

The Dance Project NW Foundation



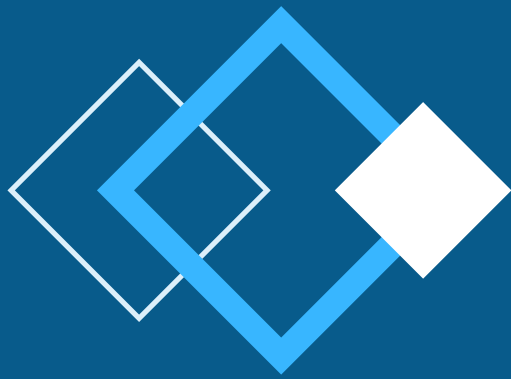
# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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# THE DANCE PROJECT NW FOUNDATION “MORE THAN JUST DANCE”

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What started as a passionate group of dance parents fundraising for their dancers has evolved into something much bigger. The Dance Project NW Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Stanwood, WA, is dedicated to supporting the dance community at The Dance Project NW. Our mission is to enhance the dance experience for all students through continued education, masterclass opportunities, individual fundraising support, and much more.



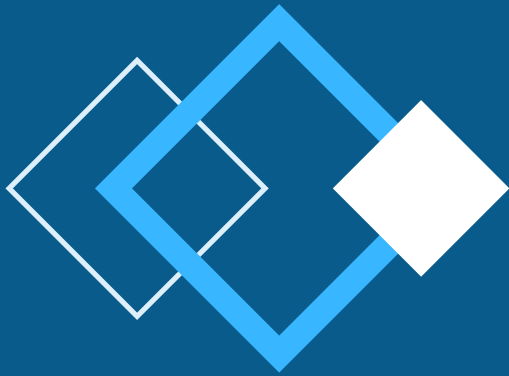
# THE DANCE PROJECT NW FOUNDATION MISSION AND VISION

## **Our Mission**

To support all students enrolled and actively attending The Dance Project NW through continued dance education, masterclass opportunities, individual fundraising support, and much more.

## **Our Vision**

At The Dance Project NW Foundation, we envision a vibrant and inclusive dance community where every individual has the opportunity to flourish and thrive. Central to our mission is supporting dancers by ensuring they have access to the highest caliber of training, resources, and mentorship. We aim to empower dancers of all backgrounds and abilities to pursue their passion for dance at The Dance project NW with confidence, integrity, and creativity.



# TDPNW FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENTS

In our inaugural year, we have made significant strides:

- **Acquired 501(c)(3) Status:** Establishing our foundation as a recognized non-profit.
- **Industry and Team Day:** Hosted our first event during the competition season, bringing dancers together for growth and learning.
- **Fundraising Success:** Raised thousands of dollars to support our dancers.
- **Fuel The Dancer Program:** Fully funded to ensure all competition dancers have access to nutritious food during competition weekends.
- **Scholarship Success:** Provided funds for two teams to participate in the Ultra Dance Competition, an elite competition that they earned invitations to.



# TDPNW FOUNDATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

At the beginning of the year, The Dance Project NW Foundation established several amazing programs and projects designed to support our dancers and foster a thriving dance community. While some initiatives, like the Fuel The Dancer Program, have already taken off and made a significant impact, others are still in their early stages. As we continue to build up our general funds throughout this year, we are committed to expanding and enhancing these programs to ensure all our dancers have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

## **Fuel The Dancer Program**

This initiative ensures that all competition dancers have access to healthy food during long competition weekends. By providing readily available nutritious food, we encourage dancers to stay hydrated and fueled, optimizing their performance and well-being. This program also supports families in our community affected by food insecurity.

## **Dancer Workshops and Masterclasses**

We provide educational classes and masterclasses to foster comprehensive growth and excellence in the dance community. These opportunities nurture creativity, expression, and personal development, extending dance education beyond technical proficiency.

## **Special & Earned Opportunities**

Our competition dancers participate in two regional competitions annually, with additional opportunities for specialty teams and soloists. The Foundation supports dancers who earn special opportunities through competitions, celebrating their achievements and empowering them to pursue their passion at higher levels.

## **Conventions and Scholarships**

We offer financial assistance to dancers annually, enabling them to attend special dance conventions and classes outside of the studio. By providing scholarships, we aim to remove financial barriers, ensuring that all talented and passionate dancers have access to high-quality training and educational opportunities.

# TDPNW FOUNDATION YEAR AT A GLANCE

## MAY 2023

Bylaws created and initial steps taken to form The Foundation

## JUNE 2023

Funds raised and filed with Washington State

## JULY 2023

Approval as a non-profit by Washington State & Filed with the IRS

## AUGUST 2023

First Individual Fundraiser of the Year: Annual Car Wash! Raised over \$900 for dancers

## OCTOBER 2023

- IRS approves our 501(c)3 status
- First Industry Day and Team Weekend at the studio
- Semi-annual Krispy Kreme fundraiser (Raised over \$2,000 for dancers)

## NOVEMBER 2023

- Little Caesars Individual Fundraiser Raises over \$500 for dancers
- The first MOD Pizza General Fundraiser is held (earned over \$95 for The Foundation)

## DECEMBER 2023

Camano Coffee Roasters Individual Fundraiser earned over \$1,680 for dancers

## JANUARY 2024

- Bingo Fundraiser earned over \$1,000 for dancers
- Fuel The Dancer Program Launches

## APRIL 2024

- Recital Photos raised over \$7,000 for general funds
- TDPNW Foundation Scholarships (2) teams for Ultra Dance Competition
  - National Tee Shirts raised over \$3,700 for dancers attending Nationals

## FEBRUARY 2024

- Poppin' Popcorn Individual Fundraiser: earned over \$890 for dancers
- Allocation of 10% of general fundraising begins for Dance The Magic
- National Tee Shirt Fundraiser launches

## MAY 2024

- 2nd MOD Pizza Fundraiser earned over \$175
- 2nd Individual Bingo Fundraiser at Viking Hall earned almost \$300 for dancers
- Recital Flower Fundraiser begins
- National Tee Shirt General Sales begin

## JUNE 2024

- Final individual fundraiser @ BDD
- Nationals Tee Shirts Sales Continue
- 50/50 raffle @ Recitals
- 1st General fundraiser at Menchie's (6/25)

# TDPNW FOUNDATION COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Dance Project NW Foundation has had a profound impact on the youth in our community by making dance more accessible and affordable. One of our proudest achievements was funding the participation of two teams in the Ultra Dance Competition, an elite event they were invited to. This opportunity was a significant milestone for these dancers, showcasing their talent and dedication on a prestigious stage.

## Get Involved

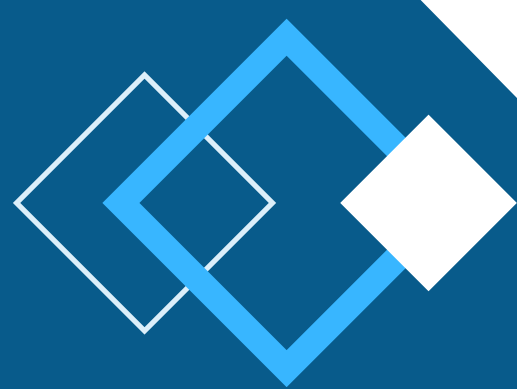
We invite community members and potential donors to join us in our mission to support the next generation of dancers. Your contributions help us provide essential resources, educational opportunities, and financial assistance to our dancers, fostering a vibrant and thriving dance community.

## Leadership Team

- **Nichole Long**, Board President
- **Katie Cameron**, Board Vice President
- **Ashley Dawn Miller**, Secretary
- **Marlaina Spahr**, Treasurer



# THANK YOU



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, members, and the entire community for your unwavering support and generosity throughout this remarkable inaugural year. Your contributions have been instrumental in launching The Dance Project NW Foundation and establishing vital programs that directly benefit our dancers. Thanks to your commitment, we have been able to fund essential initiatives like the Fuel The Dancer Program, provide scholarships, and create enriching educational opportunities through workshops and masterclasses.

Your belief in our mission has empowered us to make a meaningful impact in the lives of young dancers, ensuring they have the resources and support to pursue their passion with confidence and enthusiasm. As we continue to grow and build upon our successes, we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving dance community. Thank you for being an integral part of The Dance Project NW Foundation family.

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