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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 IDO World Hip Hop, Break Dance, and Electric Boogie Championships to be held in Bremerhaven, Germany, October 15-19, 2019. Auditions for Team Canada Dance bring some of the best dancers from across Canada to vie for a position to represent Canada at some of the best dance competitions worldwideŽą & \* Á@ seÁVorld Dance Championships.

The &ompetitions Team Canada Dance attend are sanctioned by the International Dance Organization (IDO), which 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 compete at this competition and it is the only one where dancers meet and compete with other Commonwealth Nation dancers! Please see <a href="https://www.ido-dance.com">www.ido-dance.com</a>

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. 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 dance Championships. Our Canadian dancers are not considered athletes and are therefore not recognized. Our choreographers not only produce choreography, world level strongly emphasize good sportsmanship and value being proud ambassadors for Canada.

Each dancer must raise \$3,750 CDN each 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 Team Canada Dance member describing what dancing at this competition 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="https://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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