



TEDI Dance Program Receives Grant from The Bunbury Company

The Board of Directors of the Bunbury Company, a charitable foundation, has awarded the Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI) a \$15,000 grant. The Bunbury Company supports arts, education, social service, and environmental programs that have a positive impact on community life. The TEDI program joined with the Children's Home Society of New Jersey in 2010. TEDI teaches students the art and life lessons of dance that reinforce the skills needed for success in the classroom and that enable them to grow into confident, productive adults.

“We are most appreciative of The Bunbury Company’s generous support for TEDI,” said CHS of NJ President and CEO, Donna C. Pressma. “TEDI has increased our awareness of the importance of the arts to the families and communities we serve, and we are dedicated to our program’s continued success.”

All 250 fifth grade students at two Trenton public schools, Mott School and Hedgpeth/Williams School, participate in weekly TEDI dance classes. They learn a dance vocabulary of movements, develop stagecraft and performance skills, learn group dance skills, and develop their concentration and memory, self-confidence, patience and tolerance.

After school, 30 of the fifth grade students take part in additional classes offering more challenging elements. There is also an opportunity for experienced and dedicated alumni dancers in grades 6 through 10 to audition for the TEDI Celebration Team which learns advanced choreography and performs at community sites.

“The interest and energy of students has been impressive this year. They are really into it,” said Dufftin Garcia, the Artistic Director of the TEDI program.

All TEDI students will perform on May 22 and 23 in the *Here's the Scoop* Event of the Year at the Hedgpeth/Williams School.