

PRESS ALERT

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**Trenton Students Return to the War Memorial for
Trenton Education Dance Institute's End of Year Performance**



Pictured above: Students perform at TEDI's 2018 Event of the Year Performance.

Trenton, NJ (June 02, 2018) – Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI), a program of The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSoF NJ), celebrated another successful year of changing students' lives at their annual program year culmination event; TEDI's Event of the Year! The event took place Thursday, May 24 at Patriot's Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton. The original production, entitled *United We Dance*, was a dynamic and exciting performance for school, family and community, featuring more than 200 Trenton public school students from grades 5 through 10. Earlier in the week, students performed for roughly 1,000 of their peers during the school day. Student dancers from Parker Elementary, P.J. Hill Annex, and Grace A. Dunn Middle School performed, along with the musical accompaniment of the Grace A. Dunn student orchestra.

This year marked TEDI's long desired return to the War Memorial, which was made possible in part by funding provided by Jeunesse Kids Foundation, Inc. Thanks to the generosity of the foundation and other corporate,

private, and foundation donors, the TEDI Students able to perform in a large, professional-quality venue in front of their parents, teachers, peers, Trenton Board of Education personnel, major program funders, and the community. Admission to the performance was free, and the show was open to the public. For a small fee, guests could purchase VIP seating and admission to the evening's VIP reception immediately following the performance. All proceeds from the event and reception will directly support the TEDI program.

The performance also paid tribute to the memories of two very special TEDI supporters; TEDI founding member Carol F. Belt and CHSofNJ grant writer Joan Stevens, who specialized in TEDI program support.

About The Trenton Education Dance Institute

TEDI, based on the principles of the National Dance Institute (NDI), is an exciting youth-development program founded in 1989 to teach Trenton public school students the art and life lessons of dance such as teamwork, confidence, commitment, and pride in personal achievement. These important skills help students become successful in the classroom and in life. TEDI joined with The Children's Home Society of New Jersey in 2010.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child, youth and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency prevents and protects infants and children from abuse and neglect by insuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

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