



A Letter From Our Founder

Dear Friends,

When I opened Delaware Center for Dance three years ago, I wasn't simply opening a dance studio.

I was creating the kind of place I wished every person could experience: a place where they felt seen, challenged, encouraged, and believed in.

Dance has shaped my life in ways I could have never imagined. It gave me confidence, discipline, opportunities to perform professionally, **and** mentors who challenged me to become the best version of myself. After years of training and performing, I knew one thing for certain: I wanted to bring those same opportunities back home to Delaware.

That dream became Delaware Center for Dance.

Since opening our doors, I've watched shy dancers find their confidence, students exceed their own expectations, and families become a true community. Our dancers have earned national awards, trained with incredible professionals, and represented Delaware with excellence but the moments that mean the most to me can't be measured by trophies.

They're found in the student who finally believes in herself.

The child who discovers her voice.

The friendships formed in our studios.

The parents who tell us, "This place has become our second home."

Today, our dream is growing once again.

We're building a permanent home for Delaware Center for Dance; not because we simply need a bigger building, but because our dancers deserve a space that grows alongside their dreams.

A place where more children can discover the joy of movement.

A place where families can gather.

A place where scholarships can expand opportunities.

A place where our community can continue to thrive for generations to come.

This campaign is about so much more than walls, mirrors, and dance floors.

It's about investing in young people.

It's about believing that every child deserves access to exceptional arts education, caring mentors, and a place where they belong.

If Delaware Center for Dance has ever impacted your family, inspired your child, or encouraged you to move, dream, or believe in yourself again, I invite you to become part of this next chapter.

Whether you choose to give, share our campaign, introduce us to a potential sponsor, or simply keep us in your prayers, you are helping build something that will impact lives for years to come.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for believing in this vision and for believing in Delaware Center for Dance.

I cannot wait to welcome you into the home that, together, we helped build.

Briana Hayman

Owner | Artistic Director