



A MOMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT



"My life changed in that moment when I was on stage in the spotlight in the fourth-grade. My dream is for every child in New Mexico to experience that magical moment and to gain the confidence that comes from knowing you are important."

*Jesse Martinez, 26 years-old, NDI New Mexico Alumni
Network Tech Leader, Los Alamos National Laboratory*

This school year nearly 10,000 children will experience their value in the world as they gain their moment in the spotlight in performances across New Mexico. Whether one of 3,000 students in Albuquerque, Santa Fe or the Espanola Valley who are in our renowned

End-of-Year performances, or a student in one of our twenty-five residency sites from Shiprock to Hobbs performing in our ongoing assemblies, the experience of being onstage in front of audiences made up of families, friends, community leaders and peers is life-affirming.

"Before I started NDI New Mexico, my grades were not good. Then, from middle school on I was a straight A student. I applied the techniques I learned at NDI New Mexico to my school work – collaboration, goal setting, motivation to succeed, and the confidence to take charge of my life."

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WHAT'S INSIDE



UPCOMING
PERFORMANCES



NDI NEW MEXICO
TEACHERS INSPIRE!



TWO
GLAMOROUS
GALAS

AN ACHIEVEMENT IN EXCELLENCE!

**"NDI New Mexico
outperforms most other
charities in America."
- Charity Navigator**



NDI NEW MEXICO has attained the coveted four-star rating from Charity Navigator, demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Attaining a four-star rating indicates that NDI New Mexico adheres to sector best practices, executes its mission in a financially efficient way, and verifies it exceeds industry standards.

This exceptional designation sets NDI New Mexico apart from its peers, demonstrating to the public its trustworthiness.

Impactful Investing

Astute donors desire greater accountability, transparency, and concrete results - investing in NDI New Mexico realizes all three! Make your giving impactful with NDI New Mexico and help us teach excellence to almost 10,000 children across New Mexico who are learning how to work hard, do their best, never give up, and be healthy!

TO DONATE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT NDI NEW MEXICO VISIT US ONLINE: www.ndi-nm.org

(IN THE SPOTLIGHT, Jesse Martinez, *continued*)

Doing your best is not just a motto at NDI New Mexico - it's a commitment you make to yourself, your team, and your community. Our instructors create a joyful, challenging, and safe environment where children can explore their potential and exceed their expectations. At NDI New Mexico, we know that every child will shine when given the chance. This lifelong lesson establishes a work ethic that translates into being a productive member of our society. Children who have gone through our programs tell us that NDI New Mexico made them better students and better citizens after experiencing that their efforts really do make a difference. Small successes along the way build confidence to attain long-term goals. From the first step students learn in class to the culmination of hard work for their final production, children discover how to take charge of their progress, own their accomplishments, and be proud of the hard work required to reach their goals.

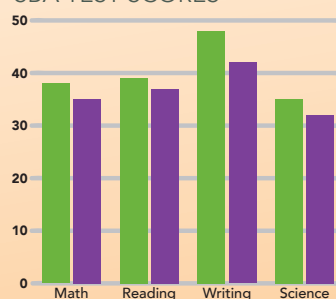
"I have taken the values I learned during my eight years at NDI New Mexico and used them in my workplace at Los Alamos National Lab as the network tech for the super computers. By teaching me how to focus and have the drive to push myself towards my goals, I achieve small goals that add up to big goals."



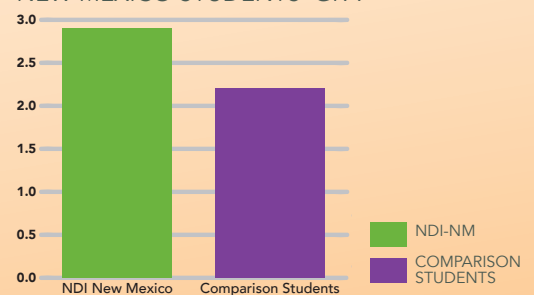
MEASURABLE Results

After ten years of independent, scientific evaluation, NDI New Mexico has a strong body of data documenting the positive effects of its programming. Overall, NDI New Mexico students' GPAs increased by one point demonstrating a 30-42% growth over their peers.

SBA TEST SCORES



NEW MEXICO STUDENTS' GPA



HIGHLIGHTS



NDI New Mexico's Corporate Council was established to expand statewide partnerships and support with a focus on strengthening New Mexico's workforce. Through the teaching of our Core Four: work hard, do your best, never give up and be healthy, children develop the tools they need to build a successful life.



SAVION GLOVER AND DANIEL ULBRICHT VISIT NDI NEW MEXICO!

Our dancers were given the opportunity to train with accomplished leaders in the dance world through master classes with Savion Glover and Daniel Ulbricht.

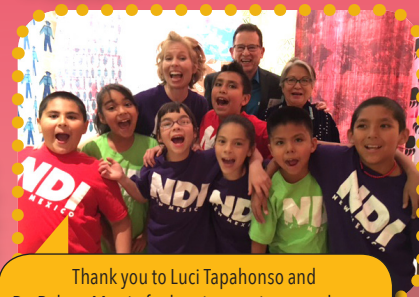


DANCE-A-THONS IN ALBUQUERQUE & SANTA FE!!

We did it!! Through the help of our dancers, families, friends and corporate supporters, we surpassed our goal and raised \$46,335 for our statewide programs!! THANK YOU to all supporters who raised the barre with us!



Through a collaboration with The May Center in Santa Fe called *Project Learning Different*, all NDI New Mexico instructors were given enriching tools necessary to identify and develop children with learning differences in the classroom.



Thank you to Luci Tapahonso and Dr. Robert Martin for hosting our inaugural event for *Honoring Our Steps*, an initiative to raise awareness and funding for the Native American communities we serve.



Thank you Vintage Albuquerque for choosing NDI New Mexico to be one of the beneficiaries of your outstanding charity event. We feel fortunate to have your support to serve close to 10,000 children across New Mexico this year.



Welcome our newest Board Members:
(from left) John Bingaman, Nelson Navarro, and David Vogel.



PRESBYTERIAN Health Plan, Inc.

NDI New Mexico partnered with Presbyterian Healthcare Services for their annual Day of Service, focusing on health and nutrition with more than 15,000 elementary students at 34 school sites in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Los Lunas, Tijeras, and Sandia Park.



NDI New Mexico was the recipient of Samaritan Counseling Center's 2016 Ethics in Business Award, The Hopkins Award, which is awarded annually to a nonprofit in New Mexico that has truly exhibited ethics at every turn, upholding integrity in every aspect of their organization.



Thank you PNM Resources Foundation for helping us save energy! We are grateful to PNM for our Reduce Your Use grant which helped us purchase energy-saving lights and fixtures at The Dance Barns!

WINTER DANCE ESCAPE

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February 24 and 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
at The Hiland in Albuquerque

NDI New Mexico's annual winter performance includes a world premiere of *El Salon Nuevo Mexico* choreographed by Hiland Artistic Director Evelyn Cisneros-Legate and Stephen Legate D.C. to the music of Aaron Copland. Joining the performance are guest artists Garrett Anderson NMSA Dance Department Chair, Ana Lopez of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, and an excerpt from *Swan Lake* by the New Mexico Ballet Company.

The sizzling *Suite Kander* choreographed by Broadway superstar Anne Reinking will round out the program with a cast of NDI New Mexico's most accomplished dancers – members of Company XCel, Apprentice Company, and Junior Company.

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BOX OFFICE AT 505.340.0200



SPRING INTO MOTION

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**SPRING INTO MOTION March 3-4, 2017
at 7:00 p.m. and March 5 at 2 p.m. at**

The Dance Barns in Santa Fe. NDI New Mexico's annual winter performance includes *Charleston*, a sizzling Jerome Robbins piece staged by Broadway stars Charlotte d'Amboise and Mary Ann Lamb; and a new production of the Russian fairy tale, *Firebird*, directed by Allegra Lillard, to a stunning score by

Stravinsky. The cast includes NDI New Mexico's most accomplished dancers – members of Company XCel, Apprentice Company, and Junior Company. *Spring into Motion* is bound to be the performance of the year you do not want to miss!



Save the Date

For information
in Albuquerque call 505.872.1800
in Santa Fe call 505.983.7646
or visit www.ndi-nm.org!

FEBRUARY

24-25 Winter Dance Escape
The Hiland

MARCH

3-5 Spring into Motion
The Dance Barns

21-26 Italian Film Festival
The Hiland

APRIL

7-8 Junior Showcase
The Hiland

8-9 Junior Showcase
The Dance Barns

27-29 Albuquerque End-of-Year Event
Broadway Bound, Week One

MAY

4-6 Albuquerque End-of-Year Event
Broadway Bound, Week Two

4-6 Santa Fe End-of-Year Event
Roots Revival, Week One

6 Albuquerque Annual Gala
The Hiland

11-13 Santa Fe End-of-Year Event
Roots Revival, Week Two

13 Santa Fe Annual Gala
The Dance Barns

18-19 Northern New Mexico
End-of-Year Event
Espanola Valley

25-26 Senior Showcase
The Hiland

JUNE

2-3 Senior Showcase
The Dance Barns

12-16 Early Steps, Session I
The Hiland

19-24 Early Steps, Session II
The Hiland

23 Summer Institute Performances
The Hiland & The Dance Barns

26 -30 Early Steps & Arts in Motion Too
Sessions I, The Dance Barns

JULY

10-21 Arts in Motion
The Hiland/The Dance Barns

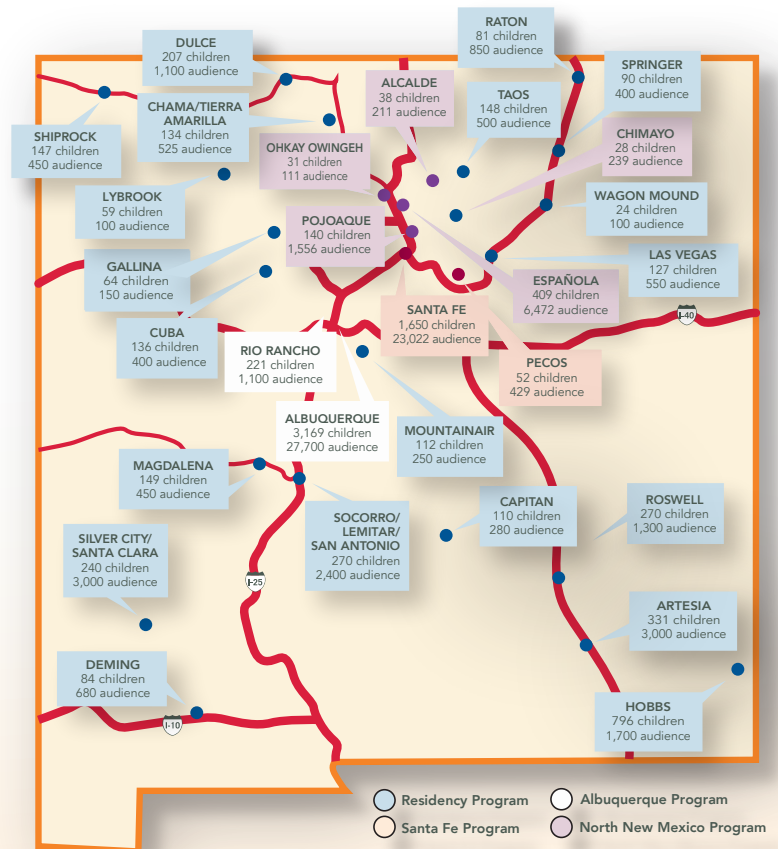
24-28 Early Steps & Arts in Motion Too
Sessions II, The Dance Barns

Statewide OUTREACH

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.



Thank you **GARCIA** automotive group for helping us reach almost 10,000 children across New Mexico - your wheels keep us rolling!



WORK HARD | DO YOUR BEST | NEVER GIVE UP | BE HEALTHY!

Teaching Excellence® INSPIRES! SUMMER PROGRAM ATTRACTS INSTRUCTORS

NDI New Mexico instructors have a joyful energy and high expectations, which INSPIRE kids to reach a little higher, WORK a little harder, and DREAM a little bigger.

NDI New Mexico develops instructors to achieve our mission in the public schools by combining their individual talents and professional background with our extensive training in NDI New Mexico's codified pedagogy. The training begins in NDI New Mexico's two-week intensive Teaching Excellence® workshop where aspiring instructors learn our tried and true teaching methodology – creating joyful, fast-paced, and challenging classes with an atmosphere of inclusion and positivity.

Comprehensive teacher training is vital to the consistency and high quality of the programs we offer in public schools throughout the state. While the workshop is a training ground for future NDI New Mexico instructors, it's also a center for professional development for teachers from around the country, coming to New Mexico for the hands-on experience and training NDI New Mexico offers.



This year's workshop will be held **July 24 - August 4, 2017**. To learn more about Teaching Excellence®, or inquire about The Barbara Somerfield Scholarship offered, call Liz Salganek, Artistic Director, at **(505) 557-6046**





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children
excellence

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Albuquerque Gala at The Hiland
MAY 6, 2017

Sponsorship Opportunities Available, for more information
call Hazel Tull-Leach at 505.340.0220

Santa Fe Gala at The Dance Barns
MAY 13, 2017

Sponsorship Opportunities Available, for more information
call Kelsey Brown at 505.557.6047

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Experience the excitement of **more than 500 children** on stage!

SAVE THE DATE

NDI NEW MEXICO 2017 GALAS



Purchase tickets online
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THE ALBUQUERQUE GALA will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at The Hiland. Celebrate the magic of Broadway musicals with this year's *Broadway Bound!* Enjoy 600 children performing songs and dances from dozens of great shows in Broadway's history, followed by a seated dinner, dancing, and a raffle in our festive Gala tent. Experience the enthusiasm and vigor that make both Broadway and NDI New Mexico so rewarding and special.

THE SANTA FE GALA will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at The Dance Barns. The evening will feature NDI New Mexico's newest show, *Roots Revival*, centered around America's musical beginnings. The performance will take us on a musical journey delving into the diverse cultures that gave rise to the many genres of American music including: blues, bluegrass, country, gospel, Native American, zydeco and more! The premiere will surely bring the crowd to their feet and launch another fabulous Gala evening celebrating teaching children excellence!

