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**"Dance is a universal language, Dance is freedom, and Dance is life."  
-Desmond Tutu (Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa)**

"Dancing4Kids" (D4K) is an organization that helps children in need around the world raising funds through artistic events and promoting intercultural understanding through dance, music and art.

**Our Mission:** "Promoting Intercultural Understanding through Dance, Music and Art"

**Who we are:**

Dancing 4 Kids (D4K), originally named Dancing 4 Aids Orphans (D4AO), was founded by a world renowned ballet dancer, Lynne Charles in 2007. Having enjoyed an illustrious career as an international ballerina, Lynne Charles decided to offer her talents to promote cultural and artistic exchange worldwide for charitable purposes.

Since its inception, D4K has been providing talented artists from all over the world the chance to join together to stage outstanding dance events. These valuable opportunities for cultural exchange have been contributing to the promotion of intercultural exchange as well as developing a better world for us all.

Proceeds from our events are significantly helping children in need around the world and successfully enriching their lives. With people everywhere in desperate need of assistance, and millions of innocent children suffering, our

work will never end. "Every child deserves the chance to live, so help us to help them."

### **Our Image & Values**

D4K is a small, but dynamic, culturally diverse group of talented and caring individuals located in different countries around the world. Thinking out of the box enables us to

- implement the best means to meet the needs of children globally as well as the organizations that support them
- improve children's lives and aim to end their suffering
- promote the appreciation of culture and arts using dance as our primary vehicle but also using music and art in its various forms.

### **Our Achievements in 2008**

#### **February 2008:**

- Established the name of our group Dancing4Kids.
- Two D4K members traveled to South Africa to meet the children of the Two Sisters Orphanage and its founder Patrick Chamusso. We delivered gifts, donated cash, took photographs (which were later used in 2 major photography exhibitions) and discussed future projects to support the orphanage.

#### **March – September 2008:**

- Created the Dancing4Kids website and gathered members.
- Created and rolled out the first Dancing4Kids Campaign for individuals and businesses to fund our 2008 charity events.
- Made agreements with corporate sponsors for the support of our events scheduled in 2008 through donations and/or gifts.
- Published/presented relevant reports and artistic photographs on internet magazines and important fundraising venues to spread awareness about the Two Sisters.

#### **September – December 2008:**

Produced 2 major charity events in Tokyo/Japan and supported another in Texas/USA. Details:

- **September 2008 (Texas/USA) @ One9Zero6 gallery** – “The Road to Patrick Chamusso” Photography Exhibition by Red Baklava (D4K official photographer). Outstanding reviews by the press with 35% of all sales going directly to the Two Sisters.
- **November 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 (Tokyo/Japan) @ Ibuka Theatre**– Dancing 4 Two Sisters Charity performance at and in collaboration with Waseda University. Great feedback regarding the performance. Donations of over 130,000 yen collected on the night of the event.
- **November 17<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 (Tokyo/Japan) @ Fujimamas restaurant** – “The Road to Patrick Chamusso” Photography Exhibition by Red Baklava (D4K official photographer). Outstanding reviews by the guests with a number of exhibits already sold to art collectors and individuals who enjoy photography.

## **Our Friendship with Patrick Chamusso & The Two Sisters**

Through our fundraising activities to date, as well as the kind support especially of South African Airlines, Benetton and JICA, Dancing 4 Kids was able to visit Patrick Chamusso and the Two Sisters in White River, South Africa in February 2008.

We never realized how big an impact this trip would have on us prior to meeting Patrick with his children and staff at the Two Sisters. Patrick Chamusso, a father of over 140 children, brings life and hope to each one of the children by giving them care, love, support and family unity.

We thought we would be faced with pain and sickness, but instead, we heard songs and prayers in the classroom, giggles as we entered each room, and received big smiles as we shook tiny hands. Through the many pairs of curious eyes following our every move, we saw a future that hangs in the hands of their father, Patrick, and the people who volunteer each day to support the Two Sisters.

As we handed out our first gifts, the T-shirts kindly donated to D4K from Benetton, we were overjoyed to see the impact our simple gesture had made. We saw it in their eyes and through our camera lens, heard it in their voices and felt it in our hearts. It seemed almost like a modeling show as we were surrounded by little poseurs making faces, whispering, showing us their individual characters and spirit, and making it almost impossible for us not to smile or touch their lovely curls. This game went on under the hot sun and inside each room until the smell of chicken and rice from the kitchen filled the air. "It's lunch time" Patrick said, follow the kids..", and so we did.

It took only minutes until lines were formed, hands were washed, positions were taken and plates were served on the ground. Each plate seemed like a board game ready to be played by the children that surrounded it. Another game started, the "eating game" where the contents of each plate disappeared quickly into their little bellies, leaving a mark on their cheeks and chins and bringing out a smile of satisfaction on their faces. Those were moments that proved to us how lucky those children were to be there, under the Two Sisters wings and how sad it must be for so many other children who need to be there but these wings are presently not strong enough or big enough to reach them.

After lunch, Patrick walked us though the grassy paths and dirt roads of the village allowing us to see more places and more children that needed our help. He showed us areas that had been built or reformed, some by his own hands, to help shelter, feed each child and to raise hope. We visited the chicken farm, the vegetable farm, and houses with children who were very ill. We captured images and made notes of everything we saw to take it back to our group to find the best ways to help them. As we moved from place to place, pausing occasionally to let Patrick answer his cell-phone which often rang in the name of duty, we realized the depth of Patrick's involvement with every child under his care when we saw something we didn't expect. On our way back, a young girl stopped us and asked Patrick to check her homework. Patrick browsed at her essay quickly and arranged a time when he could review it properly. He turned to us and said "they often show me their homework and I help them with things they don't understand". This brought a whole new dimension to the care that the Two Sisters give to these children. It is not only about food, clothes and medication. The Two Sisters gives them education,

respect and a family so that they never feel like orphans. It was the first thing that Patrick told us before we met the children. "Please don't call my children orphans, they don't like it because they have a father now. Me!".

At all times, there was nothing but contentment and pride on Patrick's face as he kept telling us that this is the life that was made for him, as an ordinary man, away from the limelight, who not only wants, but also needs to make the life of each of his children a better one.

After listening to his stories, giving him the rest of our gifts and spending the night at the Two Sisters, by the next morning one thing was clear. There are no limits to a heart that loves to care, and there is nothing bigger than a humble person who understands pain and who is not afraid to fight it. Meeting a person of more actions than words, who needs help in order to help others, was enough to make us put the Two Sisters at the highest place in our hearts, our minds and our plans to help them now and for the years to come. We know that by supporting them, they will support others and our mission to help many will not be lost. We embrace them as friends and family the same way as they embraced us and we hope that our relationship will grow stronger through the years. We thank Patrick, the children, the volunteers and the Board of the Two Sisters for giving us this special chance to see, feel and tell their story to others.

*Story by: Chrissi Theodorakakos, D4K Funding/BD Director, March 2008*

## How to Donate to Dancing4Kids:

*We need your support to help others. If you can and want to help us please send your donations to our Dancing4Kids bank account on:*

**Account Name:** Dancing4Kids

**Account Number:** 1452104

**Bank Name:** SMBC – Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

**Bank Address:** 2-12-11 Kitazawa, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan

**Swift Code:** SMBC JPJT

**Name of Branch:** The Sumitomo Mitsui Bank Ltd, Shimokitazawa

**Branch Number:** 835

Or contact D4K Funding Director Chrissi Theodorakakos on:

[chrissi@cocoa.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:chrissi@cocoa.ocn.ne.jp)

Receipts are available upon request.

## How to Donate directly to the Two Sisters orphanage in South Africa:

Donations can be sent directly to The Two Sisters via encrypted secure credit card or to their bank account. The link for the donations page on their website is:

<http://www.twosisters.org.za>

**Bank Details:** ABSA White River Mpumalanga, South Africa

Account Name: Two Sisters , Branch Code: 632005 , Account Number: 4062610447

### **DONOR Receipt of Funds:**

If donors would just drop a line to the email address [patrick@twosisters.org.za](mailto:patrick@twosisters.org.za) stating name, address and amount of gift and, the Orphanage will acknowledge receipt.

If you would like to know more, visit the web site, or visit The Two Sisters Orphanage or actually speak to Patrick Chamusso

### **Contact details:**

Two Sisters

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Physical Address: Stand number 50 ,Mganduzweni , White River , South Africa

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## **Dancing4Kids Official Members**

### **Involved in Activities of 2008**

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Art and commercial photography. Founder of “The Indie Photographic Squad” of San Antonio.

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