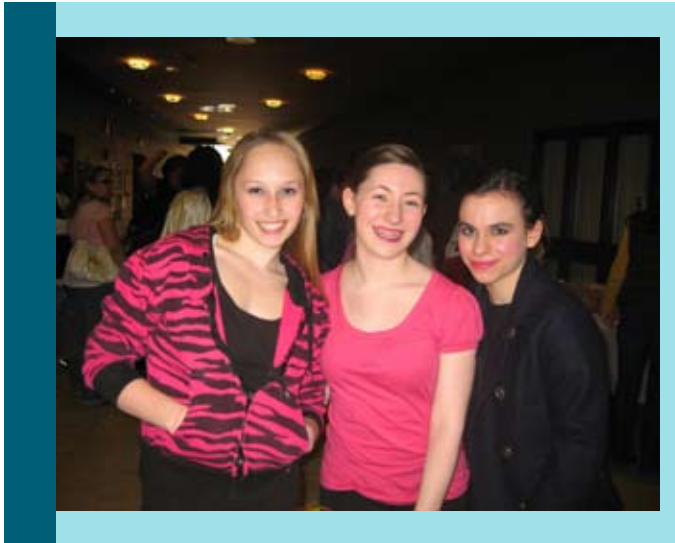


# Dance Creations

## Profile



### The Inspiration

Dancing has always been a part of her life. Since the age of two, Brianna has been skipping, spinning, and twirling to the beat of music - and she has loved every minute. But it wasn't until her early teen years that she understood that dance has helped to shape who she is: a vibrant, creative, disciplined and confident young woman.



### The Idea

Brianna was surprised to discover her hometown of Nashua, NH, had no affordable opportunities for low-income youth to learn to dance. Brianna and fellow dancer Trina were convinced that at-risk youth would probably benefit the most from the structure, respect, courage, and hard work learned from dance, she became determined to find a solution.

### The Venture

Brianna and Trina launched Dance Creations in April 2007 and were soon joined by fellow dancers Lexus, Danielle, and Ashliegh. Dance Creations teaches youth of all ages creative movement, jazz, and hip-hop at no cost. Dance classes are taught at facilities where they did not previously exist, such as Girls Inc., The Nashua Children's Home, and Second Nature Academy.

### The Impact

Over 150 girls and boys have joined in one of the six classes Dance Creations offers. They learn choreographed routines to perform at local recitals and at their biggest event: the annual Dance Creations Benefit recital. Dance Creations was launched as a result of Youth Venture's partnership with United Way of Greater Nashua.



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