



Equity Update!

Dear Friend,

At Dancewave we believe in leveraging our institutional power to build a dance ecosystem that prioritizes equity and empowers our community. Over the past several years, we have been refocusing Dancewave's initiatives through an anti-oppressive lens and have remained steadfast to expanding our programming to reach new audiences.

We understand this work to be an ongoing and ever-evolving process, and call upon our community to hold us accountable to our [mission and vision](#). We plan to share our milestones routinely and transparently, and we are grateful for your continued support and advocacy.

There's no denying that dance promotes joy, mindfulness and vitality, but we know that it *also* enhances emotional processing, relationship building and the ability to derive personal connections to larger systems and current events. Our programs reflect the multi-dimensional power of dance education, **centering dance as a vehicle for social justice and transformation:**

- **Identity Centered Curriculum** | Our [Race + Dance curriculum](#) uses an innovative and race-explicit approach to dance education that increases students' understanding of their unique identities while building their critical thinking, empathy, & citizenship skills. *In 2021-2022, we have expanded this program to include students in 3-K to 5th grade.*
- **Free and Flexible Access to our Company Program** | Thanks to the generous support of our community. *In 2021-2022, we are able to ensure that students will not be denied access to quality dance experiences due to financial barriers.*
- **Arts Education Training Expansion** | Dancewave's signature [arts education residency program](#) continues to expand its reach to new audiences. We continue to share resources to help our wider community ground teaching practices in inclusivity, anti-racism, cultural-sensitivity, accessibility, wellness, and developmentally appropriate practices.
- **Fostering New Partnerships** | *In early 2021, we partnered with Endoville, holding our first ever movement residency to support people living with endometriosis.*
- **Uplifting Artists** | The Dancewave Center continues to evolve as a hub for community activation and engagement. Our [Class Share program](#) reimagines the relationship between artists and institutions by offering capital and organizational resources to local dance artists seeking to build their practices and community.

Please join us in celebrating these milestones, which are only just the beginning!

Since sharing with our community is important to us, we've created a **dedicated resources page** on our website for all to learn more about artist opportunities, grants, resources and offerings! Finally, we'd love to hear from you! If you have any thoughts about how we can best be a resource to our community, shoot an email over to phoebe@dancewave.org.

Take Me to the
Resources!