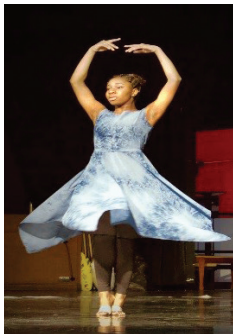


**“I COULD NOT BE MORE THANKFUL!”**

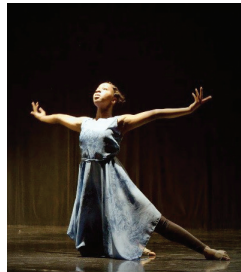
Lizzy, Ballet Student

**H**ello. My name is Lizzy, and I have been a ballet student with Above The Clouds since I was 8 years old. Now I am an 18-year-old heading off to Marquette University in the fall to study Biological Sciences (Pre-Med). I could not be more thankful for the positive influence that Above The Clouds has been on my life. The Christ-centered approach to teaching dance has helped me to grow confident in who I am as an individual and as a follower of Christ.



I want to say a special thank you to Mrs. Wade and Ms. Barb for all that they have done and continue to do. Without you, I never would have had the amazing opportunities that have been given to me

over the years. Thank you also to my teachers who have poured hour after hour into improving not only technique but also helping to develop my faith. Thank you to my fellow level 7/8 dancers. You all have become like sisters to me, and I'll miss the fun and laughs we have had together. Lastly, I want to thank God for the grace he has poured out on my life and for guiding me every step of the way. Thank you.



**RECITAL FEEDBACK FROM FUNDER SCOTT M.:**

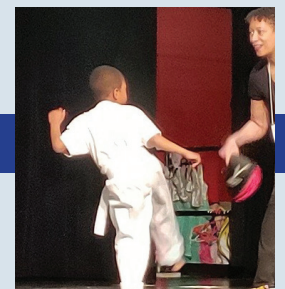
“I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the recital. The program was well constructed, the students gave a first-rate effort, and they kept the audience’s attention. It is one thing to present a program, but when you leave the audience wishing there was just one more performance before they go, you have reached a new, higher level. I also noticed the glowing faces when the students met with their families afterward. The performances were better than ever with students striving for their best and teachers obviously leading them in that direction. This wonderful feedback can only be found after a successful effort. Thank you and the teachers for teaching this valuable lesson. Put me down for a seat in next year’s audience. Congratulations on a wonderful recital, and thank you for making me wish that there was just one more performance before it was done.”



*More than 130 children took part in the*  
**2019 ATC RECITAL**

**M**ore than 130 children from over 15 different zip codes participated in this year’s Above The Clouds recital. Children displayed what they learned this past semester in Beginning Ballet, Ballet level 1-pointe, Modern Dance, Hip Hop, and Martial Arts. The recital not only displays what they have learned but teaches them to interact with children from different backgrounds, race, and economic stats.

Every year or two we have a senior who goes off to college. This year it was Lizzy. In the article to the left, read what she shared with those attending recital and her solo dance (then watch her solo dance at [youtu.be/vK3c72oFx4A](https://youtu.be/vK3c72oFx4A)).



## SENIOR PROGRAM

**A**bove The Clouds/Moving Forward Milwaukee provides Greater Life Community Center with beginning ballet/strength and strengthening classes for its young at heart. These classes are taught by ATC level 8 ballet student Soteria, along with Lindsey, an ATC instructor.



“Although some of the seniors were a little hesitant about participating in a stretch and strengthening class, they are now enjoying each others company as they laugh, learn, and move together towards a healthier life. The instructors are both under 25, encouraging, energetic, encouraging, and loving toward the seniors as they keep them moving and having fun.” - Barb



## NEWS AND NOTES



At some sites, children who did not participate in a recital did a demo for their families showing what they learned in class. Those classes were: Beginning Hip Hop at Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Beginning Ballet and Drama at New Beginnings Are Possible, and Beginning Ballet at Journey House. Thank you to Ms. Rachel, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. Shaufler, and Mrs. Green for all of your hard work at those sites.



Barbara Melsheimer (ATC co-founder) and Linda Wade (ATC President) had an opportunity to promote Above The Clouds at a Bucks game.



Our level 2 and level 7/8 students had the opportunity to dance at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon for an all-church Advent Brunch.



**Sponsor A Night of Elegance, the inaugural Above The Clouds Dinner and Auction at the Mitchell Park Domes on August 24, 2019, with special guest speaker Mrs. Jodi Peck. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$550 for a table sponsor up to \$2,500 for a premier corporate sponsor. For details, contact Above The Clouds.**

**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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