



## **Community Foundation of New Jersey Awards Grant to TEDI**

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey has received \$5,000 from the Community Foundation of New Jersey to support the popular Trenton Education Dance Institute, known widely as TEDI and enriching the lives of Trenton's children for over two decades.

"The TEDI program," said Donna Pressma, President and CEO of The Children's Home Society of New Jersey, "provides students a creative, expressive outlet and the opportunity to feel successful while developing skills that lead to further success in school and in life."

TEDI, headed by Artistic Director Dufftin Garcia, conducts weekly dance classes for all fifth grade students at two Trenton public schools, Hedgepeth/Williams School and Mott School. Thirty of these students are selected to participate in a more challenging series of after school classes. The TEDI Celebration Team includes another 30 of TEDI's most dedicated alumni dancers in grades 6 through 10; they learn advanced choreography and perform at community events and venues.

All TEDI students will dance on stage in five performances of *Here's the Scoop* on May 22 and 23, 2013 at Hedgepeth/Williams School for audiences of Trenton students, teachers, parents and other community members.

"This grant from The Mercer Fund of the Community Foundation of New Jersey means we can continue to bring TEDI to the Trenton public schools, a successful collaboration with the Trenton Board of Education now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year," said Richard Bilotti, president of the TEDI Board of Directors and member of The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Board.