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To Whom it May Concern,

A Very talented member of your community has been chosen by TEAM CANADA DANCE to represent Canada at the official World Ballet, Jazz, & Modern Championships to be held in Poland, December 1-8, 2019. Auditions for Team Canada Dance brought some of the best dancers from across Canada to vie for a position to represent Canada at the prestigious World Championships.

The International Dance Organization (IDO), is a World Dance and Dance-Sport Federation with a membership of over 90 nations, representing more than 250,000 dancers, from six continents. The best dancers from around the World will be competing for the World Champion title! Please see <a href="https://www.ido-dance.com">www.ido-dance.com</a> for more information about the championships.

In Canada, dance is not recognized as a sporting event, even though many of these dancers train up to 7x/week, are as flexible as any gymnast, as graceful as any figure skater and as dedicated as any Olympic athlete. Dancers of our caliber train for many hours a week in order to represent our country with pride. We are a non profit organization and simply cannot get any funding for our dancers. Each dancer is required to obtain their own sponsors as we have been unsuccessful in obtaining a major sponsor or any government support. It's more difficult for Canadian dancers as not only do we have to travel far to attend the Championships, but many dancers in European countries are recognized by their Olympic Committees when they win a Gold at these World Championships. Our Canadian dancers are not considered athletes and are therefore not recognized. Our choreographers not only produce world level choreography, but they also strongly emphasize good sportsmanship and value being proud ambassadors for Canada.

Each dancer must raise \$4,000 each (CDN converted to Euros) to cover all travel (air & ground), hotels, rehearsals and competition fees. Additionally, they must pay for their own costumes and choreography fees. Any amount that you can donate to help sponsor this very talented dancer from your community would be VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! Please find enclosed a letter from the Ballet, Jazz, & Modern dancer describing what dancing at the World Championships means to them.

If you have any questions regarding the World Championships or the official Team Canada Dance, please contact Mrs. Bonnie Dyer, Team Canada National Director at <a href="mailto:bonnie@cdo-online.org">bonnie@cdo-online.org</a>. We also invite you to check out our website at <a href="mailto:www.teamcanadadance.ca">www.teamcanadadance.ca</a>.

Please make any sponsorship cheque payable to the dancer that you are helping to sponsor. 100% of what you are donating goes directly to the dancer for their participation to represent Canada on the world stage!

Thank you for your time and interest in helping the youth of Canada to be represented at this prestigious World Championship.

Your truly,

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