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Good Stuff

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A Dance Dream Come True: A new school has opened in Annandale dedicated to bringing the arts to disadvantaged and underserved youth. The nonprofit **Dream in Color Foundation and Studios** offers dance classes, including ballet, jazz, modern, tap, hip-hop, lyrical and liturgical. Tuition is on a sliding scale based on family income, and scholarships are available. Though the classes are open to all, one of the organization's missions is to serve students who would not normally have access to this type of program due to financial constraints. Dream in Color soon hopes to provide transportation from area schools so that the students can take advantage of the dance classes and homework assistance time with tutoring staff in the study hall room. The foundation is looking for cash and in-kind donations, including dance costumes and shoes, sewing machines, stage makeup and much more. For information, go to www.dreamincolordance.org or call 703-642-1711. The studios are located at 7373 McWhorter Place, Annandale, VA.

A Shopping Suggestion: Why not throw a few extra items in your shopping cart when picking up school supplies for your child? It's time for the **National Center for Children & Families' Annual School Supply Drive**. You can help send needy children and at-risk youth back to school with all of the needed tools to kick the year off right. The Back-to-School Wish List includes No. 2 pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, pencil bags and boxes, calculators, rulers, all types of notebooks, folders, dictionaries, backpacks (Grades K-12) and much more. Visit www.nccf-cares.org for information.

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