

“WE ARE BLESSED TO BE PART OF SOMETHING SO AMAZING!”

Jennifer I., Parent



About two years ago, my daughter Dana started asking about dance lessons. After researching, I realized I didn't have money in my budget. Another mother referred me to this organization that gave free dance classes. Of course, Dana was overjoyed.

Dana has been with Above the Clouds for only one year! In that time, she excelled from beginner to level 3. She takes pride in practicing at home and loves her instructor. She has also taken the Drama class, which helped her perform a monologue during her

pageant talent competition. She loves the friends she has made and performing for the elderly. Ballet has calmed her down and helped her to be more focused.

As a parent, this organization has provided an opportunity many would not be able to have while teaching the love of the Lord. We are blessed to be a part of something so amazing!



Additional Opportunities to Dance

This summer, Above the Clouds added a tap class (pictured above). Thank you to the instructor, Ms. Tiersa, for a fun and energetic class.



Above The Clouds level 7/8 ballet students (pictured above) had an opportunity to dance at the Milwaukee Aces game this summer held at Alverno College. Thank you to Bernell Hooker, owner of the Milwaukee Aces and CEO of Images of Us Sports, for inviting us.



Above The Clouds was a recipient of a fundraiser held by Fresh Thyme. A special thanks to Asiah Miles, Regional Marketing Coordinator - North Region, for choosing Above the Clouds.

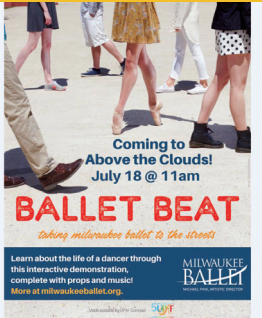


Above the Clouds held another fundraiser at Royal Gas. Thank you, Ayan.

THE ATC MISSION: To expose children ages 5-17 to the creative arts/movement – free of charge – in a safe and loving atmosphere, in order to expand their minds for appreciation of the arts, for personal enhancements and the possibility of pursuing a career in the arts while instilling biblical truths.

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

NEWS AND EVENTS



Above The Clouds is a proud partner of the Milwaukee Ballet.

In July, Above the Clouds was excited to be a host for *Ballet Beat*, an amazing ballet story about the lives of dancers. During the “day in the life” workshop, dancers took the audience through their day with ballet demonstrations, music, and a question and answer session. Thank you, Milwaukee Ballet.

In September, *The Shepherd Express* published an article titled “Milwaukee Arts Groups Fill the Gap in Arts Education.” The article began: “*The arts are a powerful, positive and universal force!*” the children at the *Holton Youth and Family Center* chanted along with the cast of *The Corps of Four* and *Ballerina Karina* in “*Space Case!*”—the newest episode in *Milwaukee Ballet’s* ongoing *superheroes* series for kids created by *Alyson Chavez*, the company’s director of community engagement. The after-school performance was organized by *Above the Clouds*, an organization that provides free arts education to inner-city children.

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Mrs. Gregory, Parent

Tahkara began her journey with Above the Clouds at the age of 5. She has shown an interest in dancing since began walking, but I knew I would never be able to afford ballet lessons. A friend told me about Above the Clouds. I couldn’t believe it – this was an answer to my prayer! We tried Ballet and Cheerleading for the summer, and we haven’t turned back.



Tahkara is now 8 years old. She is in the 3rd grade and in level 4 ballet and martial arts. She has developed so many skills from her involvement with Above the Clouds. I have noticed her leadership qualities, confidence, her discipline with her schoolwork, and her graceful movements across our floors. The training she receives follows her wherever she goes. She understands that she can praise God through movement. I am so happy that she can be spiritually fed, while being properly trained. My husband and I are proud parents of Above the Clouds. This is a place of unlimited possibilities.

NEW ENDEAVOR



With the help of **Bader Philanthropies and the Wisconsin Philanthropy Network** (and a special thank you to Dave Kasdorf and Jason Kohout of **Foley & Lardner LLP** for all your help), Above

the Clouds has started a new business component called “Moving Forward Milwaukee, LLC/(MFM).”

MFM will offer on-site fitness classes to adults in the Milwaukee area. One of the benefits of this endeavor is that a portion of the revenue from MFM will go to Above the Clouds.

This will help us **continue to grow** as well as get some of the sites and children off our waiting list. If you are interested in having MFM come to your site, please contact us at movingforwardmilwaukee@gmail.com. **You move so children can dream!!**

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