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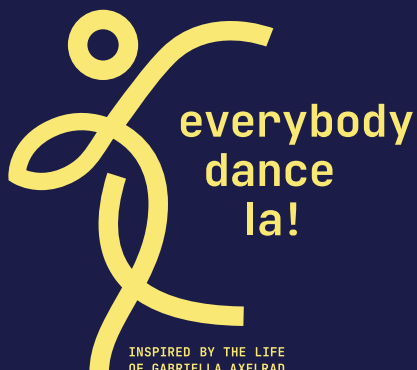
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INSPIRED BY THE LIFE
OF GABRIELLA AXELRAD

WHEN YOU GIVE, THEY DANCE!

Dear Friends,

This year I was honored to be elected President of Everybody Dance LA!’s Board of Directors. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to help guide this incredible organization into its exciting future.



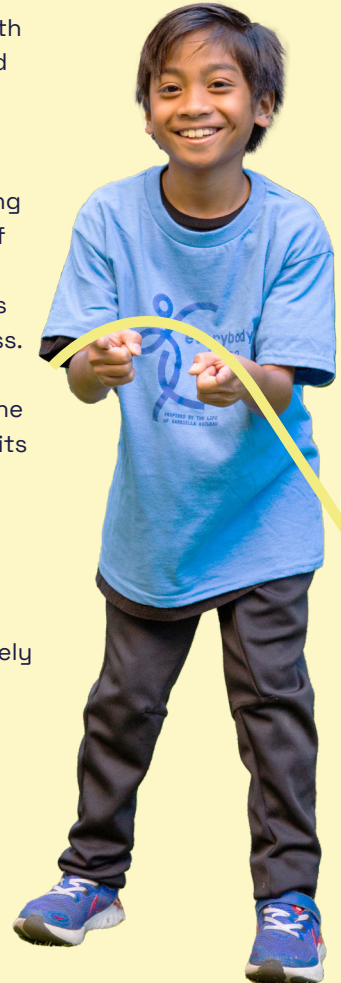
EDLA! served over 5,000 youth in low-income communities throughout Los Angeles this past year. Our staff witnessed, first-hand, the impact the pandemic left on our students. Thankfully, we were able to keep our in-person In-School and After-School programs open this year and, through our high-quality dance education, we were able to provide opportunities for our students to recover and thrive.

For the 2022/23 academic year, EDLA! is serving youth at 29 locations in some of the most under-resourced neighborhoods in Los Angeles. EDLA!’s year-round programs are helping our students get and stay physically and mentally healthy. This year EDLA! is expanding its commitment to mindfulness by offering “Mindfulness and Movement” classes to a number of our partner schools.” Now more than ever, our youth need programs like EDLA!’s that exercise their bodies and their minds and help to relieve anxiety and stress.

Everybody Dance LA! is dedicated to transforming the lives of the youth we serve through the many benefits of dance. Through our supportive and engaging programs, we’re committed to helping our students reach their fullest potential.

I’d like to extend my deepest gratitude to our supporters who make it possible for EDLA! to positively impact the lives of thousands of youth each year.

With appreciation,
Charlene Achki-Repko, President
EDLA! Board of Directors



Become a dance**PARTNER**

Did you know that enrollment in our After-School Program is income-based? Instead of tuition, our families pay an average of \$2.25 per class for EDLA!’s high-quality dance program taught by professional Teaching Artists.

EDLA!’s dance**PARTNER** Program helps to bridge the gap between our families “fair share” payments and the true program costs. We invite you to become an EDLA! dance**PARTNER** and give the year-round physical, mental and developmental gifts of dance to a child in need.



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Liz Levitt Hirsch,
President of the
Board of Directors
at the Levitt Foundation



Who we are

Everybody Dance LA! was founded in 1999 by Liza Bercovici as The Gabriella Foundation to celebrate the life of her daughter, Gabriella Axelrad. In 2021, we changed our name to Everybody Dance LA! to reflect the breadth of our ever-expanding program.

Our types of dance: Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Breakdance, Tap, Salsa, Afro-Brazilian, West African and Mexican Folkloric.

Academic Year: 2022–23

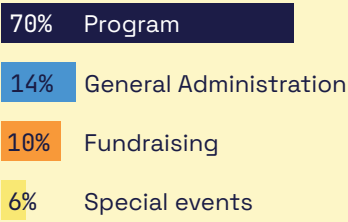
5,205 DANCERS
4,750 In-School program dancers
455 After-School program dancers

29 LOCATIONS
27 Schools
2 EDLA! dance studios

DIVERSITY
80% Latino
12% African-American
5% Asian-American
2% Caucasian
1% Other

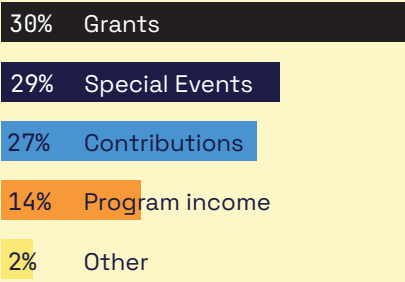
Financials: 2020–21

EDLA! EXPENSES



- EDLA! After-School Program Fee: \$15 a month, per style of dance
- Average cost to families per class: \$2.25
- Average cost of a dance class in Los Angeles: \$20-25

EDLA! INCOME



TRUE COST TO EDLA! :
\$1,500 PER CHILD,
ANNUALLY

YOUR SUPPORT KEEPS
THEM DANCING!

Partnerships & Performances

For the 4th year, LA Dance Project (LADP) hosted Everybody Dance LA! for a two-week summer dance intensive. These full days of instruction, exploration, master classes, rehearsals, and workshops provide an invaluable “real-world” dance experience to our youth. This year the amazing Nina Flagg and her team focused on Hip Hop and Breaking and explored mindfulness practices through dance.



“The EDLA! mission and outreach speak to me, which is why I feel lucky to be a member of the board in addition to my duties as a programming executive on HBO’s Original Content team. Having grown up and studied in the world of dance, I have seen the way it changes lives firsthand. As part of a company that values the highest quality of storytelling and entertainment for all, Warner Brothers Discovery’s contribution to EDLA! is fundamentally in alignment with their ability to bring the artform of dance to children and communities that would not otherwise participate. We could not more readily encourage other corporations to follow suit by recognizing the hidden gem that is Everybody Dance LA! for all their incredible work in fostering positivity in the next generation of creative minds.”

Kathleen McCaffrey, Senior Vice President
of Programming at HBO & EDLA! Board Member



What our youth are saying



Maite
5TH GRADE (AGE 10)
GABRIELLA CHARTER SCHOOL
EDLA! COMPANY, BALLET CONSERVATORY
AND HIP HOP

How has dance changed you?
I feel like dance helps me a lot with everything that happens to me. Like if people make fun of me at school, it helps me. It’s like my therapy.

What do you like most about Everybody Dance LA!?
I like that everybody gets to dance. It doesn’t matter your color or how much money you have.

Alexis
12TH GRADE (AGE 16)
GIRLS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
BALLET AND JAZZ

What do you like about dancing?
When I am dancing, I feel the most confident. I was always shy and growing up I didn’t really know how to express myself. Being on stage and dancing allows me to express myself and feel confident.



Alaister
8TH GRADE (AGE 13)
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
HIP HOP AND JAZZ

How has EDLA! impacted your life?
EDLA! is like a safe spot for me. I come here and just leave everything at the door. I forget about homework and grades and just focus on dance.



Join our mission and support
Everybody Dance LA!

EDLA!’s vision is to use dance as a tool to help cultivate lifelong skills of collaboration, discipline, and self-expression so our youth can become confident and engaged participants in their education, career, and community. In addition to our dance programs, EDLA! has several enrichment programs to help our students reach their full potential. Youth in EDLA’s Student Leadership Team meet with staff and guest speakers to prepare them for the college experience. Our Mentor Match program partners students with professionals to help our students set personal and professional goals. EDLA! also has opportunities for students who are interested in pursuing dance professionally through our community partnerships and performance opportunities.

Now that you’ve had the opportunity to learn more about EDLA! and the incredible impact we’re having on the lives of youth in under-resourced communities throughout Los Angeles, we hope you’ll join us as a supporter. Together, we can better the lives of thousands of youth each year through the transformative power of dance. When you give; they dance!

Happy holidays
from everyone at EDLA!

Alexandria Dilks Pandola
Executive Director



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THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:

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A contribution of \$1,500 to the dancePARTNER program provides dance classes to one child for an entire year!

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