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Rice Family Foundation to Fund Afterschool Dance Programming

JACKSONVILLE - The Dianne T. and Charles E. Rice Family Foundation has awarded Cathedral Arts \$15,835 to fund five afterschool programs in dance education at Lake Forest and Annie R. Morgan elementary schools.

Classes at Annie R. Morgan Elementary will focus on jazz instruction and classes at Lake Forest Elementary will focus on classical ballet with an emphasis on preparing students for entrance into LaVilla School of the Arts. Both schools are located in high-need neighborhoods. The free/reduced lunch rate is 91 percent at Annie R. Morgan and 77 percent at Lake Forest.

The Rice Family Foundation's mission is to empower people to seize opportunities that foster personal development, self-esteem and leadership to achieve one's maximum potential. The Foundation has an overall focus on children's well-being with a special interest in supporting early childhood education and literacy.

"We are so grateful that the Rice Family Foundation understands the many lasting benefits of a quality education in dance," remarked Kimberly Hyatt, Executive Director of Cathedral Arts. "We are eager to see how these young lives will be transformed through the generosity of the Rice Family."

Cathedral Arts serves over 1,200 youth with afterschool programming in dance, drama, music and visual arts. For the past three years in a row, 8 out of every 10 youth in our program have shown measurable improvement in their grades, behavior, communication techniques and anger management skills. Our mission is to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida through unleashing the creative spirit of young people. By providing access to instruction in the visual and performing arts, we empower underserved, school-aged children to succeed in all areas of their lives.

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