



Thank you to our friends, donors, sponsors and supporters. This Wednesday, July 4th some of our students will perform at Manhattan Dance Championships in the afternoon session between 1:00-4:00. Please come cheer them on!

### Read what parents and guardians have to say:

*"I think Global Dance Art is an amazing program. The individuals participating from my center have developed higher self-esteem, they are learning how to follow directions and it's actually improving their behavior. It's amazing to watch these students become so much more social because they come back from class and talk about the dance steps they learned. They're taking so much pride in themselves and willing to talk about and share their experience."*

**Bridget Garland, Director - New Concepts for Living**



*"Thanks to Global Dance Art Diana is more confident, graceful, has much better posture and she feels she's doing something very adult. I have the utmost respect for founders of GDA and the instruction team. This program is an amazing opportunity for differently-abled students. It is a program that I feel was started by the founders because they wanted to impart the skill, rather than out of a sense of sympathy for these kids. It provides students an opportunity to interact and exercise a different way. The love of ballroom dance and the enthusiasm shines through with the entire Global Dance Art team. Their love of dance has made a huge difference in my daughter's life."* **Joanne Stolfo**

*"Global Dance Art is a Godsend to our son. Matthew could not participate in sports but he absolutely loves this dance program. It is a perfect outlet for him, he feels cured! Dance has improved Matthew's ability to learn, listen and focus his mind. He is able concentrate much better now. These are all skills that were a challenge for him. Matthew is now a confident, happy young man and able to dance without any physical pain. We are very grateful to have Matthew be a GDA Sponsored student. Thank you to the donors, the sponsors, the instructors and everyone at Global Dance Art."* **Janice Arnold**



### Medically Speaking



Dr. Gregory Costello

Many of us are fortunate to have so many opportunities and choices in our daily lives as well as for work and entertainment. Most of us have such busy schedules, that these choices are overwhelming. On the contrary, people with disabilities often have little, or even no choices, no matter how small or big their needs or dreams are.

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GDA was started as a non-profit organization by business, medical and dance professionals. Jody Torre, a business executive and active ballroom dancer put together a team of professionals including myself who work with people with disabilities on a daily basis and some of the best names in professional dance known throughout the world. Our diverse team all have one thing in common, the desire to help improve the lives of people with disabilities through the joy of dancing. Please help support GDA. All money raised goes directly to individuals who will be eternally grateful for your support. Global Dance Art provides more than just ballroom dancing to people with disabilities, it provides dreams. Thank you for supporting and making those dreams a reality.

### About Global Dance Art

Global Dance Art, Inc. (GDA) teaches ballroom dance to students with special needs. On the surface that seems straight forward, but at a closer look GDA teaches students human interaction, respect, creativity, and a need to work together to achieve a goal. The vehicle is ballroom dance with its many faces and characters of Latin and Standard dances; the result for our students is an increased sense of accomplishment, self-confidence, respect for others, acceptance of individual differences, the importance of practice to achieve a goal, exercise, posture, and feeling the music.

Thank you to our friends, donors and sponsors for your trust and ongoing support. Because of your generosity we are able to improve the lives of others. Thank you to our team of teachers, your caring, kindness and love of dance shines through to each student. Help us to continue to make a difference.



Jody Torre, Colin James & Lubomir Asenov

**MAKE A DONATION**

[www.GlobalDanceArt.org](http://www.GlobalDanceArt.org)

#### Upcoming Event:

**Fall Fundraiser - Dinner, Social Dancing and Professional Show**  
Saturday, November 24, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. - Midnight  
Starlight Dance Center, 7 High Street, Nutley, NJ

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