

FROM THE HEART



Meet Grace

Grace has always loved dance despite being incredibly shy. She started dancing at 3 years old but needed to be carried into the dance studio and pried off her mom, because she was too shy to go in by herself. This continued for the next two years. Then, at

age 5, Grace started taking ballet classes at Above the Clouds under the instruction of Mrs. Kim Brunner, and even though she was still very shy, she no longer needed to be pried away from her mom. Grace's older sisters, Redat and Ruhama, were taking ballet classes at Above the Clouds, Mrs. Brunner was their instructor too.

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As Grace continued dancing, she became more sure of herself and her body and became less shy. Six years later, Grace continues taking ballet classes at Above The Clouds and is dancing with girls two to three years older than herself.

"Her mother and I are so thankful for this program," commented her dad. Grace's parents believe Kim Brunner and Linda Wade have been great Christian examples to their daughter. "Our 'Gracie' is as graceful as butter and as bold as a lion when she dances."

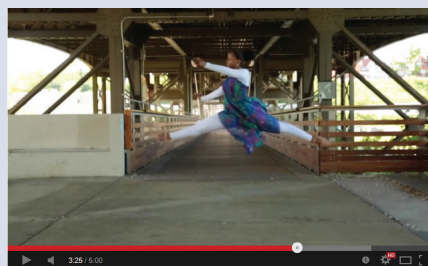
Grace is a quiet and intelligent young lady, full of grace and sensitivity toward others. Her parents adopted Grace when she was just a baby and she was received by four older siblings whom they also adopted. "My family supports me a lot," said Grace. In the future, she would like to be a dancer, a lawyer, or a teacher, or work in one of many other professions.

Thank you, Above The Clouds! — *Charlie & Pamela D., ATC Parents*



MILWAUKEE'S BRIDGE PROJECT

Above The Clouds was proud to participate in Milwaukee's **Bridge Project**. This project was designed to promote anti-violence as well as to encourage our children. Local nonprofits, along with city officials, help with this endeavor.



To view video go to: <http://bit.ly/1vsBQxb>.



Our ballet level 6/7 students participated in several outreach events this summer. They danced at HeartLove Place's back to school event, Eastbrook Church, and at Washington Park's "Praise in the Park."

ATC FAMILY FOCUS

Paula Adamson, Martial Arts



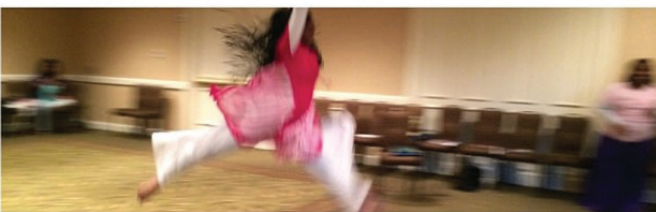
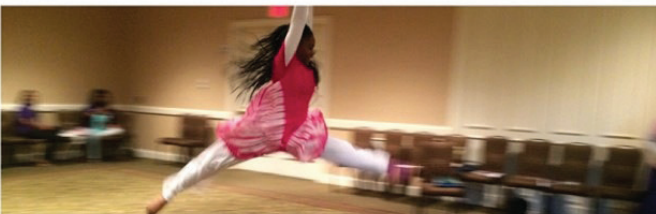
My name is Paula Adamson. I am a third degree black belt and Tae Kwon Do instructor. I teach Tae Kwon Do to the students at the school affiliated with my place of worship (church), in addition to teaching at Above the Clouds.

Through Above the Clouds I am able to implement the “art” side of martial arts by having the students showcase what they have learned in class at an annual recital. The students at my church’s school also

demonstrated their Tae Kwon Do techniques at a health fair in September. My aspirations for these students are to have them perform at the church’s school recital and at one of the festivals at Milwaukee’s Lakefront such as Summerfest.

Paris Washington, Modern Dance

I am Paris Washington, and this summer was great for me! I was blessed to teach dance in Detroit, Florida, and New York! I am also so excited to announce that I will be starting the Wisconsin chapter of the National Liturgical Dance Network this fall, and as soon as I have dates for community classes I will share!



SUPPORT ABOVE THE CLOUDS

There are several ways you can support Above the Cloud’s new and existing programs this fall:

- ☐ Become a Friend of Above The Clouds with a gift of \$35 and receive our quarterly newsletters and invitations to special events.
- ☐ Become a Major Donor at \$250.
- ☐ Consider sponsoring a child for the cost of \$560 per child. With that they can attend a class of their choosing for one quarter (class are approximately 10 to 14 weeks).
- ☐ Sponsor our spring recital for \$2500 or more. With this sponsorship you help all students showcase their talent before friends & family at our yearly recital.
- ☐ Volunteer or intern as a classroom helper or assist with projects and day-to-day office activities or special events.
- ☐ Spread the Word by joining us in our “flyer walk” in the neighborhoods we serve or drop off Above the Clouds flyers at businesses near your home, your job and your church.

Call 414.344.3019
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about how you can help!

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.

Above the Clouds: Celebrating more than 11 years of service to more than 4500 young people.
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways...” *Isaiah 55:9*