

About

Career Transition For Dancers

We believe in the potential of dancers. Through our career counseling, scholarships and grants, and various career resources, we are committed to providing the tools dancers need to define their career possibilities and develop rewarding post-performance careers.

Our mission Your future

Career Transition For Dancers is a not-for-profit organization that enables dancers to define their career possibilities and develop the skills necessary to excel in a variety of disciplines.

Our commitment Your potential

With offices in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago and a mobile National Outreach Project, we have provided over 43,000 hours of individual and group career counseling, with a dollar value of over \$4 million, and awarded over \$3.7 million in educational and entrepreneurial support. Outside of the organization's 4,300 active clients, we have helped thousands of dancers in 47 states take their first steps toward discovering rewarding second careers.

Donate now Help dancers across the country

Every contribution towards our mission makes a difference. \$5, \$10, or \$50 may not seem like a lot from one person, but combined with the over 1,900 donors who are committed to our programs, it provides almost 70% of our annual budget of \$1.3 million. The organization also accepts donations in quarterly or monthly installments. Creating a \$2,000 scholarship may seem like a large sum, but divided into 12 installments of \$167, it can be much easier to manage. To make a donation, please return the enclosed mailing envelope or go to our secure website at Careertransition.org/DonateNow.

Outside Donations Other ways to give

As a human service organization our programs are more in demand than ever. Donating cash is not the only way to help dancers. Giving time, talent, and resources can help us focus more efforts towards our mission.

Volunteer to mail letters, make phone calls, stuff goodie bags or donate a unique service you think can benefit our operations. Extra man power is always appreciated and gives you an opportunity to personally see the impact we make nationwide.

Donate frequent flyer miles to help transport gala performers and presenters from out of town. The more we can reduce expenses for this event, the more resources we can dedicate to dancers.

Donate an in-kind item such as product for the auction or goodie bag, newly used office equipment, or something of value that can be sold to a third party. Items like these are almost like donating cash.

Purchase tickets for a show using Givenik.com and designate us as your beneficiary; 5% of all ticket purchases go directly to the organization.

Join our **Facebook** fan page or **Twitter** feed and invite your friends to learn more about our free programs and services, because personal endorsement is always the strongest form of advertising and sometimes only takes a few seconds to do.

Matching gift programs are offered by many companies. If not by yours, ask them to create one as part of their community involvement. This could double or perhaps even triple the value of your gift.

Did you know? The work of Career Transition For Dancers has led to the creation of transition centers in Australia, Canada, the Netherlands and South Korea.

Happenings

Working to help dancers across the country

Board announcements New members

The organization is proud to announce the appointment of Angela Lansbury as its first Honorary Chairwoman. Current board member Anka K. Palitz has enhanced her involvement with the organization to become its first Vice-President of Fundraising. Gayle Conran and Ann Van Ness have also joined as the board's newest members.

Happy Birthday Sono Osato Thank you

Sono Osato celebrated her 90th birthday at the organization's headquarters in New York City with the organization's Board of Directors and recipients of her scholarship program. At the end of the celebration she and her husband Victor Elmaleh announced they were donating an additional \$100,000 to enhance their scholarship fund to help more dancers seeking graduate degrees. If you are interested in learning about the Sono Osato Program for Graduate Studies, visit the scholarships and grants section of our site at Careertransition.org.

Pre-gala celebration Ann and William Van Ness

Auction Chair Ann Van Ness and her husband William opened their home to celebrate America Dances!, the organization's 24th Anniversary Jubilee. They joined by Anniversary Chairs Anka K. Palitz & Allen Brill, Jubilee Chair Michele Herbert and the other gala chairs, vice-chairs, and leadership committee members.

Barbara Taylor Bradford Walk-on role of a lifetime

Anniversary Chair Anka K. Palitz hosted a book signing party for Barbara Taylor Bradford's new novel, **Breaking the Rules**. Regina Wyles won the coveted spot at the 2008 gala auction to be immortalized in a walk-on role by the first lady of fiction. As a gift, Regina extended the opportunity to her close friends Rebecca Byam and Ann Molloy who also attended the event.