

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Each year as fall approaches and we begin another season of programming at transcenDANCE, our students, staff, board, and I take time to reflect on recent achievements. I am excited to share stories and highlights from transcenDANCE's work so far in 2024. I trust you will find them as inspiring as we do.

Our flagship CREATE program once again deeply moved audiences with original dance, poetry, and film content. The CREATE students presented *Let Them: BLOOM* in April at the new state-of-the-art Hoover High School Performing Arts Center. Hoover High is located just half a mile down the road from our studio, and is where transcenDANCE began as a small pilot program many years ago. The performances were a beautiful return to the roots of our organization and a celebration of our students and their work.

2024 has been a banner year for many other performances as well. In addition to CREATE, our students showcased their talents alongside the Grammy Award winning artists, the Alphabet Rockers, presented by La Jolla Music Society at The Conrad in La Jolla. In July, you could find us presenting three performances of the beautiful work *ILLUMINATE* at the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. It was a joy to see so many of you in attendance.



## OUR IMPACT

- 63** **CREATE PERFORMANCE STUDENTS**  
Three cohorts of youth ages 9-18 participated in our flagship program, with a total of 325 total hours of programming
- 44** **CONNECT STUDENTS**  
Facilitated CONNECT classes for 44 students ages 4-13 throughout the school year
- 74** **SUMMER CAMP STUDENTS**  
Held an intensive summer camp for 74 students where they experienced 225 hours of dance, visual art, and poetry. Additionally, this summer gave 7 older teens paid performer roles in a residency performance project
- 66** **STUDENTS RECEIVED INDIVIDUALIZED THERAPY**  
Provided **individualized** emotional/mental health services for 66 students while **all** CREATE Performance Group and summer camp students received mentorship and social/emotional learning experiences

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- 1.5 THOUSAND STUDENTS SERVED THROUGH SCHOOL RESIDENCIES**  
Our residencies through the school year and summer at **12 sites** in the Lemon Grove and San Diego Unified School Districts brought dance education to more than 1,500 preschool to high school students
- 3.6 THOUSAND AUDIENCE MEMBERS**  
Public performances at **Hoover High School Performing Arts Center, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, The Conrad in La Jolla, Joan B. Kroc Theatre**, and the **Lemon Grove School District** allowed us to reach intergenerational audiences
- 25 THOUSAND IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**  
Facilitated college readiness coaching and awarded **10 individual scholarships** totaling **\$25,000** for transcenDANCE graduates



In other exciting news, **we received an incredible two-year, \$300,000 grant from the Prebys Foundation** to invest in both staff AND space for youth mental and emotional well-being programming! We are opening this additional space one block down from our studio on El Cajon Boulevard in September, just in time for our new CONNECT and CREATE season. This will allow for expanded mental health support, college readiness work, and parent and caregiver workshops! Our mental health team has grown to one full-time social-emotional coach and two part-time licensed therapists, ensuring support will be available to all our students.

transcenDANCE has served a record number of individuals since January, reaching more than **1,700 individuals** through both onsite and offsite activities. The growth of our partnership with Lemon Grove School District for summer programming was especially incredible: our summer work with them had 10 Teaching Artists serving **552 students** five days per week.

As we look to 2025, we are thrilled to be celebrating our 20th anniversary. We feel so fortunate to reach this incredible milestone and look forward to recognizing this achievement with you in the coming year!

Thank you, as always, for your continued dedication and support.

Warmest regards,

Cat Corral

Co-Founder & Artistic/Executive Director

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