



MOVING TOWARD A LASTING LEGACY

Project Objective: The *Moving Toward a Lasting Legacy* project is a comprehensive fundraising effort designed to support the Dancing Wheels Company's relocation to a new facility which will serve as the permanent home for the World Center for Integrated Dance & Arts Access.

Project Need: The Masonic Temple at the corner of Euclid and 36th Street is the place Dancing Wheels Company & School has called "home" for nearly twenty years. In April, our home was sold and in May, we were informed that the new owners were exercising their option to terminate our lease. We were given an exit date of May 31, 2018 to have all flooring, mirrors, equipment, offices, sets and files removed from the building.

This unexpected imperative has presented a vital opportunity for Dancing Wheels to sculpt a 100% accessible location for us to do what we do like no other arts organization in the nation:

- To enhance integration and diversity in the arts with works uniting people of all abilities
- To provide successful, independent and creative role models for those with disabilities
- To erase negative stereotypes about people with disabilities in professional careers, primarily in the arts
- To instill greater understanding and professionalism in individuals of all ability levels

Remaining in close proximity to our current location, Dancing Wheels will become a proud part of one of Cleveland's nearby Community Development corporations. We explored various locations over the months and have located and secured a location at 3030 Euclid Avenue. The location is convenient and accessible to performers and families with and without disabilities, but a revamping the space is necessary for Dancing Wheels to:

- Expand its afterschool programs for Cleveland's youth
- Launch international initiatives, utilizing virtual classrooms
- House two professional dance studios with the appropriate flooring, mirrors, lighting and sound
- Reaffirm the organization's commitment to the community

Project Budget The total budget for the *Moving Toward a Lasting Legacy* project is \$500,000. This budget includes \$300,000 for the projected cost to build-out the new space and relocate from our current location. The additional \$200,000 is for the creation of the *Legacy Fund*, to ensure the mission and vision of Dancing Wheels remains in the forefront of our plans. We have currently reached \$194,000 toward our goal. Pledges are payable over a multi-year period and can be paid by cash, credit card or securities; in-kind donations are also welcome and appreciated.