

DANCEWAVE

IMPACT REPORT

2024



ABOUT DANCEWAVE

We believe in youth empowerment, whole-person development, and a community-oriented dance experience accessible to all.

We use dance as a vehicle for expression, community building, self-reflective transformation and active citizenship. Central to our work is Dancewave's unique culture model, which strives to subvert oppressive systems through responsive and equity-driven programming.

OUR 2024 TEAM



Jesse Arnst



Phoebe Ballard



Hallee Bernstein



Carmen Caceres



Shannon Corenthin



Lindsey Jennings



Lynn Jiao



Meredith Katibah



Marissa Kuczkowski



Meropi Peponides



Kalinda Santor



Jessie Sector



Caity Shaffer



Kristen Stout



Sophie Tibiletti



Nicole Touzien



Nayanika Vyas

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**TODD L.
SPILLANE**
Board Chair

I am proud to say that Dancewave is thriving and as successful as it has ever been. 2024 has been a strong year and one key highlight is that we are now holding regional DTCB events to expand the overall reach of that very successful program. Dancewave has been able to facilitate over \$16 million dollars of scholarships for the attendees, many of whom would not have the opportunity to attend college! For these reasons and many others, I am proud to serve as the Chair of Dancewave's Board of Directors. I look forward to working with the wonderful people at Dancewave in 2025 and beyond, helping them realize a bold vision for the 30th anniversary of Dancewave.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Nicole Best



Rachel Brush



Tiffany Mellard



Dagmar Nedbal



Kinjal Parekh



Livia Reuss



Vanessa Williams



Mackenzie Yedlin

ARTISTIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

Allie James | Monique Smith | Nola Sporn Smith
Krystal Mackie | Malcolm McMichael | Tiffany Mellard (Chair) | Maleek Washington

OUR IMPACT

Dancewave connected with an international community of **24,000** individuals in 2024.



\$49,000
in youth scholarships
awarded



520
young artists trained
at the Dancewave
Center



250+
hours of pre-
professional
performance training
logged with
professional artists



400
high school students
started their college
journey at Dancewave
Through College and
Beyond



120
no-cost programs
hosted in schools and
community centers



2,200
New Yorkers of all ages
impacted through our
Community Residencies



\$18,000
in rehearsal subsidies
awarded to **over 800**
local artists



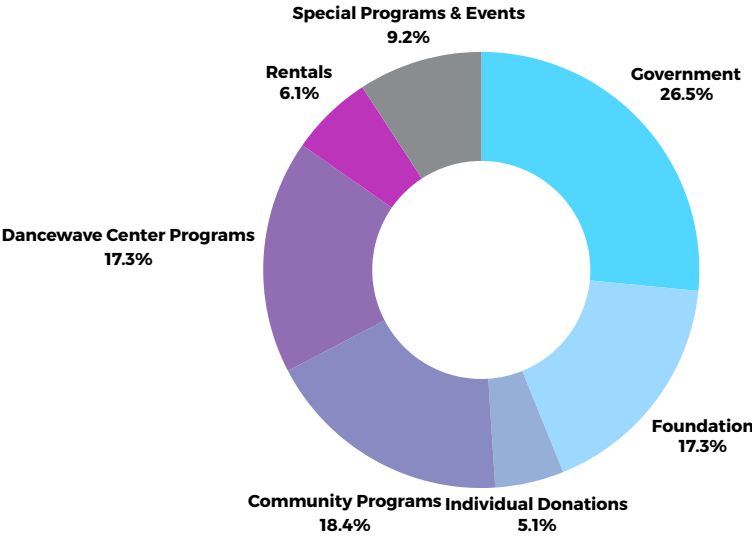
88
artists provided free or
low cost classes through
our Class Share Program
earning an **average of**
\$1,800 per artist

FINANCIALS

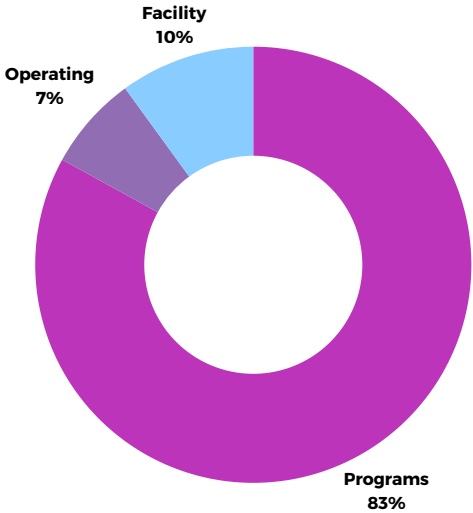
Dancewave strives to live its mission, vision, and values at all levels of the organization. We allocate our financial resources carefully and strategically to maximize community impact. Dancewave prioritizes equitable access for all participants, providing fee-based programs that employ flexible and free tuition options. No one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

Thanks to the organization's excellent fiscal management, Dancewave has emerged strong following the COVID-19 pandemic. Dancewave seeks to grow and diversify its financial portfolio with mission-aligned partners to ensure continued sustainability and success. To learn more, please get in touch with leadership@dancewave.org

INCOME



EXPENSES



As we near the end of our second decade of service, we've been thinking about how to create the future we envision in our 30th year and beyond. We've embarked on a three-year Strategic Plan that will guide our work boldly forward in this new era!

Our plan will enable us to better advance our mission, vision, and values by:



Deepening Our Commitment to Equitable Access

Increasing access to a wider segment of participants from low-income and marginalized communities



Increasing Community Investment in our Work

Improving fundraising efforts and coalition building to bolster our ability to provide free and low-cost programming



Amplifying Advancement Opportunities

Increasing opportunities for professional development via networking and whole person-focused arts training

OUR 2024 SUPPORTERS



Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation | DanceNYC | Doolittle Foundation Trust
Harkness Foundation for Dance | The Hyde and Watson Foundation
Jody & John Arnhold | Marianne and George F. Markham Foundation, Inc.
Mertz Gilmore Foundation | National Grid Foundation | Youth Inc.
Robert and Mercedes Eichholz Foundation | ABNY Foundation | The Janey Fund
Charitable Trust | Genesis Inspiration Foundation | Find Your Light Foundation

And a vibrant network of 140+ individuals whose charitable contributions make our work possible

We thank you for your continued support of a more inclusive and vibrant dance community.