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Dear Friends of NHDi,

It is with a grateful heart that I write to you as I am beginning my 20th year with NHDi. Two decades! Tens of thousands of joyful, leaping and dancing children! My heart is full. It has been a tremendous blessing to serve this organization. Thank you all for your unyielding support over the years and as we continue with our mission.

Ask me about my experiences teaching dance in a school setting and be prepared! I have countless stories and I love to share them. We may have to order a pizza as it could take a while...

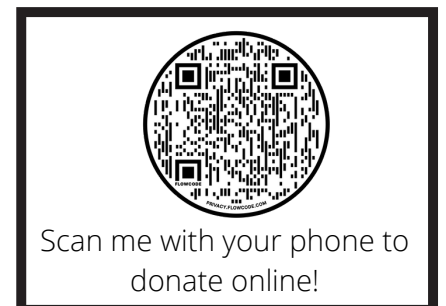
I want to share this one story with you, Joel's story.

Joel is a wide-eyed, "little rascal" of a young man. He is in constant motion with a great sense of comedic timing and an enthusiasm for life that makes it challenging for him to sit still. Joel was having difficulty focusing in his classes. He was quickly angered and frustrated. One day, as a result of some undesired behavior, Joel was sent to ISS (In School Suspension). Val Carey, his principal, knew that what Joel needed, more than anything, was to move. She brought Joel from ISS to an NHDi dance class. He was astonishing. He was focused, he worked as a team player, he quickly picked up choreography and was able to take correction. At the end of class, Joel approached me and, with full eye contact, expressed that he'd fun and then he thanked me. It was as if his time in the class; moving, dancing, connecting with the music and his peers, had served as medicine for him. He came to another class. And another. No more ISS. Joel was learning to regulate his behavior through dance and movement. Upon meeting his mom, I explained to her, "Your son is amazing, he is just wonderful to have in class!" She told me that she never hears that, rather that he can't focus or sit still. He joined another class and was selected for SWAT where he danced on Saturdays and learned extra choreography. He was shining. And not just in dance, but in his school classes as well. As a result of his participation with NHDi, Joel was selected to receive a merit-based scholarship from MoCo Arts where he is now enrolled in a Hip Hop and Ballet class. His future is bright.

This is Joel's story... so far. And this kind of story isn't a rarity. NHDi serves over 4,000 children annually, each with their own unique story. And there are thousands more ahead of us!

We need your help. Your gift, in any amount, is so vital to all the children of NHDi. Visit nhdi.org/support to donate online, or mail your donation using the enclosed envelope. Please consider a donation to our Annual Appeal and help us continue to deliver rich, meaningful instruction and experiences to our community's precious children. For inspiration, turn the page to reveal our new donation levels. Please contact me if you would like to hear more stories like Joel's. I would be happy to share them with you. But, be prepared, we will need to order out for pizza as it could take a while...

With a grateful heart,



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Make a difference in a child's life. Help NHDI teach confidence and inspire excellence.

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Music Maker

\$1000- Help continue NHDI's dedication to the use of live music in our classes and performances!

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\$3000- Your contribution will deliver our award winning Year Long Program or 1 week Residency Program to one school!



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Joel- "NHDI means everything to me. I love how anybody can join!"

Joel's Mom, Nikki- "NHDI has been a life-saver. Joel has ADHD and NHDI gave him a place where he is shining, a place that he loves. From day one, NHDI has been a family. Watching my child on stage with such happiness in every performance, is really a dream come true!"