

Annual Summary of Service 2020-2021



THE
DANCE
FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

At a time of great uncertainty, we look for what brings us joy. We also look for how we can make space for that joy. Your generosity helped make that happen.

With COVID safety protocols in place and a need for reconnection, we offered classes in person and learned how to also teach virtually. We built relationships with our students and our community with fun, creativity and care. We learned through the year that our mission is more vital than ever. That offering a welcoming, inclusive and respectful place to explore was profound. That creative experiences help comfort and strengthen us, this year, and any year.

This is a snapshot of who we inspire and how we impact our community – with your help. Thank you for your belief in our work and the joy your support makes possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane".

Diane Litsey
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kara".

Kara Barlow
Board President

10,401 individuals served in 2020-2021

8,218 individuals attended events and performances, participated in an activity, or benefitted as an educator (in person and virtually).

492 students and educators each week of the school year benefitted through the **Community Partnership Program**, including **Dancing with Words**.

384 students each week of the school year and **133** campers and students during the summer benefitted through **Studio Classes**.

1,307 individuals were hosted and benefitted as part of classes, events and performances during the year in the **Studio Use Program**.



Our unique Movement-to-Music curriculum introduces preschoolers to dance with live music. As students age, they work toward being in our Dance Artist Program which embraces creativity, artistry and technique.



We hosted an inaugural performance, "Tiny Dances," at the Pizitz Food Hall featuring work by ten choreographers. More than 150 audience members were in attendance.

Our Studio Use Program hosted a variety of community artists last year. These offerings complement our mission and add to the creative spirit of our surroundings.

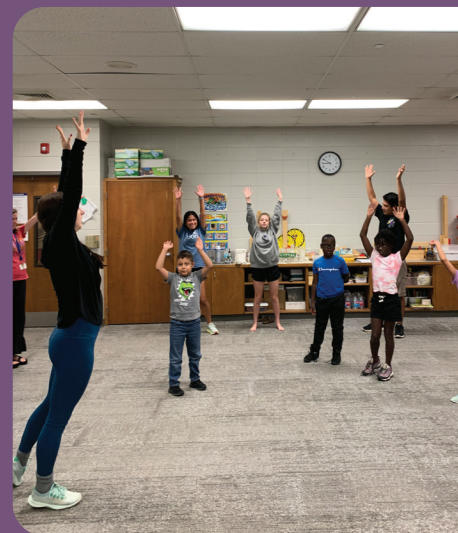


When you build vocabulary and stories through movement, you make memorable connections. With virtual programs in demand, we created a 17-minute Dancing With Words video for K-3rd grade educators.

The Community Partnership Program reached more children each week during the school year at dozens of partner sites throughout Birmingham. This year, we added classes with Preschool Partners.



We received special funding from the Alabama State Department of Education to work with Hall Kent's RISE program. We taught twice a week for the month of June to improve language arts learning. The students created a dance inspired by using prepositions, the "5 W's" of reading and writing, and specific adjectives and adverbs.



Audited Financial Summary

For year ending June 30, 2021

Assets

current assets	299,649
property and equipment, net	1,238,440
deposits	335
total assets	<u>1,538,424</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

current liabilities	
accrued expenses	3,355
deferred revenue	49,814
mortgage note payable	28,147
total current liabilities	<u>81,316</u>
mortgage note payable, non-current	353,827
payroll protection program loan payable	93,485
total liabilities	<u>528,628</u>
net assets	
unrestricted	1,009,796
total net assets	<u>1,009,796</u>
total liabilities and net assets	<u>1,538,424</u>

Statement of Activities

programs and other earned income	452,181
fundraising support, net	25,414
government and private grants	211,945
contributions	50,623
other income, interest	9,354
Support and Revenue Total	<u>\$698,689</u>
program services	640,748
management and general	45,659
fund raising	41,204
Expenses Total	<u>\$727,611</u>
change in unrestricted net assets	(\$28,922)
unrestricted net assets, beginning of the year	\$1,038,718
unrestricted net assets, end of year	\$1,009,796

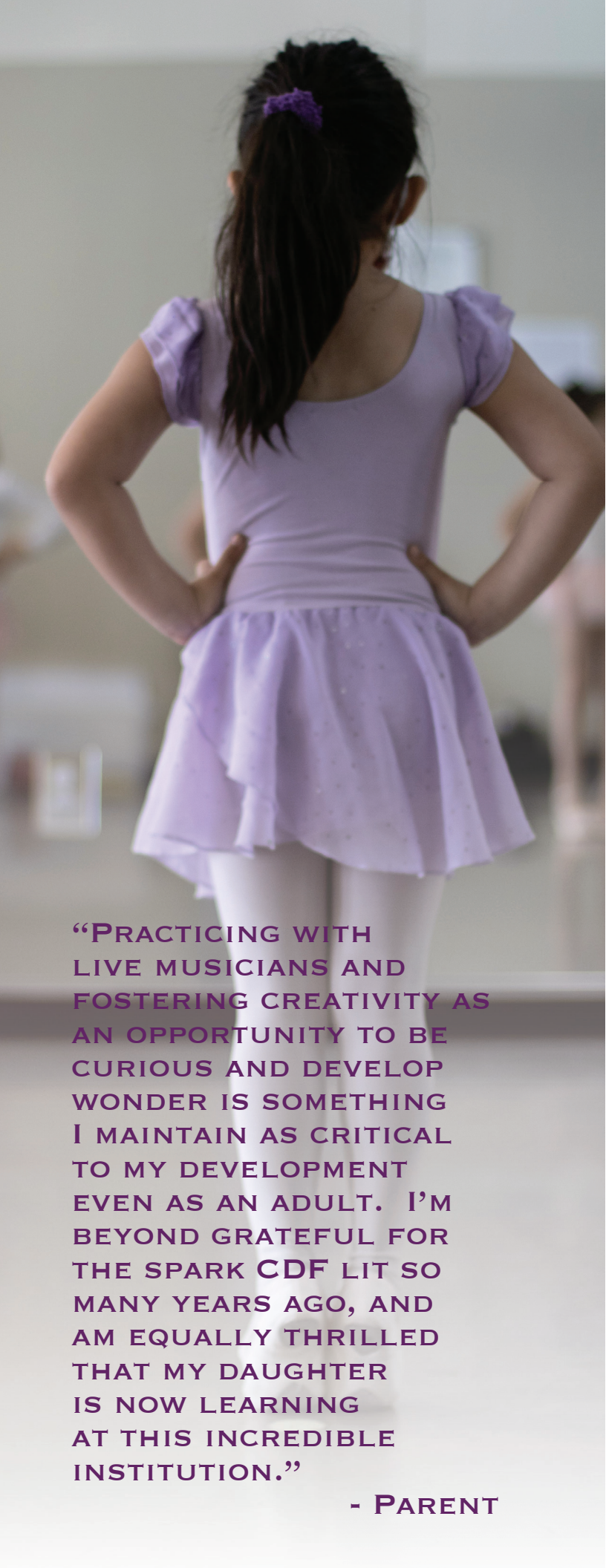
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, operations were reduced, which greatly impacted earned income from programs. A Paycheck Protection Program Round 2 loan was received and included as an obligation for 2020-21, with anticipation that it will be forgiven in 2021-22 and eliminated as a liability. A Paycheck Protection Program Round 1 loan was forgiven and eliminated as a liability.

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MANY YEARS AGO, AND
AM EQUALLY THRILLED
THAT MY DAUGHTER
IS NOW LEARNING
AT THIS INCREDIBLE
INSTITUTION.”**

- PARENT

Abby and Matt Cahill
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 in honor of Maren E. Smith
Alissa Keller
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 in honor of Sandra Taylor
Kathryn Kudulis
Therese and Kenneth Laeger
John and Beth Lauriello
Delores Likos
 in memory of Davis Grayson Kelly
Elizabeth Lindsey
Diane and Alan Litsey
Cheryl Lloyd
Megan Logan



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- PARENT

John and Sheri Spaine Long
Betsy Mackin
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 in honor of Caroline McCullough
Sara McCullough
 in honor of Caroline McCullough
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 Ennio Scalici
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 in honor of all the teachers
Charlotte Taylor given by
 Elizabeth Delzell
Josh and Elizabeth Taylor



**“THE DANCE FOUNDATION
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- STUDENT

James Taylor
Anne F. Timberlake
in honor of Honey Lou Funkhouser
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Alexander Cottle
Susan Davis
in honor of Barton Davis
Elizabeth Delzell
Laura Duke
Anne and John Sills
in honor of Isabelle and Charlotte Taylor
Nannette White

Children's Arts Guild

Our annual Children's Fashion Show and Luncheon event was not possible in March 2021 due to COVID-19. However, members continued to show their individual commitment. Thank you to members of the Children's Arts Guild for supporting TDF's community work in 2020-2021!

**Our mission: to teach the art of dance to all,
inspiring creativity, confidence and curios**

Founders

Mary Conyers Cooper
Jennie Robertson
Virginia Samford Donovan

Board of Directors

Kara Barlow, President	Cheryl Lloyd Hilary Moreno
Abby Cahill	Cora Schimke
Paige Casey	Josh Taylor
Jennifer Reid Egbe	Amy Williams
Shawntae Ford	Grey Yeager
Laura Gosney	
James Jockisch	

Administrative Staff

Diane Litsey - Executive Director
Rachael Inman - Artistic Director
Shellie Chambers - Program Director, 3rd grade
and up; Marketing Director
Blakely Cottle - Program Director, infant through
2nd grade
Lori Taylor - Director of Operations
Sara Wallace - Development Coordinator
Mary Ashley Dease, Sarah Jacks, Francesca Scalici -
Receptionists

Teachers and Musicians

Krista Bostany	Stephanie Murphy
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Blakely Cottle	Ariana Pellegra
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