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# A GROWING PARTNERSHIP

## WITH THE MILWAUKEE BALLET

bove The Clouds has been chosen as a community partner with the Milwaukee Ballet. Thirteen of our students (level 5 to pointe) are taking classes at the Milwaukee Ballet's new facility in Walker's Point.



"We are thrilled about this partnership deepening. We've loved working with Above the Clouds, and I know this is the direction that Linda has wanted us to go for a long time and we finally

have the space and resources to make it happen! We love working with Linda and the staff - Above the Clouds is so fantastic. I think this is just the beginning of what we can do together!" - Alyson Chavez, Director of Community Engagement, Milwaukee Ballet





Pictured above: Our level 7 to pointe students taught by Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy Faculty instructor Mr. Timothy O'Donnell.





# A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE



n August 24, 2019, Above The Clouds held its "A Night Of Elegance" fundraiser at the Mitchell Park Domes. A special thanks to Mrs. Jodi Peck (pictured above) for being our speaker.

Thank you to our sponsors who assisted to make the night possible: Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp. (MGIC), Kaztex Foundation, Peck Foundation Milwaukee LTD, Johnson Controls, and Shorewest Realtors.

Last but not least, a big "shout out" to our Board of Directors, Laura Brunner (ATC Office Administrator), and all of our instructors for your hard work and dedication.













#### **MOVING FORWARD MILWAUKEE**

This summer, Moving Forward Milwaukee, LLC taught beginning ballet and stretch and strengthening to seniors (60+) at the Greater Life Community Center. The seniors learned how to move and stretch with confidence as well as work on getting their limbs moving. Thank you, Soteria C. and Lindsey K. for your instructions. For more information on Moving Forward Milwaukee, contact Above The Clouds at 414.344.3019 or email us at movingforwardmilwaukee@gmail.com.

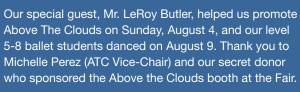


### A SUPPORTER'S VIEWPOINT

am honored to have a small role in ATC, and I am very proud of what Linda, Barbara, and the staff have accomplished. I am just along for the ride and I enjoy it very much. There is an energy and pride in every class and my appreciation of the arts has been substantially broadened as I take it all in. So, I must really thank you for helping me find a source of joy I never expected to find in my life. Congratulations and many more to come, I pray. - Scott M.

# AT THE WISCONSIN STATE FAIR









#### 2019 BOOST CONFERENCE

Above The Clouds (Linda Wade and Barbara Melsheimer), along with staff from City On A Hill and Neu Life Community Development, attended the 2019 Boost Conference in Palm Springs, California. Thanks to Bader Philanthropies for sponsoring our trip and giving us the opportunity to be encouraged and challenged in regard to serving our youth. Thank you Maria Vento and Bridgette Gonzalez for choosing Above The Clouds.



#### **INSPIRATIONAL STUDENT**

We are so very proud of ATC student Tahkara G. for being chosen to portray Raven Wilkerson in the NŌ STUDIOS production of Medusa Jr. Tahkara has been an ATC student since she was 5 years old. She is an inspiration to us all!



THE ATC MISSION: Above the Clouds provides free, faith-based, arts education and training to young people, ages 5 to 17, who lack fine arts exposure and access.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways..." Isaiah 55:9

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