

Dear transcenDANCE supporters,

Each year, as we enter into the fall season, I find myself in a wonderful position: full of excitement and eager to update you on transcenDANCE's year thus far. 2023 is no exception.

As we wrap summer programming and prepare for another school year and all that comes with it, especially our holistic CREATE program and burgeoning CONNECT classes, I am both delighted by the successes we have seen and overjoyed to share news of our expansion to a second site in October!

That's right, you read correctly: we are opening a second location four miles away from our Lemon Grove studio! Due to our significant growth over the last two years, we began looking for additional space and were thrilled to find this ideal site. The building, located in the Rolando neighborhood, will allow for continued expansion of our youth programs, and will also house our mental health services and our administrative office.

transcenDANCE Lemon Grove will continue to house teen and alumni programming, performance events, and larger student rehearsals and gatherings. It also will continue to be the place for our adult artist-in-residency programs (that we launched in 2023) and will still be available for rentals with community artists and groups. Our summer camps will take place at both sites.

Speaking of transcenDANCE's incredible growth, this year our flagship CREATE program was more multi-disciplinary than ever before and involved original dance, live music, poetry and film content. CREATE continues to be a catalyst for powerful social and emotional growth and collective positive change.

transcenDANCE continues to be on a trajectory of deepening and expanding our work, and we have now reached our highest annual total number of individuals served through both onsite and offsite program activities, reaching 1580 students!

OUR IMPACT

On-site Programs

45 **CREATE PERFORMANCE STUDENTS**
Three cohorts of youth ages 9-18 years participated in our flagship program, with a total of 325 hours of programming.

24 **THOUSAND IN SCHOLARSHIPS**
Facilitated college readiness coaching and awarded **8 individual scholarships** totaling **\$24,000** for transcenDANCE graduates

75 **CONNECT STUDENTS**
Facilitated CONNECT classes for 75 students ages 4-13 years throughout the school year

2 **SPACE RESIDENCIES**
Provided incubator artistic space for local BIPOC dance companies, **Abundance** led by Keomi Tarver and **CYPHERST8** led by Dyno Corrales at our Lemon Grove studio, in support of diversifying San Diego's dance scene

54 **SUMMER CAMP STUDENTS**
Held an intensive summer camp for **54** students, allowing for **eight** paid teen assistants. Students experienced 225 hours of dance, drumming, visual art, poetry, and storytelling sessions

37 **STUDENTS RECEIVED THERAPEUTIC SERVICES**
Facilitated **individualized** emotional/mental health services for 37 students while **all** CREATE Performance Group and summer camp students received mentorship and social/emotional learning experiences

OUR IMPACT

Off-site Programs

1.1K **SERVED AT SCHOOL RESIDENCY SITES**
Expansion of school residencies at **12 sites** within the Lemon Grove and San Diego Unified School Districts, bringing dance education to more than a thousand students preschool to high school

7 **SITE-SPECIFIC PERFORMANCES**
Seven site-specific performances at the **New Children's Museum** for our teen/alumni summer residency, which also offered **10 paid stipends** for performers

400 **SUMMER ENRICHMENT STUDENTS**
Provided summer enrichment for a third year with Lemon Grove School District, serving **400 students**

1.9K **AUDIENCE MEMBERS**
Public performances at the **New Children's Museum, Joan B. Kroc Theatre**, and the **Lemon Grove School district** allowed us to reach intergenerational audiences

12 **PARKS AFTER DARK**
Led intergenerational dance parties through **Parks After Dark** to create safe park spaces during evening hours



Building and evolving continues at transcendANCE as we forge ahead on several fronts. Our school work continues to deepen and expand. **A “Stop the Hate” grant received in August from the California State Department of Social Services moves us to a \$1.2 million-dollar budget** so that our CREATE program can deepen mental health services and civic engagement opportunities, expand outreach efforts and student participation, and invest in professional development and critical training for all staff. We’ve also hired new personnel and expanded staff roles, which will maintain the quality of transcendANCE programs.

I am both grateful and humbled to experience your support of these critical programs year after year. Thank you as always for all you do.

Warmly,

Cat Corral

Co-Founder & Artistic/Executive Director