



Dear Friend,

We hope this communication finds you in good spirits and ready to take on this summer with Indiana Ballet Theatre and the Classical Arts Centre Project (CAC) as we prepare to host the Dance for the Arts Dance Marathon, Saturday, September 23, 2017. We're planning for memorable 12-hours of various dancing, entertainment, food, games, and activities for dancers of all ages at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building in Crown Point, Indiana. Proceeds benefit Phase II of the Classical Arts Centre Project. The exterior/Phase I has been completed, thanks to the generous donations from the community; the interior/Phase II is set to begin this summer and we cannot be more excited. All arts are important to our children and our community, please join us in our journey to completion by supporting the Dance for the Arts Dance Marathon.

### **WHAT IS THE CAC?**

As part of our commitment to community development, IBT was recently donated the historic building, formerly the Lake County Nurses Home in Crown Point. The former nurses home is the last of its kind in the world. With the community's help, IBT is working to renovate the 3-story, century-old, neglected building and transform it into a cultural center for the arts and a destination for the community. Located at the north end of Crown Point at 2323 Main Street, the facility will include a black box theatre, event space, music rehearsal spaces, a carvery, and dance studio space. The CAC will offer local artists opportunities to teach while our community learns and grows. In 2016, work was completed to renovate its handsome Georgian Revival exterior to its original character. When completed, CAC will be an incredible building, community focal point, and regional destination for performing and visual arts and culture in Northwest Indiana.

### **EVERY GREAT COMMUNITY**

Recently nominated and recognized by the Times Media Company as "Best of the Region 2017 - Best Place to Live ( NWI)," Crown Point offers residents a friendly neighborhood atmosphere, sports opportunities for children, and an array of restaurants and storefronts in its historic Courthouse square. Let's continue to build on its unique attractions by offering a space specifically for arts and culture -- a space where creativity is nourished and developed. Because every great community offers space for art, dance, and music thrive. The Classical Arts Centre would truly be, the Centre of our community!

### **WHY YOU SHOULD CARE**

Let's face it, we all enjoy a sense of community, it's what makes for great schools, neighborhoods, towns and cities. Opportunities for ALL are the building blocks for these communities. For families, opportunities for children are at the forefront of their decision-making throughout the year and sports and arts are important as they become part of a family's routine and life. Opportunities grow communities and growing communities grow business. Let's work together to continue to grow our community by offering arts and culture opportunities.

Please consider joining us in our journey to complete the Classical Arts Centre Project, by sponsoring the Dance for the Arts Dance Marathon. Please see the enclosed sponsor levels.

Your help and contributions are appreciated!

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