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partners who
helped make
our work
possible this
year.”

Dear Audience Members **AND FRIENDS**

Dear NDI New Mexico Friends and Family,

Welcome to today's performance! The journey to this moment has been filled with teamwork, joyful concentration, and lots of practice. As you watch the performers, we believe that you will see on their faces the confidence and joy that come from participating in the NDI New Mexico program.

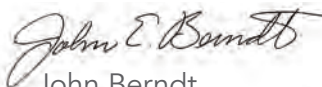
Since inception, NDI New Mexico has served over 100,000 children with programs that support their academic success, improve their health, enhance their quality of life, and build their self-confidence. For many children, our unique methodology of using the arts to teach life lessons has been a key to unlocking a path to learning and success.

We want to thank all the people and partners who helped make our work possible this year. Our public school principals, teachers, and administrators have supported our weekly classes. Our instructors and musicians have created joyful classroom experiences and inspiring performances that will serve as memories for a lifetime. Our parents, families, and audience members have attended shows and cheered for each performer's achievement and excellence. Our public officials have forged strong partnerships to make our programs accessible to communities. Our donors and volunteers have generously given from their hearts to make it all possible.

In closing, we would like to share some good news. For the third year in a row, NDI New Mexico has achieved Charity Navigator's coveted four-star rating which signifies our strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. This is the highest rating possible and indicates that NDI New Mexico adheres to best practices and executes our mission in a financially efficient way. In other words, we are putting the Core Four into practice throughout the organization: work hard, do your best, never give up, and be healthy are truly words to live by!

Thank you for being here, and now, on with the show!

Yours in Teaching Children Excellence,



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SUPERPOWERS OF THE NDI NEW MEXICO INSTRUCTORS





“NDI New Mexico
Instructors and
Musicians have
an ability to
reach children
in a way that
feels like
magic.”

Gifted NDI New Mexico instructors and musicians are real world superheroes – capable, energetic, caring, creative, humorous, talented, and passionate people who have an ability to reach children in a way that feels like magic. Through a powerful combination of NDI New Mexico’s unique, high-energy teaching techniques, a sincere compassion for children, and holding themselves to a high standard of excellence, our teaching artists deliver the life-changing NDI New Mexico curriculum with joy, confidence, and proficiency.

Every NDI New Mexico class includes a trained dance instructor and professional musician working as a team to bring the program to life. The pianist uses lively riffs and improvised compositions to support, underscore, and inspire instructors and students to excel. Music is fundamental to the success of the class and to the instructor’s ability keep students engaged, energized, and stir their imaginations. Having musical accompaniment is just one of the unique aspects of an NDI New Mexico class.

Ask our dancers why they are crazy about their instructors, and they will tell you it’s because NDI New Mexico teachers have tons of energy, are funny, and teach them cool dance steps. While all these things are true, what really makes our instructors stand out goes much deeper than the fun the children have in class. What makes them memorable is their dedication to the magic that happens when a teacher, a musician, and a child collaborate and together discover the meaning of excellence.

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Ask Liz Salganek, NDI New Mexico's Artistic Director, what essential qualities our instructors share, and she will tell you that it all starts with a deep love and respect for children that motivates their desire to teach. NDI New Mexico instructors have a strong background of professional dance training and rich performance experience which is followed by NDI New Mexico's intensive Teaching Excellence® training, and an apprenticeship lasting one to two years. Additionally, instructors all have an abundance of energy, passion for dance, and the ability to react and respond to each individual child and class. They hold high expectations for their dancers and believe that children can achieve great things when they are challenged in a fast-paced, disciplined, fun and supportive environment. Instructors have mastered classroom management skills and completely understand and trust the NDI teaching techniques. Instructors use their superpowers to overcome challenges, keep children engaged and build their confidence.

ENERGY

Boundless energy is a contagious superpower that bubbles up from three main wellsprings: mind, body, and spirit. Our superheroes understand that energy comes from being fully committed in each of these arenas. Always dancing full out, thinking creatively and strategically, and engaging the children with kindness and empathy makes an exciting and joyful class. By modeling the superpower of energy, NDI New Mexico instructors help children learn that working hard is fun and rewarding.

HUMOR

Watching an NDI New Mexico class is certain to put a smile on your face. The instructor's animated facial expressions, exaggerated gestures, vocal extremes, and non-stop stream of humorous imagery keep the dancers engaged and having a great time. The children love to exclaim, "You are so funny!" as they try to imitate the exaggerated movements or sounds. The instructor's willingness to be amusing can make the shyest child willing to step out of their comfort zone. Sometimes teaching can feel like performing a comedy routine or being a circus ring master. There is no doubt that humor is one of the superpowers needed to connect with the children.



“ The best NDI New Mexico teacher respects her students and speaks to them as responsible and capable young people. Children don't need to be treated as babies; they need to be challenged within a loving environment. Discipline, respect, love, music, and dance are great partners. ”

- Catherine Oppenheimer, Teaching Excellence® Manual

LOVE

Love may be the instructors' strongest superpower of all. The connection between the NDI New Mexico instructor and the students can be profound. A caring instructor is filled with empathy for every child, especially those who struggle to learn or succeed. They appropriately challenge dancers to strive for excellence and find ways to inspire each child with patience and understanding, with smiles and encouragement. They feel proud when the class is doing well, and they take a personal interest in a child who needs more positive attention. A devoted and kind instructor motivates the students to work hard, do their best, and keep trying. NDI New Mexico superheroes are filled with the power of love.



NDI New Mexico instructors also use their superpowers to hold themselves to the same high standards that they set for their students. They demand excellence from themselves and maintain a practice of self-evaluation and constant growth. Each lesson, class, challenge, failure, or milestone is an opportunity for self-assessment, learning, and improvement. There is no end to the process of refining their teaching skills; seasoned instructors always ask for feedback from their peers. If you want to teach excellence, you must strive to be excellent.

Our NDI New Mexico superheroes love their jobs and find it rewarding to make a real difference in the lives of children. By focusing on NDI New Mexico's Core Four – Work Hard, Do Your Best, Never Give Up, Be Healthy – instructors recognize that they are delivering positive messaging that remains with a child beyond the NDI New Mexico classroom. The memories that our alumni carry forward into their lives include not only the experience of dancing in a show, but also the life lessons they learned along the way to that performance. NDI New Mexico uses the arts to provide a platform for teaching children important life lessons – teamwork, self-discipline, focus, perseverance, respect, kindness – all superpowers that can lead to a lifetime of successes.

Spotlight on ALLEGRA LILLARD

"Inspirational!" "Magical!" "Joyful!" "Caring" "One of the best things about NDI!"

Enthusiastic exclamations of Dance Barns students and parents when asked to describe Allegra Lillard, The Dance Barns Artistic Director, are joyfully unanimous. After retiring as a professional ballet dancer in 1997, Allegra joined the NDI New Mexico team to work with the Outreach program in Santa Fe. After departing to run her own studio for several years, she couldn't stay away and returned to NDI New Mexico in 2011 to lead our afterschool

program at The Dance Barns. Allegra's tireless exuberance, passion for dance, and boundless love for each student are apparent when watching her "spread the joy" each day. Her high expectations of students challenge them to dance well, to push past the confines of what they believe they can achieve, and to learn the value of contributing to the larger community. Allegra encourages students to embody and share compassion, tolerance, perseverance, respect, and the love of an art form throughout their lives.

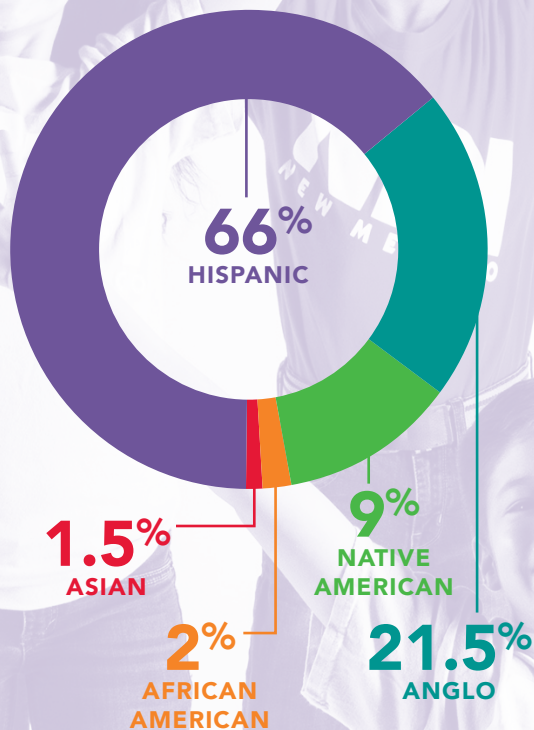
No matter
the path they
follow, they
all become
a part of our
dance family.
Forever.

-Allegra Lillard



WHO WE SERVE

Demographics of
NDI New Mexico Students



NDI New Mexico Students Qualifying
for the Federal Free or
Reduced Cost Meal Program



Guided by our belief in children, NDI New Mexico is committed to social responsibility, sustainability, and financial integrity.

Serving a diverse population of children in schools and communities, NDI New Mexico is committed to serving those with the greatest need throughout the state. Our after-school programs create opportunities for children to participate in and benefit from extracurricular high-quality arts education.

We believe every child holds the capacity to learn how to work hard, never give up, and strive for excellence by always doing their best – in a team, on their own, or while working towards a goal. All children are offered the opportunity to experience success in achieving goals through hard work, thereby learning essential leadership skills that will carry over into all aspects of their lives and change the picture of New Mexico's future.

NDI NEW MEXICO TIMELINE





Measurable RESULTS

NDI New Mexico's culture of assessment and evaluation ensures that programs and instructors have a deep positive impact on children.

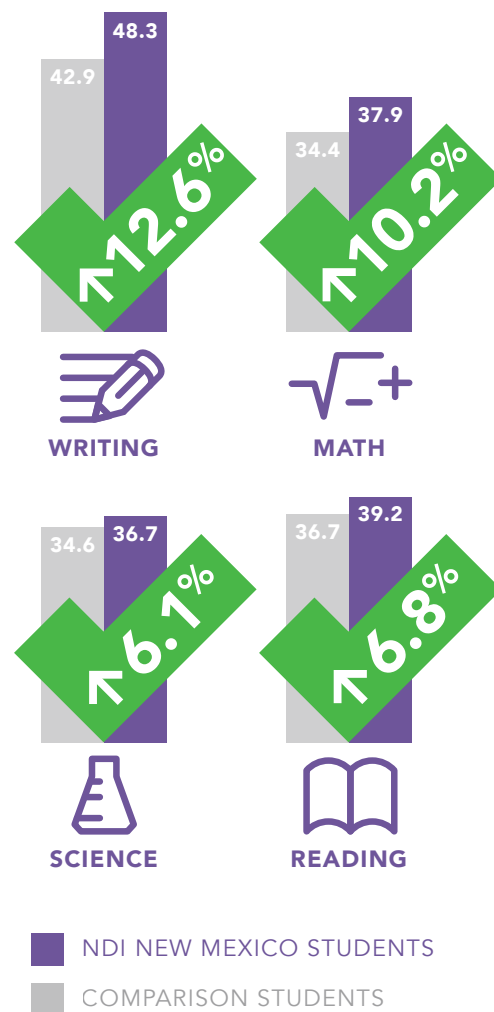
After more than ten years of independent, scientific evaluations, NDI New Mexico has a strong body of data documenting the positive effects of our programming. Data shows that, on average, NDI New Mexico students' GPAs are 30-40% higher than those of their peers.

NDI New Mexico continually evaluates the impact of its programs and holds a respectable body of results from data collected from students, alumni, parents, classroom teachers, and principals. The outcomes consistently show that NDI New Mexico programs are positively affecting the development of executive function skills such as focus, paying attention, perseverance, self-control, setting and achieving goals and planning and prioritizing.

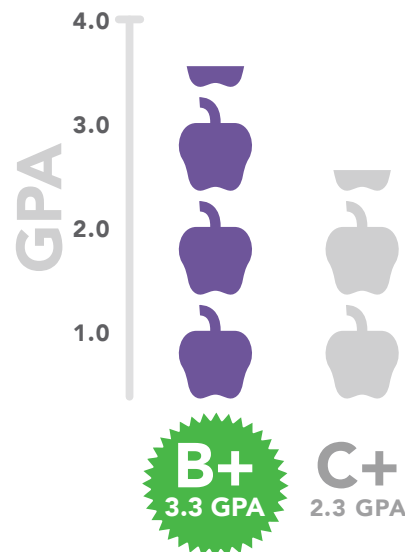
Our instructors play a major role in achieving these outcomes. To best measure the factors that contribute to engaging students and helping them develop skills and behaviors for success in school and life, we discovered the work of Dr. Joan Duda, Ph.D., the sports psychology consultant to the U.S. Women's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

NDI New Mexico has been exploring the possibility of working with Dr. Duda and her colleague Erin Sanchez, who feel NDI New Mexico has a unique setting – one in which individual effort and development, teamwork, and a commitment to personal excellence define engagement with dance. The philosophical connections of Dr. Duda's research along with our body of research could be investigated to understand how NDI New Mexico's programs are impacting young people's psychological well-being.

NDI students show higher SBA test scores in all 4 areas of core curriculum



NDI New Mexico students receive up to one grade higher than other students in their district





OUR PROGRAMS





NDI NEW MEXICO

PROGRAMS HAVE IMPACTED OVER

100,000 CHILDREN

Since 1994, NDI New Mexico programs have impacted over 100,000 children across New Mexico. In the 2017-2018 school year alone, programming was made available to almost 9,500 students across the state. Whether a student experienced our program in a school's cafeteria or at one of our state-of-the-art facilities, their trainings embodied NDI New Mexico's core belief that every child has the capacity to learn, work hard, never give up, and ultimately experience success. This year may have been a student's first and only year to participate in our programs, or one of many years they have danced with NDI New Mexico. Either way, their experience most certainly had a positive and lasting impact.

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OUTREACH PROGRAM

In NDI New Mexico Outreach programs, classes are taught at public elementary schools during the school day as part of the curriculum. In-School classes serve an entire grade (3rd, 4th, or 5th) including children with special needs. A majority of children in our state don't have access to extra-curricular arts and youth development programs, an opportunity gap that is the driving force of our outreach work. By bringing students enriching experiences in their schools through the NDI pedagogy of dance, music, and high-energy instruction – self-confidence, teamwork, and tenacity are built in our youth.



Children in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Pecos, Pojoaque, and the Española Valley receive weekly classes through 15 or 30-week programming, and all finish with extraordinary culminating performances! Our dancers are given an exciting opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and efforts in front of enthusiastic audiences made up of families, peers, teachers, principals, elected officials, business leaders, program supporters, and community members. All NDI New Mexico Outreach classes are free of charge to children and their families due to the incredible support we receive from the broader community.

Spotlight on PABLO ROYBAL

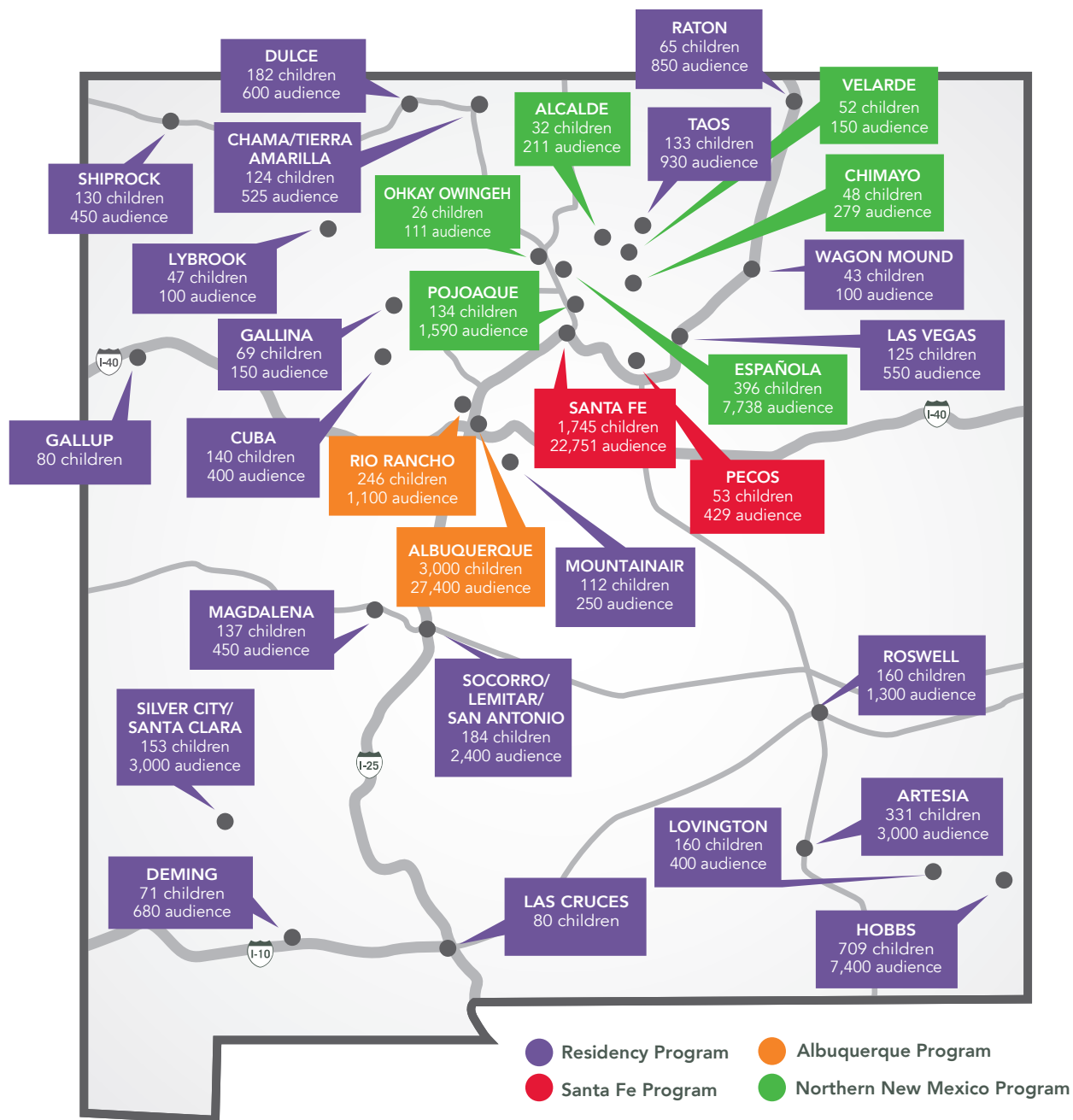
NDI New Mexico is celebrating its 20th year at Pablo Roybal Elementary School – a commitment made possible by our supporters, school teachers, principals, and staff. When we began classes there in 1997, some of our first classroom teachers, Angela Martinez and Jennifer Lopez, were a little skeptical at first about the benefits of giving up curriculum time for a dance class. After witnessing the tremendous impact NDI's program had on their students, they worked hard to ensure their school prioritized this enrichment for the many years that have followed.

Angela says, "NDI New Mexico is a huge part of our school's culture. Every year has been a standout for us because NDI gives our students the experience of being successful."

Angela and Jennifer appreciate that the arts offer a different learning environment for their students to feel successful, especially those struggling with traditional academic learning or special needs. Touchstone moments for them come in seeing these children rise to the occasion to joyfully give NDI their very best effort.



STATEWIDE IMPACT





“NDI New Mexico gets children moving, and motivates them to try their best, never give up, and work toward their goals.

-Larry Martin Burney
Parent

SINCE 1994

NDI New Mexico has served over **100,000 CHILDREN** throughout New Mexico

IN 2017-18 NDI NEW MEXICO WILL REACH:

3,493

Children in elementary schools in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe & Northern New Mexico

3,651

Children through Statewide Residencies

1,010

Children through After-School Advanced Training Teams in Albuquerque, Santa Fe & Northern New Mexico

1,601

Children through dance and performing arts at The Dance Barns and The Hiland

1,030

Children through Community Partnership Programs and Teacher Training

RESIDENCY PROGRAM



To bring our Outreach experience to children in communities all over the state, we have dedicated instructors and musicians who travel to rural towns as far north as Raton, as far south as Deming, and everywhere in between! This year we served 25 communities through our Residency Program, with 1-, 2-, or 3-week formats, some culminating in assemblies at their school for peers and families, and some with full theater shows with costumes, lights, and a full band. Classes in the Residency program are held daily, which leads to remarkably fast learning; our audiences are always blown away to see how quickly their children can come together as a team, learn something so challenging, and put on a great show!



In several Residency communities we go beyond the In-school program and also offer SWAT, Celebration Teams, Tiny Tots (for Kindergarteners) and Parent-Teacher dances! Many students in small towns in our state have extremely limited access to arts programming, and the NDI New Mexico experience becomes something that the school community looks forward to year after year. The community gives a warm welcome to the instructors and musicians upon their arrival, and is eager to learn about the new theme and experience their turn in the spotlight.



Spotlight on **MAKI KIMURA**

Maki Kimura has dedicated 10 years to the children of New Mexico since becoming NDI New Mexico's Residency Music Director in 2008! After receiving her Master of Music degree, with honors, in Piano Performance and Collaborative Piano from the University of New Mexico, she became an award-winning soloist and chamber recitalist. Her performances have spanned three continents, and her compositions have been purchased for broadcast use by clients all over the world. For the last ten years, she has traveled around the state providing inspiration to NDI New Mexico students through her remarkable musicianship, and has also directed and conducted some of our most sophisticated performances – including a chamber orchestra for The Hiland's Winter Dance Escape. We are honored and grateful to have Maki on our team, and thank her for her incredible decade of service and leadership on our Residency Program, bringing joy and inspiration to thousands of children across the state. "This organization treats each child as a lead cast member in its productions. I am very proud to be a part of the NDI New Mexico team and to support children in New Mexico." -Maki Kimura





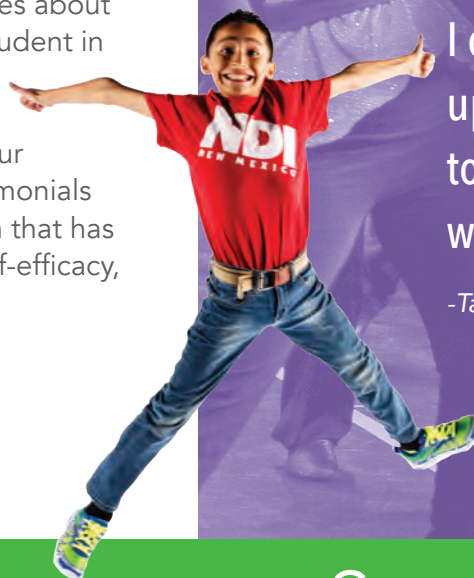
ADVANCED TEAMS

Many students who are exposed to NDI New Mexico in their public schools demonstrate extraordinary motivation and enthusiasm for the effort and energy the pedagogy requires. These students are invited to audition to join our Advanced Teams, offered in 10 communities throughout the state. Advanced Training starts in the 4th-grade with SWAT (Super Wonderful Advanced Team). Dancers who wish to continue to more rigorous training and commitment in middle school can audition to advance to the Celebration Team. These teams meet outside of normal school hours for training and rehearsals which are offered at no cost to their families. These students learn challenging choreography, the foundation of jazz and tap technique, and are mentored on goal-setting,



leadership, and developing teamwork. Advanced Team dancers are also invited to participate in the Summer Institute workshops in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, a scholarship-based summer intensive where dancers explore a variety of themes and in-depth dance techniques.

Participation on a SWAT or Celebration Team and Summer Institute deepens students' sense of belonging, and increases positive attitudes about physical fitness. An Advanced Training student in 4th- through 8th-grade receives up to 945 hours of after-school and summer programming, most of it at no charge. Our evaluations and student and parent testimonials reflect that this is an enrichment program that has deep and lasting impact on children's self-efficacy, self-confidence, and perseverance.



No matter what happens to me on any day - whether good or bad - I know that I did my best. I worked the hardest I could, never gave up on what I wanted to do, or where I wanted to go.

-Tamara Zera, Graduate

Spotlight on MATTHEW ORTIZ

For Matthew Ortiz, dancing with NDI New Mexico was a family affair. Dancing from the ages of 3 to 18, Matthew's siblings, and even parents, were often dancing alongside him. Having his family at The Dance Barns truly created a home away from home - one where he made lifetime friends in conjunction with life-affirming experiences.

"NDI New Mexico helped me build my confidence and the lifelong belief that if I worked hard, I could achieve anything."

Matthew took the strong work ethic that he learned through years of dancing and applied it to his schooling - raising his expectations of himself and what he could achieve. He excelled in his professional career in healthcare, and is currently the Assistant Nurse Manager on the Inpatient Oncology Unit in Spokane, Washington.

"I still apply the Core Four - Work Hard, Never Give Up, Do My Best, Be Healthy - to my daily life and the care I give to my patients. I owe a great deal to NDI New Mexico and their inspiring and energetic staff for helping me build, at an early age, a foundation of excellence that has stuck with me into adulthood."



AFTERSCHOOL DANCE BARN & HILAND

At The Hiland Theater in Albuquerque, and The Dance Barns in Santa Fe, NDI New Mexico offers dance training for children and teens, ages 3-18. These programs are directed by masterful teachers with prestigious professional dance backgrounds, who lead a faculty of highly-qualified instructors to provide training in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, theater, and voice. Tuition for these programs is offered on a sliding scale, ensuring that every child has the opportunity for an enriching after-school experience. Our facilities are diverse community centers serving a true representation of the cities where we live and work.

Whether a child is dabbling with their first experience in dance, taking classes for creative expression, or if they have their sights set on a career in the performing arts, our after-school programs build a sense of achievement in a nurturing and non-competitive atmosphere. For our most dedicated students who desire a pre-professional track, NDI New Mexico has performing companies: Junior Company, Apprentice Company, XCel Too!, and Company XCel. Dancers on these companies receive outstanding training and choreographic experiences from faculty and guest artists for our winter concerts – an abundance of free programming hours that are funded by outside resources. These dancers also have access to national auditions for summer intensives, which we host, so that they can expand their horizons as artists and explore opportunities for prestigious out of state training.





“NDI has been a place where people believed in me when I found it difficult to believe in myself.”
- Christopher Arellano

Spotlight on CHRISTOPHER ARELLANO

Christopher Arellano, a motivated student in Albuquerque's Hiland program, embodies an important Core Four value of NDI New Mexico – Never Giving Up! Growing up in Tucumcari, NM, he had no opportunities to develop his interests and talents in dance and theater. Through determination, in the Spring of 2017, he found NDI New Mexico and did whatever it took to get to Albuquerque that summer to dance at The Hiland. "My friends were at athletic games and I was at home stretching and dancing in my living room to prepare myself. They would say 'don't get your hopes up' but I kept dreaming."

After his rewarding summer at The Hiland, Christopher wanted to deepen his technical dance training. He found a way to move to Albuquerque, in his final year of high school, to graduate and train at The Hiland. He works in the Hiland office to support the costs of his dance classes, has been accepted into the University of New Mexico, and will begin studying for his double major in Dance and Theater in the Fall of 2018.

"NDI has changed my life with the top-notch education I get here, something that is not available anywhere else. NDI has been a place where people believed in me when I found it difficult to believe in myself. It has been great, and changed my vision for the future."



TEACHING EXCELLENCE®

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DANCE

TEACHING EXCELLENCE®
TEACHER TRAINING

Prior to being hired to work in the NDI New Mexico Outreach program, instructors must complete our two-week Teaching Excellence® teacher training workshop, followed by a minimum of a one-year apprenticeship with a master teacher. The Teaching Excellence® workshop is a powerful and hands-on training of our teaching methodology, developing teachers' skills in order to lead highly motivational, fast-paced, and structured classes. Teachers from around the country join us in New Mexico to participate in this workshop. Our instructors take the workshops at the beginning of their training to become immersed in the pedagogy, and again after completing a year of apprenticeship to fine-tune their new skills before they teach on their own. Participants in this workshop learn step-by-step how to motivate children to Work Hard, through joyful challenges, Do Their Best, through inspiring commitment, and Never Give Up, through encouragement and praise.

“This training has been invaluable for my career – teaching me structure, discipline, and an effective teaching methodology for young developing students and experienced professionals.”

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NDI NEW MEXICO



HIP to Be Fit®

The “Be Healthy” component of our Core Four is critical. New Mexico as a state struggles with ensuring positive health outcomes for our children. At NDI New Mexico we have developed a curriculum around teaching children the importance of leading healthy lifestyles, and inspiring them to find fun in physical fitness and good nutrition. Our HIP to Be Fit® curriculum is embedded in our classes in the public schools. We channel children’s natural energy to help them build stamina and strength and inspire them to make healthy lifestyle choices. We also make an impact on health outcomes for students around the state through Train the Trainer, a professional development workshop for classroom teachers which provides tools for teaching academic content through engaging physical activities.



2018 Graduates CELEBRATION TEAM

We honor our Celebration Team graduates for the tremendous effort they have shown throughout their years of participation in NDI New Mexico programs. They have displayed dedication, commitment, and teamwork, and embraced our Core Four Values: Work Hard, Do Your Best, Never Give Up and Be Healthy! These dancers start with

NDI New Mexico programs in their elementary schools in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Pojoaque, and the Española Valley, and graduate from the Celebration Team in the 8th or 9th grade. We are very proud of each of them, and know that their work ethic and collaborative spirit will bring them success in their future endeavors!



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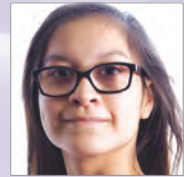
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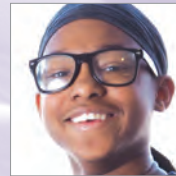
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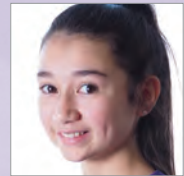
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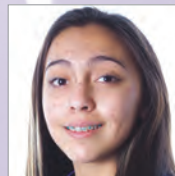
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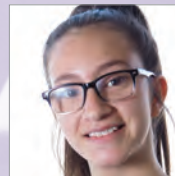
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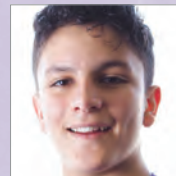
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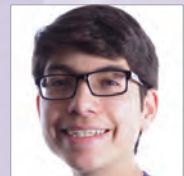
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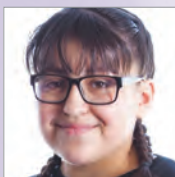
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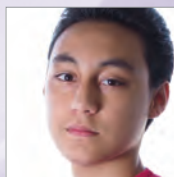
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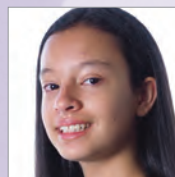
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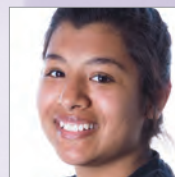
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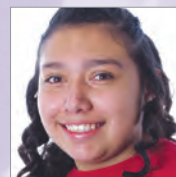
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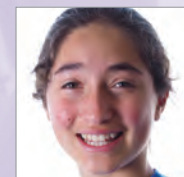
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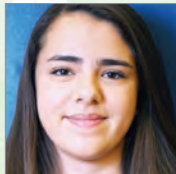
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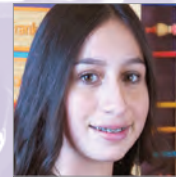
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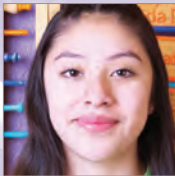
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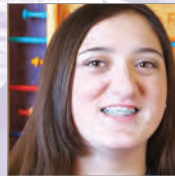
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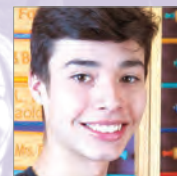
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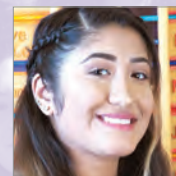
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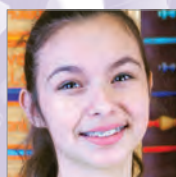
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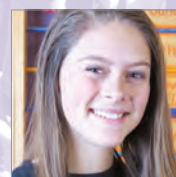
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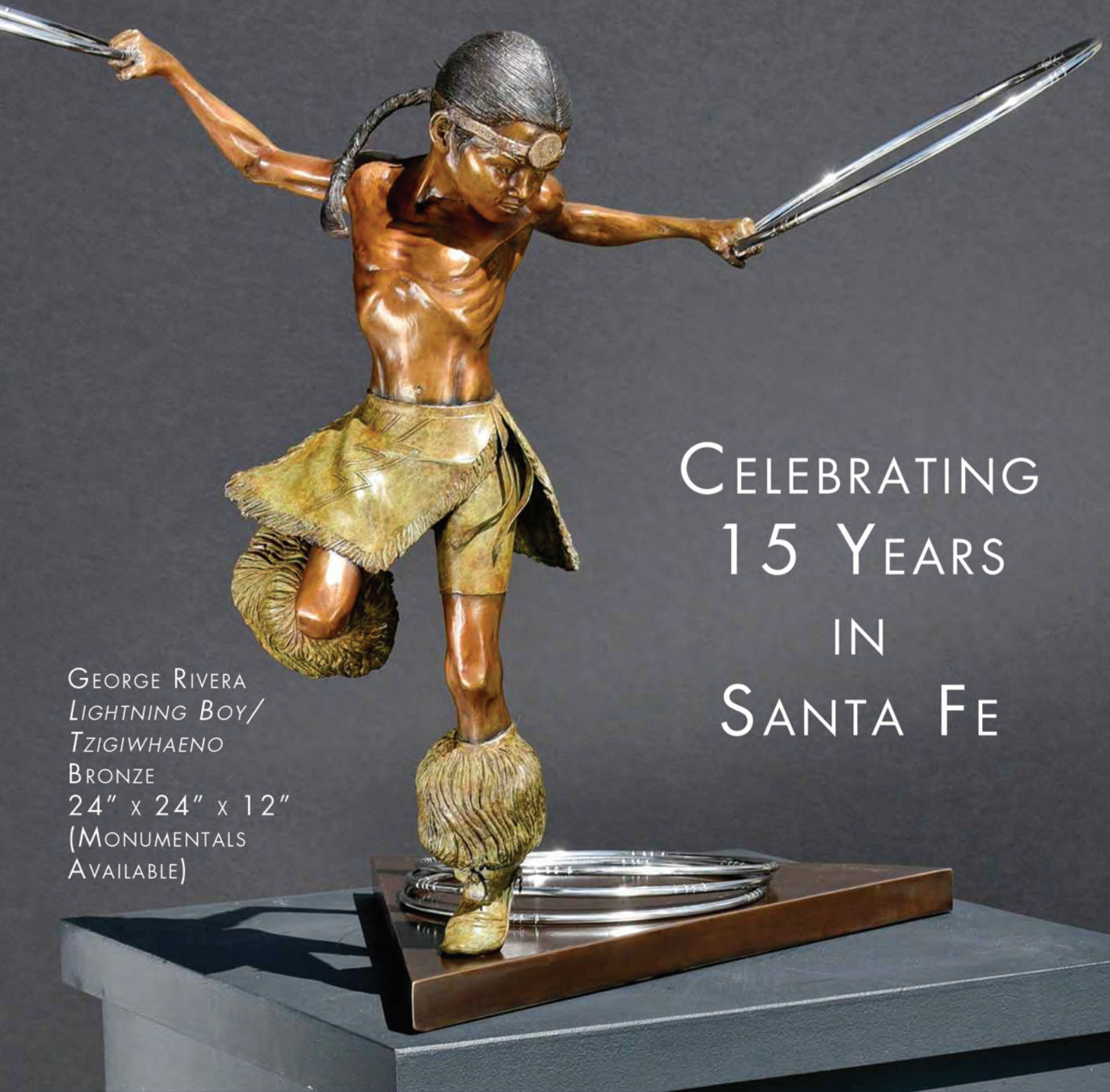
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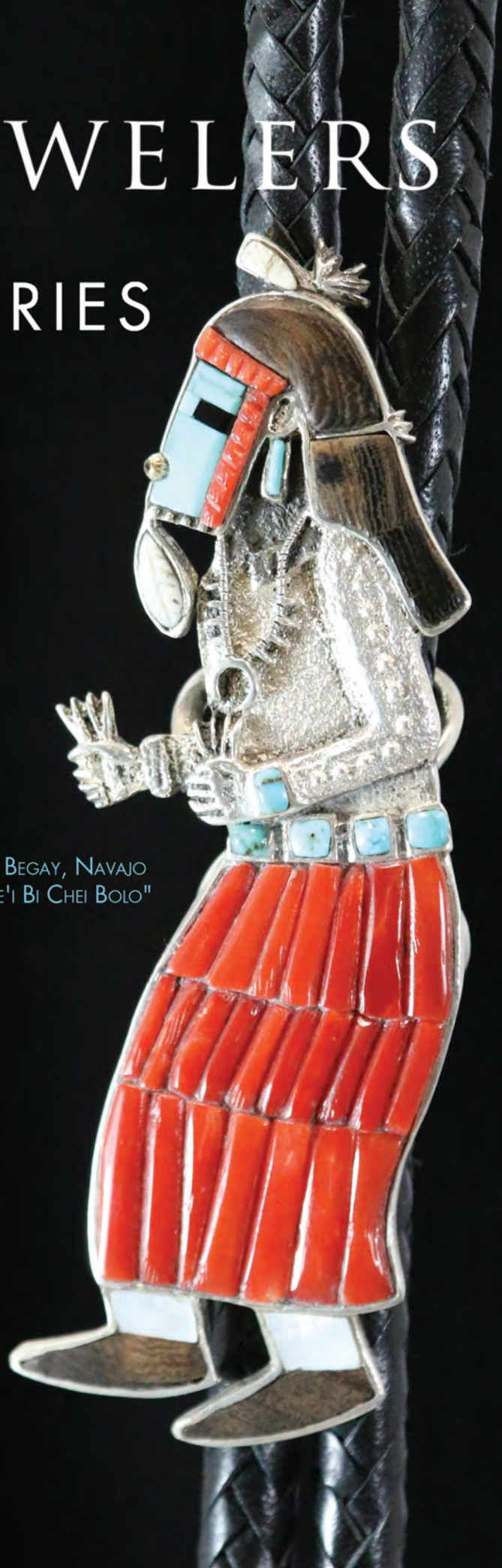
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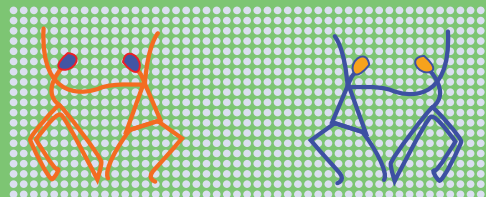
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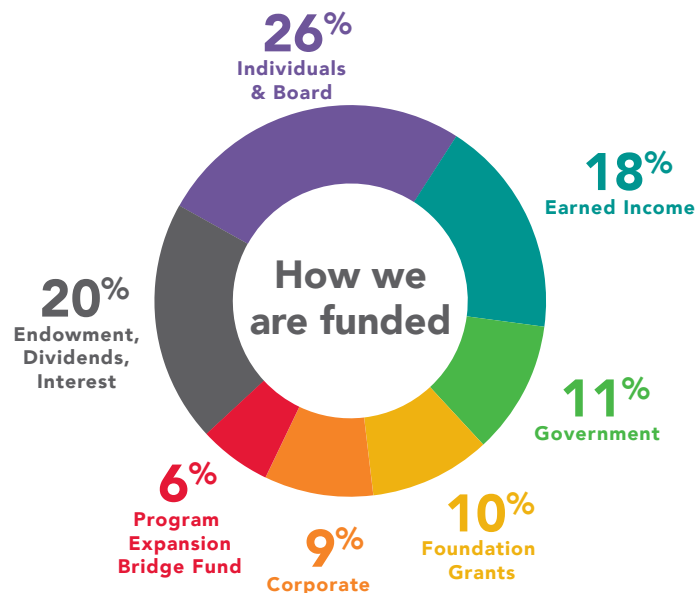
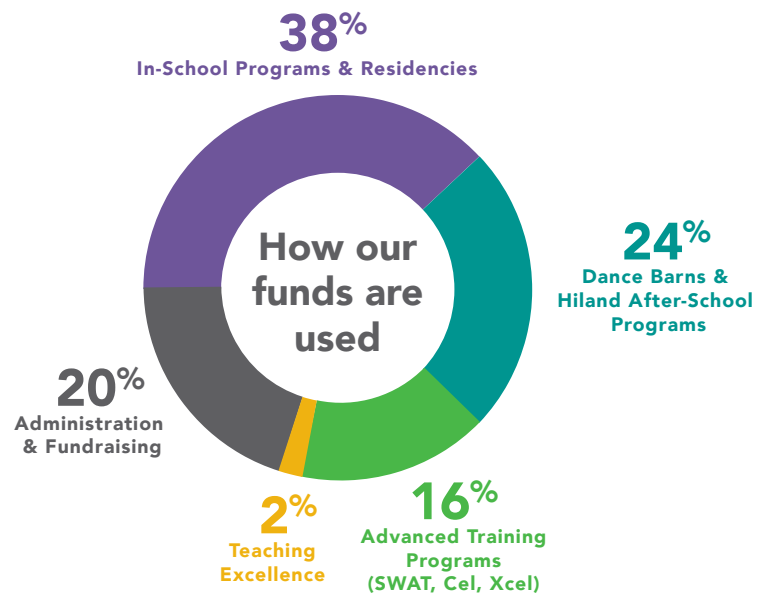
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Spotlight on LOUISE CAMPBELL-TOLBER & STEVE TOLBER

Deciding to become involved with NDI New Mexico was "easy" for Louise and Steve. They were introduced to the organization by Medora Jennings when it was first getting started in Albuquerque in 1995. Visiting a public elementary outreach class, they were impressed with the positive messages and seeing children "happy, healthy, and working together as a team."

That class visit led to conversations with community members wanting to bring NDI to Albuquerque, which led to more class visits and attending stage performances, and eventually a pre-renovation tour of The Hiland Theater. Louise says she "always loved going to The Hiland Theater as a young child to watch cartoons, then as a teenager to watch movies on a date." It's no surprise that she was thrilled when Bernalillo County was willing to form a partnership with NDI New Mexico to expand programming to more children in the community. Louise co-chaired NDI New Mexico's public campaign to raise funding for the renovation and kick-start NDI's afterschool programming.

"We decided to buy a star for the kids – the real Stars in all this; and, we decided to leave a lasting legacy in our wills by becoming Silver Sneakers Legacy Society members. We hope others reading this will feel the same and consider supporting NDI New Mexico in this truly special way."

For Louise and Steve, NDI is about success and excellence on every level – from teacher-student relationships to the impact on students and the community at large – the professionalism of the staff, the energy of the volunteers, and the organization's commitment to sustainability is profound. Louise and Steve have both served as volunteers to NDI New Mexico, she on the Board of Directors and he as a member of the Corporate Council. Their refrigerator is covered with Thank You Project notes that continually remind them that "the bottom-line is that NDI helps children, and they are our future."



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Spotlight on GAIL & JIM GOODWIN

Gail and Jim were first exposed to NDI New Mexico eight years ago, when former board member, Bob Worcester, asked them to join his table at the Santa Fe Gala. Like many who see 500 dancers on stage at The Dance Barns for the first time, Gail and Jim were instantly hooked.

Jim joined the NDI New Mexico Board of Directors in 2012 and Gail was a member of the Santa Fe Gala Committee for three years. Jim has brought his expertise in public accounting to NDI New Mexico's Audit Committee and served as its Chair for the past six years. In that time, NDI New Mexico has received three consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator, indicating the organization demonstrates strong financial health, commitment to accountability and transparency, and exceeds industry standards.

Gail and Jim are most inspired by the children served by NDI programs. "One of the highlights of our year is walking out of The Dance Barns toward the Gala tent and greeting the kids standing along the way. We love telling them what a terrific job they did in the performance and how proud we are of them. NDI New Mexico has tremendous assets including the team of teachers and musicians, facilities, and statewide programs...but most importantly, we have so many deserving children who we are teaching to work hard, do their best, never give up and be healthy. We are proud to be associated with such a remarkable organization."



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Spotlight on MAY & CHARLIE WILSON



May and Charlie Wilson became involved in NDI New Mexico soon after moving to Santa Fe in January 2012. After attending the Gala it became clear to them that organization's mission was invaluable to the community. As they learned about the landscape of New Mexico's challenges, they had a strong desire to improve educational outcomes for youth in our state, and their volunteer efforts began with NDI New Mexico and its mission of teaching children excellence.

May began working on the Gala Committee and quickly accepted her spot on the Board in 2014. Since then she has chaired the Development Committee and sought out ways to involve a more diverse audience to supporting NDI's mission. Charlie has volunteered his time on the Investment Committee since 2014.

Together, they are making NDI New Mexico a stronger, more dynamic, and sustainable organization – and they've impacted over 30,000 children across New Mexico!

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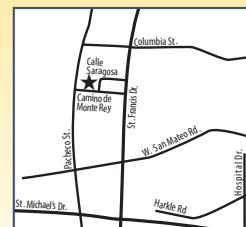
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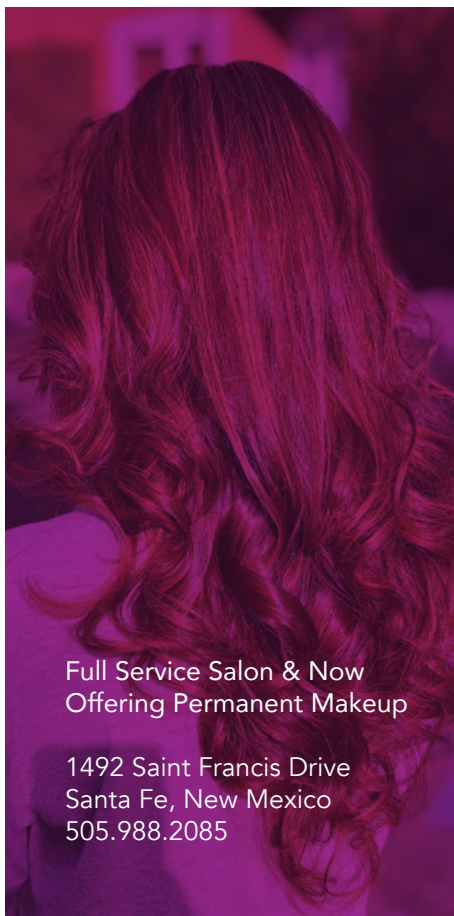
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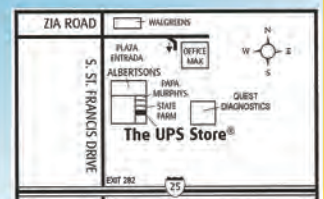
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