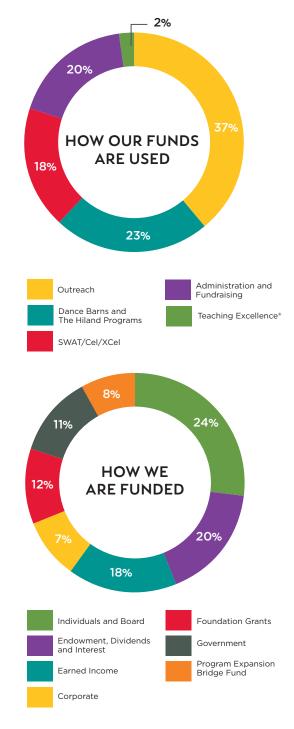
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They later attended a gala performance and were "totally captivated by the experience: the performance, joy, energy, camaraderie – it was very welcoming and very well done. We signed on to be a part of it right then and there."

Holly and David are involved with NDI New Mexico for many reasons, including their backgrounds in the arts and healthcare - Holly taught art history at the University of New Mexico, and David ran Maroland, an Albuquerque-based home healthcare service provider. David joined NDI New Mexico's Board of Directors in 2013 and is making a significant impact. "We believe that NDI New Mexico is very effective in inspiring young people with the values that Holly and I support including excellence, working hard, doing your best, and being healthy."

Making a lasting contribution to the community was a factor in their decision to include NDI New Mexico in their estate plans. "NDI New Mexico is a high-quality, high-performing organization with sustainability, and establishing a legacy gift is our contribution to this community. NDI New Mexico has a big impact on the lives it touches. We believe that the high quality and leadership will continue past our lifetimes."



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Spotlight on BETH BELOFF AND MARC GELLER

BETH BELOFF AND MARC GELLER MOVED TO SANTA FE IN 2009 AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AS BOTH DONORS AND BOARD MEMBERS. "We love NDI New Mexico because of what it does for children. The message to strive for excellence through the Core Four values of working hard, doing one's best, never giving up, and being healthy is something we subscribe to. It is important to us that children learn to give 100% of themselves to something and children need mentors to learn that."

Marc currently serves on the NDI New Mexico Board of Directors as Vice-Chair and also chairs the Development Committee. "What I am excited about for NDI New Mexico's future is to increase the number of students we mentor. We have exciting plans to serve the next generation of young people, and do it with excellence."

What do they like about NDI New Mexico performances? "We call it the reach for excellence – when we attend a performance and see the dancers' arms stretched overhead, moving in unison, the pride and self-confidence in what they've accomplished, it moves us greatly. Beth and I want to support an organization that does that."



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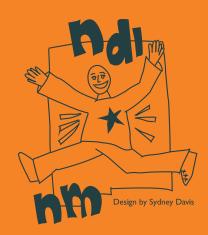








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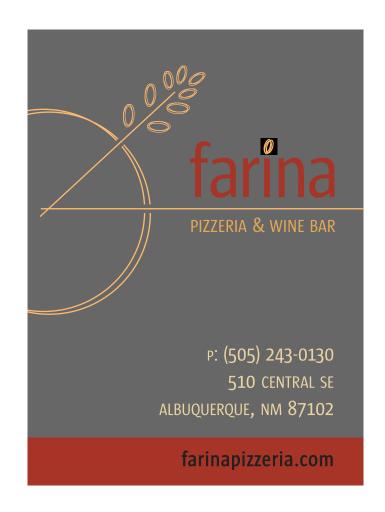


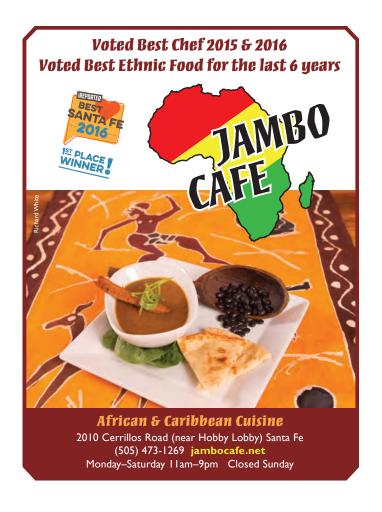
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United Rentals has been a major supporter of NDI New Mexico since 2011. When Nelson became introduced to the organization upon moving to Albuquerque in 2014, he immediately saw the impact that the program was having on children and wanted to become personally involved. Nelson, along with United Rentals, believes in building stronger communities for future generations – an integral part of NDI New Mexico's mission as a statewide organization.

Nelson appreciates that NDI New Mexico provides unique opportunities to children across the entire state and is improving the quality of our communities. He joined the NDI New Mexico board this past year and his family also shares his passion for NDI New Mexico. His wife, Karen, serves on the Albuquerque Gala Committee and their daughter attends classes





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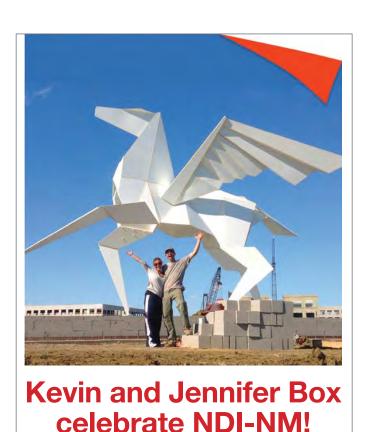




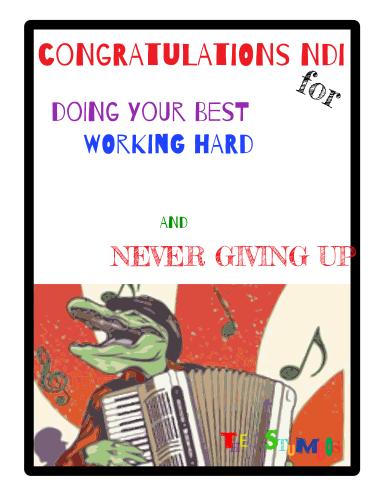


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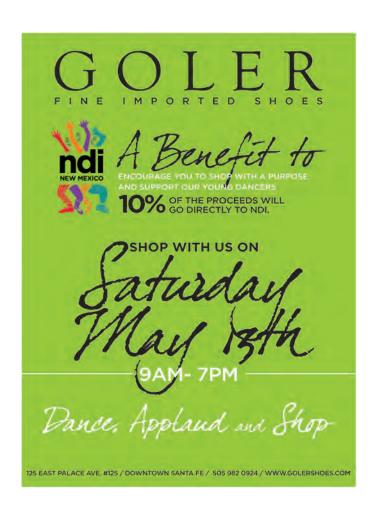


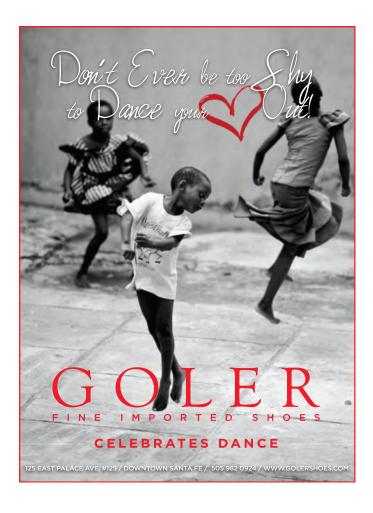
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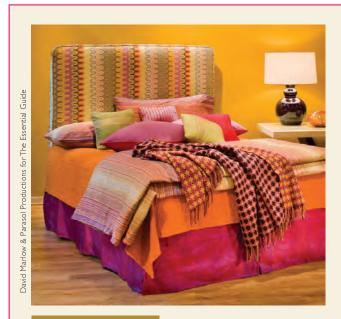
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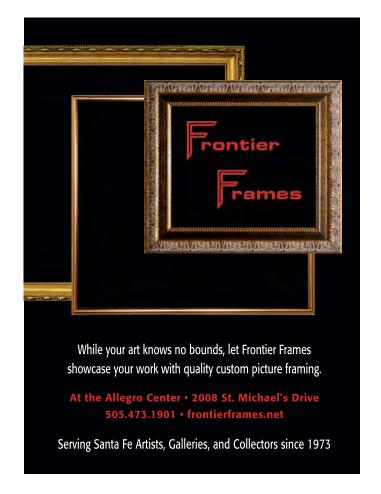


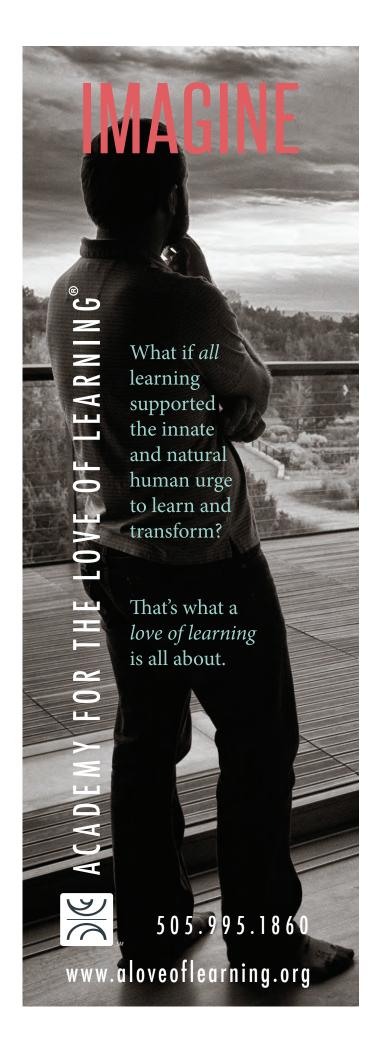


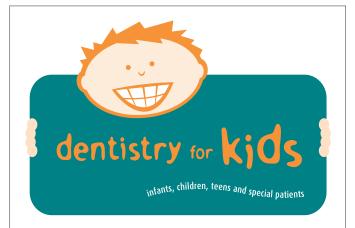




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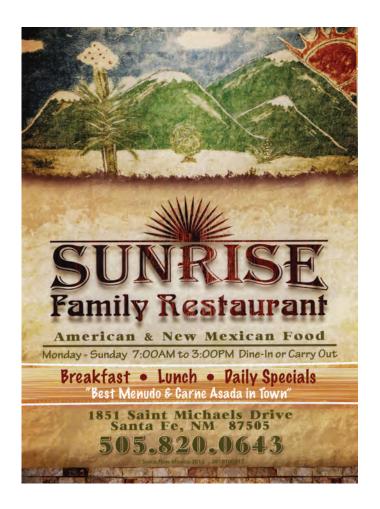




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NANCY MARTINEZ BEGAN DANCING WITH NDI NEW MEXICO IN THE FOURTH GRADE AT SWEENEY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SANTA FE. Soon after, she progressed to the Super Wonderful Advanced Team (SWAT), then Celebration Team due to her tenacious nature. In the final year of her dancing, she broke her ankle and was devastated to be out for a couple of months, but watching the rest of the dancers made her push herself to get back on the stage and finish strongly. "NDI New Mexico taught me to work hard, do my best, but most importantly to REACH FOR THE STARS."

After her time spent with NDI New Mexico, Nancy studied at the University of New Mexico and in 2015 graduated with a degree in Political Science and Spanish. She quickly secured an internship with the Legislative Council Service where she now works full time and is greatly enjoying her line of work, learning about our legislative process and topics affecting the state.

We are proud to know that Nancy is taking the principles she learned while dancing at NDI New Mexico into the workforce and making a difference in our communities. In 2016, Nancy gave back to the organization that gave her so much as a child by joyfully assisting backstage for NDI New Mexico's beloved End-of-Year performances.

"I can actually say that I love what I do! I hope to one day run for public office, and I do not think any of this would have been possible without NDI New Mexico giving me the tools to never give up!"





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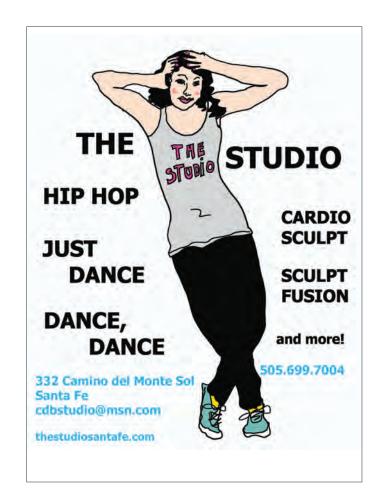
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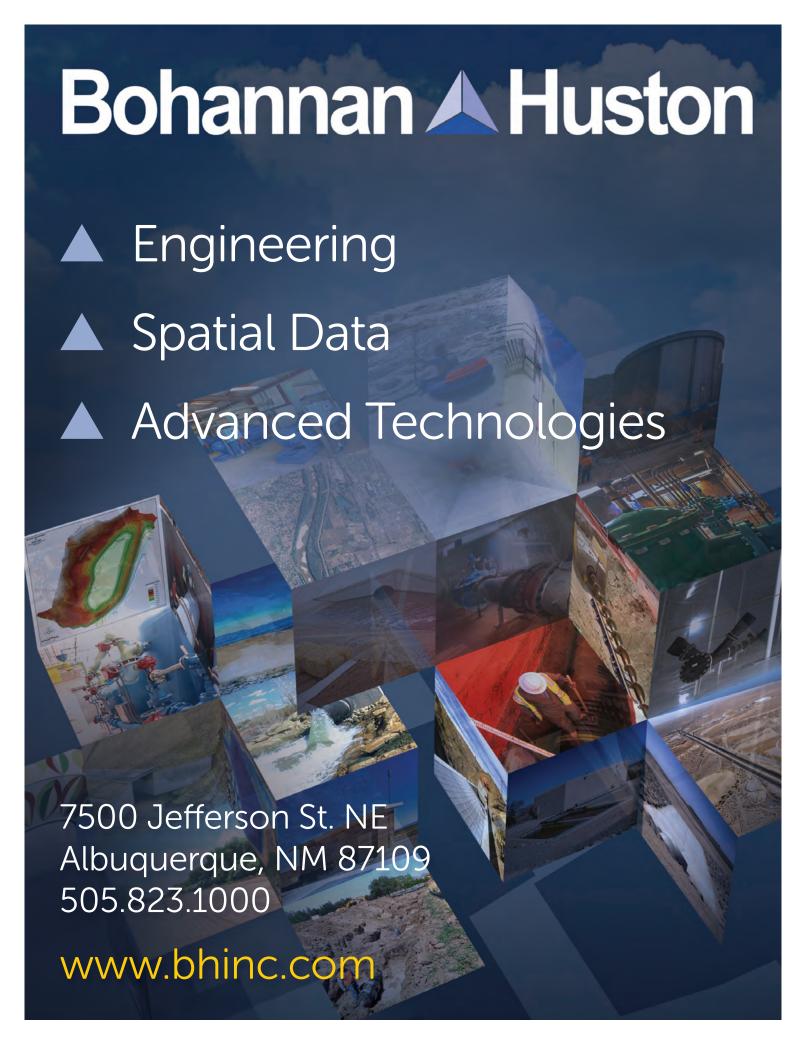
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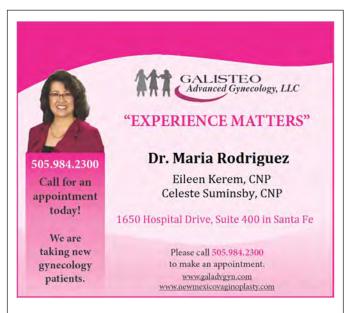
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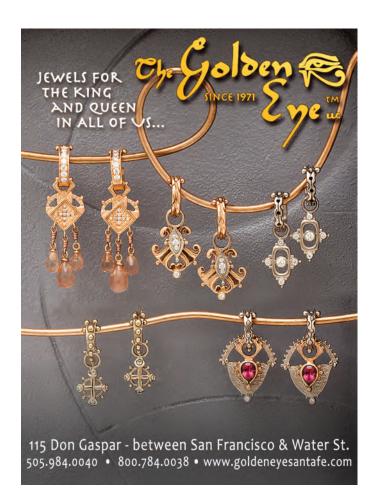
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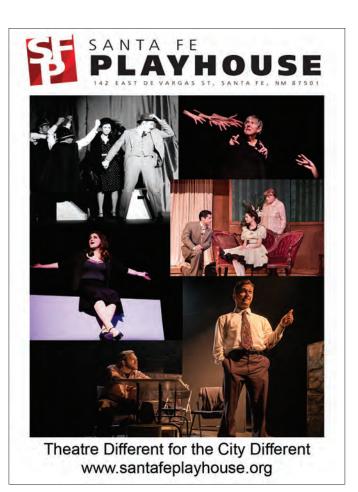


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