

**PRESS ALERT**

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**The Children's Home Society of New Jersey Presents  
the Trenton Education Dance Institute 2019 Event of the Year Performance**



**Pictured: Student Dancers from Parker Elementary, PJ Hill Annex, and Grace A. Dunn Middle School dance on stage to the musical accompaniment of the Grace A. Dunn Middle School student orchestra at TEDI's 2018 Event of the Year performance.**

**Trenton, NJ** (May 20, 2019) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSofNJ) is proud to celebrate another successful year of changing students' lives and empowering them to succeed through its Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI)! This year marks the 30 years since TEDI first touched the lives of Trenton Public School students using the art and discipline of dance to help youth learn crucial life skills needed to achieve their dreams. We are thrilled to celebrate this milestone anniversary on May 23 with students, parents, staff, the Trenton Board of Education, corporate and foundation friends, and arts-appreciators from our community at TEDI's annual Event of the Year performance!

This year's show, entitled "Living a Legacy," celebrates TEDI's three decades of commitment to Trenton youth. This exciting program year culmination performance will once again be held at the prestigious Patriot's Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton, NJ. TEDI's Event of the Year performance will include a variety of professionally choreographed routines including traditional West African dance and drum featuring Trenton's own Yoruba folklore performing arts group; Egun Omode. Additionally, the show will include new routines choreographed by TEDI dancers! Live musical accompaniment will be provided by the Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School student orchestra – an exciting partnership made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

**Join us at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 23 at Patriot's Theater at the War Memorial (Trenton, NJ) to see this original musical production featuring 300 students from the Trenton Public School district.** Admission is free and open to the public. For a \$25 fee, guests can purchase preferred seating and admission to the VIP reception immediately following the performance. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.chsofnj.org](http://www.chsofnj.org) or contacting Angie Giacolona McManimon at (609) 695-6274 x138 or [agiacolona@chsofnj.org](mailto:agiacolona@chsofnj.org).

#### **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](http://www.chsofnj.org).

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