

DARBY'S DANCERS NEWSLETTER

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Fundraising Idea

Get adopted by a service organization in your area. The General Federation Women's Club in Dickson, TN completely finances all the Darby's Dancers needs at our location there. Check it out in your community.

"Darbyism" of the month

"Blue skies in.....gray skies out!" Darby was always the first one to try to make anyone feel better!



More Traveling

August was another busy month of traveling, part for pleasure and part for recruitment. I spent nearly a month in New England visiting family and working on 2 other projects that you will hear about soon. While I was there, I also called on several studios in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. My husband was able to join me the last week of the trip. We signed up a new studio in Amherst, NH and really enjoyed talking to some other prospective studios in the area. When we got home, we had a new group from Friendship, Texas on board. Watch our Facebook and Instagram pages for those exciting announcements!

Facebook: [facebook.com/darbysdancernp](https://www.facebook.com/darbysdancernp)

Instagram: @darbys_dancers

*Artwork above by Darby Jones



Volunteer of the Month

This is 18 yr. old Megan Shanley with her Darby's Dancer, Abby Nathlich at Woodbury Dance Center in Woodbury, MN. Megan was a volunteer coach at Darby's Dancers-Woodbury for two years and she is from Lakeland, MN. She is attending North Dakota State University now and hopes to come back to Woodbury this summer to volunteer again. Megan said that seeing Abby every Saturday was the highlight of her week for two years. She loved how welcoming and encouraging everyone at class was every week. Megan stated, "The recital at the end of the year was the icing on the cake. It was so fun to see the dancers take a bow after dancing their hearts out while the crowd cheered for them.

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Dancer of the Month

Meet Miss Katina Sue Cavanaugh from Holmen, Wisconsin! This beautiful ballerina dances at Misty's Dance Unlimited in Onalaska, Wisconsin. Katina lives with her mom and has a brother in town also. She loves her mom and brother very much! Katina participates in a program called CORE (career, opportunity, readiness, enhancement) at Riverfront, Inc. in Lacrosse, WI and they are preparing Katina for her dream job of the future, whatever God has in store for her. Katina's hobbies include riding her recumbent



bicycle, dancing, singing, and spending time with her friends. She also loves Ninja Turtle and Star Wars movies. Her favorite artists are Justin Bieber, One Direction and the Jonas Brothers. Katina was born with Trisomy 21 and Jesus knew just what home to put her in! Katina is a happy, social young lady and she loves Darby's Dancers because she gets to sing, dance and make new friends. She also is learning about repetition, following instructions and she loves performing in front of lots of people!! Look at that beautiful recital costume provided by Misty's Dance Unlimited. Katina is just another one of our STARS!! Keep up the good work, Katina, and Happy Dancing!

Studio of the Month

Our studio of the month is **The Dance Factory** in Forest Lake, Minnesota. I can't say enough about studio owner and director, Jennifer Tell. Jennifer heard about our program from a fellow dance instructor and reached out to me to become a member of our group. She has done a wonderful job with her kids and they participate in her holiday show and recital each year. At the same time I met Jennifer, she introduced me to Misty Lown, founder of More Than Just Great Dancing, a consulting and



membership organization serving dance studios across the nation. Jennifer is a More Than Just Great Dancing member and her studio, like other MTJGD studios, strives to serve the community and teach young people life skills needed to become productive, successful, compassionate adults. The students at The Dance Factory are taught great dancing and a whole lot more! Several MTJGD members have become Darby's Dancers members and I have Miss Jennifer to thank for connecting me with that group. Thank you, Jennifer and great dancing **Darby's Dancers-Forest Lake!**

Volunteer of the Month (continued)

All the dancer's smiles were so real and genuine, they knew they were the stars of the show. The joy the dancers brought to me each week is more than I could ever give back to them. I love how the program is bringing people together through dance." Megan ends with the statement, "**My heart is changed.**" Wow! You better believe we love to hear that! Thank you, Megan for all you have done for our program and good luck to you at NDSU!

You can help change hearts and support dancers like Katina and all the others by donating to your local Darby's Dancers organization or to the national program. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and are totally dependent on donations and sponsorships to run all of our programs. There is no cost to the families or children whatsoever. You can donate locally or online at www.darbysdancers.com.