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Dear NDI New Mexico Friends and Family,

Welcome to our performances! These celebratory events are driven by our mission, brought to life by our staff, board, volunteers and funders, and made possible through the hard work and tenacity of thousands of children. Each year, across New Mexico, dance is the medium that inspires children to improve their health and nutrition and strive for the core four: work hard, do your best, never give up, and be fit! This year, NDI New Mexico is proudly serving 6,200 children, 600 teachers and 65,000 audience members around the state with life-changing programs.

For the past three years, NDI New Mexico has put a great deal of focus on expanding our Albuquerque programs. We are thrilled to announce that our dreams are coming true! This time next year, at The Hiland Theater, NDI New Mexico’s newly-renovated home, hundreds of children and families will be gathering for their end-of-year performances. Starting in September 2011, children ages 3-18 will have the opportunity to participate in after-school and weekend classes that are designed to increase physical fitness, build self-esteem, and support success in school. Over time, NDI New Mexico will triple the number of children served through our Albuquerque programs at The Hiland Theater.

Last year we told you about a challenge grant by the Mabee Foundation for $1.3 million. With the help of an incredible group of donors and friends, we have successfully met the challenge! Moreover, NDI New Mexico is the recipient of a prestigious grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. With this news, we are proud to announce that the leadership phase of fundraising is a success! Thank you to all our bighearted leadership donors for your commitment and generosity! Construction has begun on the first phase of the project, and we are now embarking on a public campaign to build support for our programs, complete the second phase of building renovation, and ensure the future of NDI both in Albuquerque and around the state. We hope you will join us in making a profound difference in the community and in children’s lives.

Enjoy today’s performance – we hope that you will be inspired by the smiles, energy, and sense of possibility brought forth from what you see on stage. Thank you for all that you do to support NDI New Mexico, our staff, and especially our children.

Yours in Teaching Excellence,

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The CAMPAIGN for ALBUQUERQUE

Picture this – a landmark theater in a historic Albuquerque neighborhood waiting to be restored. Envision a place where children from different parts of the city, different schools and different ethnic backgrounds can participate in creative activities and be encouraged to succeed. Thousands of Albuquerque’s children shining brightly in the spotlight! Eduardo is one of these children.

An Albuquerque public school student and participant in NDI New Mexico’s programs for three years, Eduardo’s story is one of personal and academic success. He has been part of the in-school and after-school programs and is excited about taking more advanced classes. As his mother observes, “My son has developed self-confidence and an inner vision of who he is and who he can become. His reading has improved, and he has really blossomed in every way.”
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Phase I, II

$5.5 million
Phase I

Now, more than ever, we need the SUPPORT of the entire community. Join in our efforts to positively IMPACT Albuquerque’s children and restore this treasured landmark.
Eduardo and his classmates will be among the first children to take after-school classes at The Hiland Theater, classes which are proven to enrich children’s lives by inspiring hard work, persistence, self-confidence and a commitment to personal success. By realizing the vision of restoring The Hiland Theater, NDI New Mexico gives children like Eduardo the opportunity to dream big and experience success!

As Eduardo waits anxiously backstage for one last performance at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC), construction continues on the interior and exterior of The Hiland. More than 3,000 children have performed at End-of-Year events at the NHCC over the last 7 years, a total which will be tripled when The Hiland opens in 2011. Summer programming will begin in July 2011 with after-school performing arts classes scheduled to begin in the fall.

More than 3,000 children will benefit from our award-winning classes, workshops and performance opportunities by the 2013-2014 school year. Eduardo will be one of the first to perform in the new theater!

To date, the Campaign for Albuquerque has raised more than $10 million in funds necessary to complete renovations to dance studios, offices and performance space. Sparked by a federal grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and generous challenge grants from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation and the Frank D. Gorham and Marie K. Gorham Charitable Foundation, NDI New Mexico is poised to begin fundraising for the final phase of the Campaign. We invite you to join us in our efforts to positively impact Albuquerque’s children and restore this treasured landmark.

To volunteer, donate, or find out more, please contact Gretchen Kok, Albuquerque Managing Director at 505-872-1800 x1104 or Gretchen@ndi-nm.org
NDI New Mexico comes to Albuquerque - welcome Eubank Elementary

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Our work is guided by our belief in children, as well as our commitment to social responsibility, excellence, sustainability and financial integrity.

NDI New Mexico’s kinesthetic teaching methodology was developed by former NYC Ballet dancer and MacArthur Fellow, Jacques d’Amboise, who founded NDI in New York City in 1976. In 1994, Catherine Oppenheimer, formerly of NYC Ballet and Twyla Tharp Dance Company, co-founded NDI New Mexico in Santa Fe. Over the last sixteen years, NDI New Mexico has grown from serving 100 children in one school to reaching more than 6,200 children each year through in-school, after-school, summer and advanced training classes in 37 communities across the state.
NDI New Mexico brings award-winning arts and healthy lifestyle programs to underserved children in urban, rural and Native American communities throughout New Mexico.

**Outreach Program**
Partnering with public schools, NDI New Mexico provides dance classes as part of each school’s curriculum for children ages five to 12. A certified NDI New Mexico instructor and pianist teach every class. At the conclusion of each program, students celebrate their success through public performances or assemblies.

**School for the Performing Arts**
We offer rigorous performing arts classes for all ages with sliding-scale tuition through the School for Performing Arts (SPA) at The Dance Barns in Santa Fe. For more information about classes and performances, call 505-795-7088 or visit www.ndi-nm.org/spa.

**HIP to Be Fit**
In 2004, NDI New Mexico received a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to develop fitness and nutrition curricula for elementary school teachers and students, and to measure the program’s impact. Today, the HIP to Be Fit curriculum addresses nutrition and healthy living in a fun and accessible way so that children can learn to adapt new, healthy behaviors.

**Our Goals**
NDI New Mexico strives to reach children who need our programs the most regardless of language, culture or physical challenges. We teach that teamwork, tenacity, discipline and joyful effort can equal success—that hard work and an uncompromising standard of excellence result in a genuine sense of achievement and self-respect that can change the life of a child, any child.

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**Spotlight on Teaching Excellence®**

Jackie Oliver has been dancing, performing and choreographing throughout Albuquerque and Santa Fe for over 25 years. She has served as a faculty member, director and dancer with esteemed groups such as Bill Evans Rhythm Tap Dance, New Mexico Ballet Company, Musical Theater Southwest, Civic Light Opera and many others. In 2000, Jackie first saw an NDI New Mexico performance - “100 Years of American Music and Dance” at UNM’s Rodey Theater. She began teaching with us the very next year. Over the last decade, Jackie has been instrumental in building our Albuquerque programs from 3 schools to currently serving 17 schools with 20 more on the waiting list. As Albuquerque Artist Director, Jackie leads a team of instructors in NDI New Mexico’s in-school, weekend, and summer programs, with special emphasis on launching an after-school program at The Hiland Theater this September. Jackie has watched the children she taught in her first apprenticeship at Navajo Elementary School grow into the first members of Albuquerque’s Company XCel. “It’s amazing to see the talent and enthusiasm these children display every week. They are eager to take classes at The Hiland, and I am so excited to be able to bring our programs to more and more children in Albuquerque.”

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Children who are motivated and capable of learning advanced choreography are invited to participate in after-school Advanced Training and summer programs.
SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Rand Porter-Park is full of confidence and determination. At age five she mastered the monkey bars and today, she dances proudly alongside her classmates at Montezuma Elementary in Albuquerque. Part one for Rand’s formula for success is her joyful, determined spirit. Part two is the combination of masterful supporters in her life who help her overcome the challenges of cerebral palsy.

Rand climbs higher and runs faster than many of her peers. Although she has some significant developmental delays and learning challenges, she is prepared to meet adversity head on. After her first NDI New Mexico class, Rand’s enthusiasm and resolve was apparent. She practiced her new steps not once, not twice, but for hours at a time. NDI New Mexico’s methodology, which includes call-and-response and repetition, contributes positively to her ability to take risks without fear of failure and improves her motor skills and capacity for academic learning.

Rand’s teachers and caregivers have noticed that she is motivated toward excellence in a way that is directly connected to her dancing experience. She understands that if she practices and works hard that she can learn just as any other student. She accepts the importance of a healthy lifestyle so her body will remain strong. NDI’s methodology and implementation have so impacted Rand’s view of herself and her internal world that she feels more like her typically-developing peers.

Today, with the shimmer of joy in her eyes, she sees herself as a dancer - strong, fit and competent. According to her parents, “NDI New Mexico has been her magic gift and has changed her life immeasurably. With her indomitable spirit and the inherent strengths of the program, we know that she will meet her goals.”

The Dance Barns

The Dance Barns in Santa Fe is NDI New Mexico’s home base for statewide programming. In addition to after-school, summer and advanced training programs, it provides a creative center for staff, dancers, families and community members. More than 600 children come each week for performing arts classes at The Dance Barns.

Coming Soon! Check our website, www.ndi-nm.org, for after-school and summer programming at The Hiland Theater in Albuquerque and sign up for our waiting list!
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September 5 - 16, 2011

This workshop, conducted at The Dance Barns in Santa Fe, provides an introduction to NDI New Mexico’s award-winning teaching methodology. For more information, call (505) 983-7646 x 109 or visit www.ndi-nm.org.

In 2010-2011, NDI-NM programs will reach 6,200 children, 600 public school teachers and 65,000 audience members statewide.

NDI New Mexico is Statewide!

TEACHING CHILDREN EXCELLENCE
About NDI New Mexico’s Evaluation

NDI New Mexico’s culture of assessment and evaluation ensures that programs and instructors have a positive impact on children. NDI New Mexico contracts with RMC Research Corporation to conduct rigorous independent evaluation of our programs. Using surveys and interviews, data collected over multiple years from students, classroom teachers and principals reveals NDI New Mexico’s significant impact.

In-School Program Success

Analysis of data from students participating in NDI New Mexico programs held during the school day revealed significantly higher positive health and behavioral impacts on NDI New Mexico students than comparison students in the areas of:

• Physical fitness
• Dance attitudes and skills
• Confidence
• Tenacity
• Excellence/doing one’s best
• Working hard
• Goal setting

Advanced Training Program Success

Advanced Training students’ ratings on all measures increased significantly over time. Significant gains include:

• Working hard
• Self-confidence
• Excellence
• Tenacity

• Goal setting
• Body confidence
• Social confidence

NDI New Mexico Advanced Training students also have higher math and reading scores than their peers.

Who NDI New Mexico Serves

Demographics of Statewide NDI New Mexico Students

- Hispanic - 63%
- Anglo - 20%
- Native American - 15%
- African American - 1%
- Asian American - 1%

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

- Qualified for the Federal Free or Reduced Cost School Meal Program - 74%
- Did Not Qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Cost School Meal Program - 26%
Community outreach is an important part of NDI New Mexico’s statewide programming. Building and strengthening relationships with individuals, businesses, foundations and government agencies provides support from diverse sources and targets communities who need our programs most.

Our commitment to children relies on the reciprocal efforts of the schools, districts, cities and counties we serve. In our Residencies, school districts provide transportation and rehearsal space. Local businesses donate housing to our instructors, and arts education organizations sponsor performances. In Artesia, the S.P. & Estelle Yates Foundation ensures that every fourth grader participates in our annual program!

In Albuquerque, Northern New Mexico and Santa Fe, our in-school programs are supported with critical funding from the state of New Mexico and local government agencies. Corporate and private foundations invest in our programs through generous grants and in-kind donations which help offset operating costs. Thanks to Don Chalmers Ford and Chalmers Capitol Ford Lincoln, our instructors travel safely more than 20,000 miles each year!

Educational partnerships are the cornerstone of our programming. Local schools, school districts, principals and teachers work together to coordinate classes, rehearsals and performances. In Santa Fe, The Dance Barns provides studio space for students at New Mexico School for the Arts and in Albuquerque, The Hiland Theater will extend collaborations with summer programs at The University of New Mexico and Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico as well as a new partnership with Kids Cook! Statewide, The University of New Mexico, Northern New Mexico College, New Mexico Tech and Western New Mexico University have all supported programming with generous facility donations.

Through membership in non-profit and civic associations, faculty and staff have access to resources which help our programs grow and thrive. The Dance Barns in Santa Fe (and soon The Hiland in Albuquerque!) hosts diverse groups and events – from visiting performing arts companies to corporate meetings.
Santa Fe High School senior, Larry Burney, has been taking after-school classes at The Dance Barns in Santa Fe since it opened its doors in 2003. The athletic teen is one of fourteen members of Company XCell, NDI New Mexico’s most advanced group of dancers who have been enrolled in the School for the Performing Arts since they were young.

Most, like Larry, began in Level I classes designed to introduce students to dance through a sequential curriculum in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, voice and acting. The introductory level of the program is designed to develop well-rounded young students by providing a foundation in dance or musical theatre. Some begin even younger by enrolling in Early Steps in Dance. Students who are motivated, like Larry, can continue through pre-professional classes which help prepare dancers to pursue the performing arts in college or as a career.

As a member of Company XCell, Larry takes classes five days a week, with added rehearsals for special performances like I Can Do That! in February 2011 and End-of-Year showcases. Company members begin as Apprentices, making commitments to rigorous class schedules and acting as role models for younger students. Some, like Larry, even have the opportunity to teach classes under the direction of experienced faculty.

As Larry prepares to graduate from high school this year, he credits NDI New Mexico with providing motivation for his future success.

“Dancing helps me express my emotions, and allows me to express myself as well. Dancing teaches a student how to move, feel the beat, and put the two together, but NDI teaches students so much more. The faculty and program at NDI teaches children state-wide how to strive to be all that they can be.”
be, and how to push, reach for, and obtain any goal that they have.”

Company XCel was created to provide young adult dancers with the opportunity to pursue advanced dance technique and perform on a regular basis. The challenging curriculum includes after-school classes in ballet, jazz, modern dance, tap, voice and theater with added rehearsals in preparation for performances. Company dancers are encouraged to pursue their interests at top-rated colleges and outstanding summer intensives and workshops across the country. Our knowledgeable staff provides individual and group counseling to select quality programs, complete the application process and prepare for auditions. Dancers receive individualized plans and personalized attention to strengthen their repertoire, improve their technique and reach their goals.

Company XCel dancers are invited to attend master classes with visiting artists throughout the year. In August 2010, New York City Ballet legend and NDI Founder Jacques d’Amboise created Puella Touches the Sun while working with Company XCel and returned in February 2011 to premier the piece as part of I Can Do That!

The production also featured the Junior Company, a group of younger dancers pursuing dance and musical theatre tracks on a path towards joining Company XCel. Junior Company dancers attend weekly after-school classes at The Dance Barns and are building the foundation of dance and performing arts technique. We look forward to watching these young students grow as performers over the next few years!

Nearly twenty dancers are Company XCel alumni and many are pursuing opportunities in the arts – at Pacific Northwest Ballet, North Carolina School for the Arts, University of California at Irvine and Point Park College, and more!

The NDI New Mexico School for the Performing Arts provides year-round programming that builds technical skills and personal character in children, values each student and every family, and is accessible to all children. Performance opportunities challenge students to achieve their highest level of ability. Classes are open to all children who desire to study the performing arts regardless of financial capabilities. A sliding-scale fee determines tuition and families can take advantage of alternative payment options.

For more information about any of our classes, please contact (505) 795-7088 or visit www.ndi-nm.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON GLENN GIRON

When Glenn Giron was a seventeen year-old dancer with NDI New Mexico’s Company XCel, he had already been performing for a decade and made an important decision which would help to ensure he’d be performing for decades to come. “After taking voice classes and performing in my first musical (NDI New Mexico’s Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in 2008), I realized that musical theatre is the place where my dreams would be fulfilled.” From his first show as a fourth grader at Nava Elementary School in Santa Fe through advanced teams, summer intensives and coursework at Oklahoma City University, Glenn’s passion for theatre, combined with his dance and vocal talents, have enabled him to embark on a professional career in theatre. Now, at age 22, Glenn is living his dreams as “Patsy” in the touring company of Spamalot. “There is nothing else in the world that I’d rather do with the commitment, passion and skill that I bring to performing and working in the arts.

Glenn Giron is a professional singer, dancer, actor who has appeared in regional and national productions including Cats (Arizona Broadway Theater), Sugar (Westchester Broadway Theater), Swing!, The Who’s Tommy and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (Lyric Theater of Oklahoma), Gotta Dance and The Nutcracker Rated R in New York City.
Celebration Team members are dancers who were invited to join the team after excelling through the Super Wonderful Advanced Team demonstrating excellence and model behavior.

Congratulations Statewide

CELEBRATION GRADUATES

ISABELLA AIDANA, Academy for Technology and the Classics, Santa Fe - “NDI New Mexico has taught me how to work hard and achieve my dreams! I have met so many great friends and I will never forget my time at NDI New Mexico.”

DUNE ALFORD, Academy for Technology and the Classics, Santa Fe - “NDI New Mexico taught me to constantly strive to be my best in every part of my life. I came to NDI New Mexico for the fun, but I will be leaving with a love that defines myself.”

DAJANAY AUSTIN, McKinley Middle School, Albuquerque - “NDI New Mexico is a place where I can get away and do what I love, dance! It inspires me to do my best, work hard, never give up and be who I want to be no matter what anybody says. I love NDI New Mexico and I will miss you all!”

HERON BALCAZAR, Taft Middle School, Albuquerque - “NDI New Mexico has given me so much, I have learned many things and experienced many things. NDI New Mexico has been a big part of my life.”

JOHN BIRD, Carlos F. Vigil Middle School, Española - “NDI New Mexico has taught me discipline and respect. Participating in NDI New Mexico made me more flexible and stronger. Now, I can stretch farther and have the discipline to do things.”

ALYSHIA BUSTOS, Capshaw Middle School, Santa Fe - “NDI New Mexico has been a big part of my life! It has taught me discipline and excellence. I will never forget my experience or the great friends I made.”

JESSIE DICKTER, Capshaw Middle School, Santa Fe - “I’m a dancer, a dancer dances. NDI New Mexico gave me someone to dance for.”

MILES DEVESTY, Capshaw Middle School, Santa Fe - “Not only did NDI New Mexico boost my strength, it boosted my self confidence. NDI New Mexico has put me on the path toward the study of music. Thanks, NDI New Mexico!”

ARIANA GIBLIN, St. Michael’s High School, Santa Fe - “NDI New Mexico taught me to work hard and never give up, not only in dance but in all aspects of my life.”

BROOKLYN GREEN, Taft Middle School, Albuquerque - “NDI New Mexico has impacted my life in many ways. It has motivated me to work hard, never give up and to do my best. It has definitely encouraged my success. Thank you!”

KIANNA GOMEZ, Capshaw Middle School, Santa Fe - “I had a great experience with NDI New Mexico. I have danced with them for six years and each year has been a blast. Thanks NDI New Mexico.”

GABE GONZALES, AIMS at UNM, Albuquerque - “NDI New Mexico allowed me to open and become me and has taught me the value of teamwork. It has taught me dance, given me many memories, new friends and something to look forward to every week, thank you!”

SERJIO GONZALES, Ortiz Middle School, Santa Fe - “NDI New Mexico has showed me how much fun it is to dance and I am glad I got a chance to be in it!”

NADINE GRANTHAM-PHILLIPS,Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe - “No word can describe the feelings the arts give us - luckily, dance is something that can.”

IVANNA HERNANDEZ, Academy for Technology and the Classics, Santa Fe - “NDI New Mexico has been a wonderful experience! I have learned so much discipline and grown to love dance even more!”

DEREK JANETSKY, Taft Middle School, Albuquerque - “Thank you NDI New Mexico!”

FIONA JENSEN-HITCH, Desert Academy, Santa Fe - “I remember when I was younger and I saw the Celebration Graduates on the stage. I thought, I want to be there someday. Thank you for inspiring me to dance!”
CELEBRATION GRADUATES

JORDAN MONTANO, Harrison Middle School, Albuquerque - “The greatest gift NDI New Mexico has given me is feeling confident in myself, especially in my dances. NDI New Mexico inspires me so much because I get to be myself and dance!”

RENEE MONTAYA, Public Academy for Performing Arts (PAPA), Albuquerque - “Thinking about graduating this year from NDI New Mexico makes me excited. I am a part of a great dance team and knowing that I am leaving next year makes me sad. There is always something to look forward to!”

TINA NGUYEN, Harrison Middle School, Albuquerque - “NDI New Mexico taught me how to dance, work hard and never give up. Thank you, NDI New Mexico!”

ELLIOTT NUNEZ, Monte del Sol Charter School, Santa Fe - “NDI New Mexico has helped me realize my dreams to become a dancer. They gave me an opportunity and I took it! Thank you!”

ULIANNE OLGUIN, Grant Middle School, Albuquerque - “The inspiration and commitment I learned from NDI New Mexico has made life a whole lot more fun! It has taught me to be myself, love my own style, and have fun doing it. Thank you for showing me how much dance means to me!”

DOMONEQUE QUINONES, Jackson Middle School, Albuquerque - “NDI New Mexico has inspired me to dance, build confidence, do my best in everything I do and never give up. Thank you so much!”

CAMILLE RAEI, Pojoaque Valley Middle School, Pojoaque - “NDI New Mexico means respect, determination, courage and pride. I am inspired to continue dancing and proving to myself that I can accomplish anything. Thank you, NDI New Mexico.”

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“My parents made me an investigator, a revolutionary.”

As a toddler I had weak ankles so Mother enrolled me in ballet class to strengthen my muscles. Ballet class really helped and about a year later I experienced my first live audience during a recital. I had on a little green costume, tripped on the curtain and fell down. That’s when I got my first laugh and I liked it! From then on I wanted to perform. I was always an extrovert even though I suffered from stage fright. But then that work ethic would kick in and I knew the show had to go on.

I learned something else from them, too. They tried their best to provide fences of security and safety and place protective boundaries around my life. I couldn’t stand the constraints so I learned, through their efforts, how to stretch those boundaries. My parents made me an investigator, a revolutionary, a person who wants to change because they made me jump that fence of safety.

On some level they knew I couldn’t be harnessed. Mother was never a “stage mother”. She never egged me on or slowed me down. I was strictly on my own. Daddy had more reservations. He wanted to protect me from the possible pain of not succeeding in my dream. He could see that I would never stop daring. And he seemed to understand that ironically he, in effect, was teaching me to dare because I saw that he was such a spectacular disappointment to himself for having never tried it.

After my junior year in high school, I went to New York to study. Auditions were being held for the revival of Oscar and Hammerstein’s musical Oklahoma. I auditioned and got a part in the chorus. I knew immediately that I would be happier here than in a ballet company. I was certain I wanted musical comedy. I knew I would be good. I also knew that at 5’7” (over 6 foot on point) the only thing that I could partner with was a tree!

At the end of that summer I was offered a chance to tour with the show in Germany. Mother and Dad left the decision to me. I must have realized that I would have plenty more chances to be in show business, but only one crack at getting my high school diploma. I returned to Virginia to finish high school and continue on with my ballet training, but the lights of Broadway were in my eyes and I knew I would return.

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