

DIRECTOR'S CORNER


Dear DICF Supporter,

Thanks to your generosity and support, DICF has accomplished a great deal since we started in 2006.

After two years of the Roots of Rhythm performance project, DICF's audience base grew from 75 to 400 in just one year.

In the summer of 2007, DICF was donated the former Harmonia School of Music & Art, and we jumped into a full time program without a second thought, and now we've added music to our program services. The facility is leased but we were able to walk in the door ready to teach, which most new organizations do not have the luxury of doing. With a few angels, hard work and a lot of prayers, we are proud to say that we have now completed one whole year, with our dance and music programs, we are continuing to grow and develop new aspects of our program services and we are building quite a reputation in the community around us.

Sincerely,


Kimberly J. James,
President & Director



What We Do



DICF's services offer students of all ages top quality dance and music instruction in a nurturing environment, emphasizing self-esteem, cultural pride, artistic growth and commitment to one's self.

The Foundation facilitates outreach dance programs with the Campagna Kids SACC Program, the Alexandria Dept. of Recreation and the Adoptions Together Program in Washington, DC.

The studio offers both recreational and now a new pre-professional dance program with students that dance up to 16 hours/week to master their craft and pursue a career in dance.

Upcoming Projects

October 2008

Girl Talk Seminar 10/18

Student Performance - Annandale Fall Festival 10/25

November 2008

Student Performance - Urban League 11/1

Girl Talk Seminar 11/8

January 2009

Girl Talk Seminar 1/10

Roots of Rhythm III 1/24

End of First Semester 1/30



Financial Report

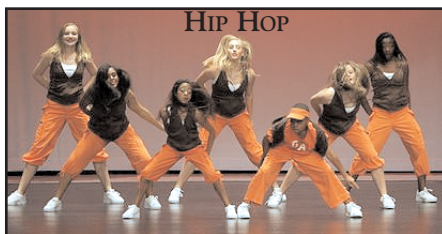
FY 06/07

Income	
Ad/Ticket Sales	4481.80
Charitable Giving	12250.00
Tuition Income	30337.96
Business Loan	10000.00
Total Income	\$ 57069.76
Expenses	
Commissions/Fees	389.88
Dues & Subscriptions	189.85
Fundraising expenses	4229.77
Guest Artist Fees	450.00
Insurance	2507.07
Entertainment	32.37
Office/General Admin	1864.49
Payroll	13165.55
Promotional/Advertising	512.95
Rent/Lease	14395.84
Repair/Maintenance	83.43
Scholarship Tuition Pd	456.00
Supplies/Materials	6428.28
Taxes/Licenses	4878.02
Utilities	986.96
Website Maintenance	194.20
Other Expenses	420.01
Total Expenses	\$ 51184.67
Loan Liability	\$ 10000.00
Net Operating Income	- \$ 4114.91

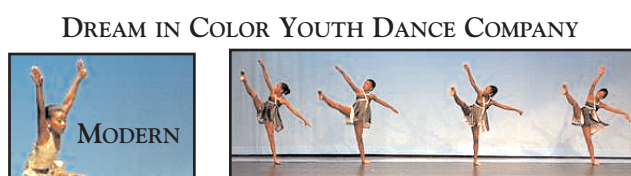
FY 07/08

Income	
Ad/Ticket Sales	6444.50
Charitable Giving	12634.00
Tuition Income	218094.48
Business Loan	22,000.00
Total Income	\$ 259172.98
Expenses	
Bank Charges/Merchant Services	3980.12
Commissions/Fees	89.00
Dues & Subscriptions	334.51
Entry Fees	6398.00
Fiscal Sponsor Transaction	500.00
Fundraising expenses	626.78
Guest Artist Fees	870.00
Insurance	3994.08
Legal/Professional Fees	190.70
Office/General Admin	2437.95
Payroll/Payroll Taxes	97273.15
Promotional/Advertising	2132.79
Rent/Lease	83759.94
Repair/Maintenance	165.51
Shipping/Freight & Delivery	491.89
Supplies/Materials	38441.64
Video Production	61.00
Utilities	5230.27
Website Maintenance	1124.75
Travel	102.50
Total Expenses	\$248204.58
Loan Liability	\$ 32000.00
Net Operating Income	- \$ 21031.60

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*Thank you
for your
support!*

In the News

DICF was honored to have been selected to be featured as one of the community focus organizations both with Cox Communications "Local Edition" and Comcast "News Makers" for CNN's Headline News three times since the fall of 2007. Kim James was featured as "Entrepreneur of the Week" for Fox News' www.myvoicedc.com (dedicated to serving the African American community in the Washington DC area) and DICF was highlighted in Washington Parent Magazine in the "Good Stuff for Kids" section calling our program, "A Dance Dream Come True". We are constantly gaining exposure to the public and are given the opportunity to educate the community on the importance of our work.

Fund Raising

DICF has dedicated quite a bit of time applying for grants and corporate support. To date most of our support has been from the generosity of individuals like you or small scale corporate support and in-kind donations. Without larger scale support systems, we have just barely been meeting our expenses from the income we generate from services and we could use any assistance or advice anyone can provide in how to turn that corner in securing grant support and larger scale corporate support. Our program expenses run approximately \$18,000/month and we need financial support to be able to continue to offer our program services at prices that our target market can afford. We serve approximately 100 students in our Annandale facility alone, and we are making a difference in the lives of too many young artists to worry about the effects of the economy on the programs that they have grown to depend on. Please feel free to contact Kim James at the numbers listed on this page with any leads on additional sources of support. Thank you!

Board of Director Support

DICF is looking to increase its board of directors. We need individuals who would like to volunteer their time, who are experienced in any of the following areas: fundraising, networking, event planning and financial consulting to serve and help the Foundation grow and its program initiatives grow and become a well known and well respected service to our community. He/she should have an interest in some aspect of the performing arts and/or youth development programs. Again, please contact Kim James if you or someone you know may be interested in serving on our board.

**Enlightening & Inspirational
"The Roots of Rhythm III"**

**SAVE THE DATE...
The Roots... January 24th
Ernst Theatre, NOVACC**

