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# **BRAND NEW FACILITY**

# An opportunity to serve more children

bove The Clouds moved into a brand new facility on September 10, 2018, thanks to a partnership with Greater Galilee MBC. Above The Clouds and Lead2Change share 10,000 square feet on the first floor of this beautiful new community center. The move into this new facility "Greater Life Community Center" allows us to hold more classes simultaneously and to service more children. We are thankful to be in this beautiful new building and to have the opportunity to touch lives in this area of the city.





A special thank you to the Melitta Pick Charitable Trust for your generous donation that helped us furnish our new space.



# Celebrating 17 Years of Service:

# A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE

bove The Clouds celebrated 17 years of service with "A Night Of Elegance" inside the Mitchell Park Domes on Saturday, September 29, 2018, with special guest Mr. LeRoy Butler. The evening started off with appetizers as guests strolled through the Domes to be greeted by cellists as they viewed the beautiful plant life and bid on silent auction items. Once guests were seated, they enjoyed a delicious meal while hearing about ATC from parents and students. Mr. Butler then spoke on the importance of the arts, and the evening wrapped up with a light show inside the show dome. It was a fun evening and we are grateful to all who attended and for the new relationships that were formed.

A special thank you to our event and table sponsors: Bader Philanthropies (Event Sponsor), Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation, Kaztex Foundation, Eastbrook Church, Lisa Kaye Catering, LLC (Table Sponsors), and our Major Themed Sponsor (Mitchell Park Domes) as well as our board of directors and staff.







## **NEWS AND NOTES**

ur summer/fall sessions offered Ballet Levels 6/7/8, Ballet Mandatory Intensive, Beginner Ballet, Beginner Ballet Camp, Martial Arts, Mighty Movers, and Modern Dance. These classes were offered at eight locations throughout the city, serving over 258 children during summer and fall 2018.







Some of the Above The Clouds students and parents had an opportunity to participate in our first promotional video. *Thank you to Tom Pipines and Jim De Koch for putting this video together.*We encourage you to watch (and share) the video: https://youtu.be/E8vCS7a2A4k.



## AWESOME EXPERIENCE!

### **Parent Corner**

Above The Clouds has been a God-send. I do treated foster-care, and my kids and grandchildren have been in the program for over a year. It keeps them busy and socializing, I meet great parents, the kids love what they're doing, and the staff is great. Mrs. Linda is a blessing with smiles and loving encouragement. This is very nice for the community because many families would like their kids to be involved in something but cannot afford it. This is a great way to give back. Thank you, Above The Clouds! – Felecia P. (Grandparent)

y experience with ATC has been awesome! My daughter takes the Hip Hop class and loves it! She will take Advanced Hip Hop next session. In addition, to be honest, if it was not free, I could not afford it. I have six children, and this is a wonderful organization that makes it possible for low-



income families to receive training that kids otherwise would not be able to participate in. I plan to sign my two little girls up for ballet as soon as they are old enough. Thank you, Above the Clouds! – *Tonya C. (Parent)* 

As grandmothers, we love to brag on our grandchildren; just the other day while sharing a video of my girls' ballet talent, my co-worker commented WOW, your girls are more



advanced than mine, and my girls even participate in the Nutcracker. I thank God for consistent, Christian-based, quality arts. – *Nancy S. (Grandparent)* 

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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