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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Alonzo and Paula Cross, Parents

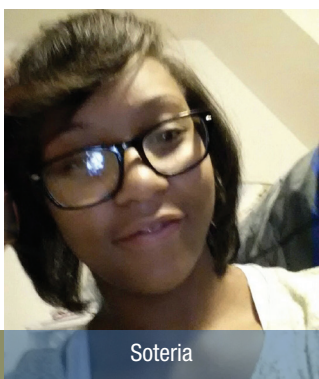
My name is Paula Cross. My husband, Alonzo, and I enrolled two of our children, Trinity who is 16 and Soteria who is 13, into ballet at Above The Clouds. They have been dancing with Above The Clouds for over six years now. Above The Clouds has given my children opportunities that they would not have had if they were not involved.

My daughter Trinity is enamored by ballet and has decided to minor in dance when she attends college in 2017. My daughter Soteria has really opened up a lot since she has been a part of the ballet classes. Soteria not only has more confidence in everyday life, but also no longer has fear of being in front of an audience.

Above the Clouds has really been a blessing to our family, as far as having something to look forward to weekly. My daughters are always so excited to go to dance class, and they are very interested in learning and perfecting new skills. I highly recommend Above the Clouds if your children are interested in learning the arts in a safe and healthy environment.



Trinity



Soteria

The first Above the Clouds **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** took place in July. It was such a wonderful way to thank all of our hardworking parent volunteers. Our level 5 ballet students danced at the dinner.



Pictured: Shekina, Kim, Linda, Soteria, Laura, Gabriella, Lillian, and EJ

Above The Clouds receives an **AWARD** from WAMI at Summerfest

Above the Clouds received an **award from the WAMI** (Wisconsin Area Music Industry) this summer, and it was presented at Summerfest on June 30 (pictured above).

ATC held **two fundraisers** this summer, one at Chick-fil-A in Brookfield and one at Culvers on Good Hope Road.

ATC was **featured on Fox 6 News** with Brian Kramp. See the story at <http://fox6now.com/2015/08/03/brian-kramp-shows-you-how-above-the-clouds-exposes-milwaukee-children-to-the-arts/>.

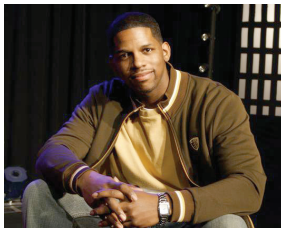


The ATC level 6/7 ballet students **danced at Foster Care Camp**. They did two songs and taught the children a dance called "I Am Not Forgotten, God Knows My Name." Mrs. Kim shared about why the girls dance, and the girls shared as well.



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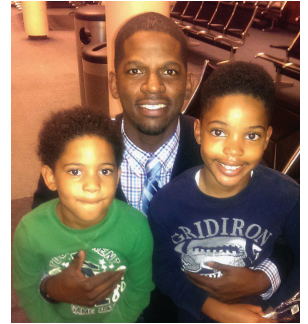
ATC FAMILY FOCUS



Delvyn Crawford, Spoken Word and Rap

After speaking with the Program Administrator at a local nonprofit about my passion to help youth in need of hope, love, and encouragement, I was told about Above The Clouds. Once I became aware that Above The Clouds had programs in place that provided a safe and loving atmosphere for children to express themselves through various arts, I was compelled to contact them in order to see how I could be a part of their organization. After meeting the President of Above The Clouds, I quickly learned that they were more concerned with my character than they were of my gifts. This inspired me to become an instructor because it showed me that Above The Clouds' main focus was to instill Godly principles within the children they serve. This is why I am an instructor for Above The Clouds!

Delvyn is President and CEO of Gutter Enterprises, LLC. Visit www.gutterenterprises.com for additional info.



Denise Burton, Music

My experience with Above the Clouds has been a positive one. I first heard about the opportunity from a classmate. At the time I was studying to earn my degree in Music Occupations. I remember how nervous I was to be responsible for a class, but I believe that is normal for any new teacher. I found that having a passion for music and children helped me to overcome my nerves. The funny thing is I never wanted to be a teacher. I always told myself that I wouldn't, but God has carved this path out for me, and I love and enjoy it now.

I have been with ATC for six years now, and I absolutely love what I do and I love what ATC does for the community. It gives children from underprivileged backgrounds and all walks of life the opportunity to experience the arts and also gain new skills and a healthy respect of those who may look a little different from them. They encourage the acceptance of culture as they teach them about the love of Christ through word and deed. It was ATC that took a chance on me (a college student at the time) and gave me the opportunity to be a part of their legacy. I am so blessed and fortunate and I have grown so much in my gift because of them. Giving back to the community is important and I use my music to do so.

When I am creating my music, I like to sing about the things I observe in this world and I try to explain it from a vantage point that is outside of the norm. My personal music model is "be a responsible artist." Although my music focuses on themes that a mature audience will enjoy, my songs can be heard by a child, and I pride myself on that as an artist. I just released my new single "Nightingale," which is available on major download sites, and my students are very proud of me. I don't plan on leaving ATC anytime soon; they're pretty much stuck with me!

To learn more about Denise and her music, you may follow her on Instagram (compose_thesongstress), Facebook (Compose the Songstress), or on her YouTube channel (Jream Publishing).

HOW TO SUPPORT ABOVE THE CLOUDS

- ☐ ATC level 6/7 ballet students will be dancing at two Milwaukee Bucks games: on November 23 and in March 2016. We are honored and excited and proud of our girls. Ticket information will be posted on the website. Please come out and cheer on our students!
- ☐ Become a Friend of Above The Clouds with a gift of \$35 and receive our quarterly newsletters and invitations to special events, or 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 and 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.

Call 414.344.3019 for more information 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 14 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

