

Media Announcement

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Virginia Dance Festival Planned for January 30, 2010

*Dance Performers Showcase Community Talent to Benefit
Children's Hospital Foundation of Richmond*

RICHMOND, VA – The 11th Annual Virginia Dance Festival to benefit Children's Hospital Foundation of Richmond will be held at James River High School in Midlothian, Va., on Saturday, January 30, 2010. The event features over 300 dancers performing traditional and cultural dances as well as a silent auction.

The Virginia Dance Festival holds two shows. The first show is at 3:00 pm and the second show begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults (ages 12 and up) and \$8 for children (ages 3-11). For those interested in attending both shows, the price will be discounted to \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. These tickets can **only be purchased at the door**, and all proceeds will go to Children's Hospital Foundation. In addition, there will be a silent auction in the lobby of James River High School during both shows. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to donate items for the silent auction. For information about the event, becoming a sponsor or donating items, please call Jessica Morgan, at (804) 739-7600.

The Virginia Dance Festival is coordinated and founded by Jessica Morgan. Ms. Morgan coordinates the event each year by gathering dance troupes throughout Virginia to showcase their unique dance styles and talents to benefit the Foundation. Since this event began 11 years ago it has generated over \$115,000 for Children's Hospital Foundation through performances, ticket sales, generous sponsors and silent auction donations. The performances will consist of Tap, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Ballet, Classical Indian, Irish, Ballroom, Musical Theater, Modern, Lyrical dances and more. More than thirty dance organizations and will be performing in this year's Virginia Dance Festival.

The following organizations are scheduled to perform at the 2010 Virginia Dance Festival: Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology, Apsaras Arts Dance Group, Barbara Hammond's School of Dance, Chesterfield Dance Center, Chesterfield Specialty Center for the Arts of Thomas Dale High School, City Dance Theatre, Collegiate School, Crossroads Irish Dance Co., Dance Masters, Encore Performing Arts Studio, Five Pointes Dance Center, Flava, Goochland High School, Gotta Dance School of Performing Arts, Henrico High School Center for the Arts, Jessica Morgan School of Dance, Joy's School of Dance, Latin Ballet of Virginia, Richmond Ballet's *Minds in Motion* Team XXL, Rigbys' Jig, R'VA Dance, School of Richmond Ballet, Shuffles Dance Studio, Spotlight Studio of Dance Inc., St. Catherine's School/Just Joni Dancers, Starr Foster Dance Project, Swift Creek Academy of the Performing Arts, West End Academy of Dance, Williamsburg Chamber Ballet, and Zabor Dance Academy.

Children's Hospital Foundation raises funds for Children's Hospital of Richmond, a resource and provider of specialized medical and therapeutic services customized to meet the specific needs of children and their families. The hospital began as a small clinic in 1917 and now serves over 7,000 children each year, providing inpatient, day patient and outpatient services for a wide variety of medical conditions. As a result, the hospital relies on support from the community to continue its mission of caring for children.