

PRESS RELEASE

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Dance of Hope Dates Set, Studio Scholarships Available

Chino Hills, CA – The fifth annual Dance of Hope, a performance that honors a different Chino Valley child battling a life-threatening illness each year, will be held April 2-3 at Chino Hills High School. For the first time, all junior high and high school students from the Chino Valley are eligible to apply for a dance scholarship awarded at the event by Dellos Dance & Performance Arts Studio.

Two families being served by The Let It Be Foundation will share proceeds from ticket sales and concessions at this year's event. Tommy Connole, 10, a fourth-grader at Wickman Elementary in Chino Hills, has been battling Burkitt's lymphoma since December. Daniel Ruiz, a 14-year-old Magnolia Junior High eighth-grader, has relapsed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. Both boys and their families have been receiving support from The Let It Be Foundation, which aids Chino Valley families caring for a child undergoing treatment for a life-threatening illness.

The dance teams from Chino Hills High and Townsend Junior High schools established the event in 2005 when a member of the CHHS dance team, Karla Asch-Rosen, was diagnosed with cancer. With support from the foundation, the teams have continued hosting the event in Karla's memory. Dancers from schools and studios across the community have performed to sold-out audiences each year.

In the past, Dellos has awarded an annual KAR Artistic Dance Scholarship Award to one member of the CHHS and Townsend dance teams. This year, however, all Chino Valley high school and junior high students are invited to apply for the one-year scholarship.

"To be able to offer annual scholarships in Karla's name is both an honor and a blessing," said studio owner Bobbi Dellos. "Karla's cause and passion was to give to her community and now I'm doing a very small part of giving the community back to her."

Applications are due March 20 and can be picked up at the studio, located at 14830 Central Ave., Chino, and from the dance teams of Chino Hills High School and Townsend Junior High School. They are also available online at www.theletitbfoundation.com.