



# DANCE for Life

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and make a difference



Dear Dancers and Parents,

We are so excited to tell you about the *Dance For Life Benefit Concert* we have chosen to participate in as a studio this year. We are participating in a Pajama and book drive. Together, with other sister studios, we are going to collect new books and pajamas for all children sizes Preemie to adult to be donated to those in need throughout Utah.

#### **ABOUT DANCE FOR LIFE:**

In 2009 a few studio owners decided that it shouldn't just be about dancing during the holidays, it should be about "making a difference" in someone else's life! What a better way to do that than to use our talents and provide an amazing night of dance joined together with our sister studios? The idea evolved into an annual benefit concert, "Dance For Life." We wanted to create a special night for our dancers while bringing awareness to those in need during the holiday season.

So many of us have grown up with the tradition of opening up a new pair of pajamas every Christmas Eve. Kids love pajamas! We felt like giving pajamas to other children was a way to help even our youngest dancers grasp the concept of giving. We have been collecting pajamas and books for the Utah Foster Care Foundation and several other local charities each and every year since. They are always so excited to see us and so grateful for new jammies right in time for the holidays! "Dance for Life" has been a wonderful way to create more holiday spirit in our students and share a little dancing joy at the same time!

#### **PROJECT DETAILS:**

- Pajamas and books must be new, please NO hangers!
- Pajamas are needed for all sizes. From preemie up to adults.
- \$1 Paper PJs. Collect donations from family and friends for as little as a dollar! Donors can sign their name on the front and dancers sign their name on the back. This money will go towards more jammies and books! Dancers need to return paper and pjs and all donations to the office by Dec 7th, or bring them to the benefit concert.
- Our studio has a goal for each dancer to **collect at least 5 pairs of pajamas AND 5 books and to sell at least 10 \$1 paper PJs each.**
- We recommend having students purchase pajamas they would wear themselves to donate. This way they feel more connected to the project and the recipients. We are always in need of more adult sizes too, so spread the word!
- Involve everyone around you! Ask for donations from your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. We have included a letter that we encourage you to share with everyone you know. We want to involve as many people in our community as we can. An email version will also follow this letter. Please forward it to your contacts.
- We will be collecting pajamas at the studio, and the night of the benefit concert.

#### **DANCE FOR LIFE BENEFIT CONCERT:**

All participating studios will be performing at **Taylorville High School on December 8, 2018.**

Our studio performance times are: 10am Academic Preschool, 12:15pm Performing Company, and studio casts at 1:45 and 2:30pm. Call time for our dancers is 30-45 minutes before performance time (see final performance details). Check in at the participant table to get dancer's hand stamped.

- Individual donation tallies will be tracked at your own studio prior to the concert.
- Pre-purchase tickets for the concert online at [www.tututix.com/Studio56Dance](http://www.tututix.com/Studio56Dance). Tickets are \$5.20 online or \$8 at the door. Spectators age 2 and under are FREE and will need to sit in a lap.

This is one of our favorite times of the year and we feel that this is a wonderful opportunity to teach our students about giving service. We want our dancers to be involved with friends and classmates in feeling the spirit of giving together during the holidays. We are a strong group of loving individuals and if we come together we can make a difference in someone else's life! Please help us make our project a huge success!