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Dear Friend of KDA,

2020 marks the 5th anniversary for KDA, and we are thrilled to invite you to move during our exciting new season!

Join us on November 13 for **MOVE**, a celebratory event focused on community partnerships and fundraising. We will pull back the curtain at The Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater in a manner never seen before, uniting world-class entertainment and divine cuisine. The night will illuminate your imagination and spark your love for the arts. We will dine, drink, and dance the night away with Kern County's movers, leaders, and visionaries.

NEW in 2020, KDA has partnered with Dignity Health/Memorial Hospital to launch **MightyMOVERS: DANCE + THERAPY** for pediatric patients. Registered Dance/Movement Therapist Elena Rezai will encourage children to be mighty through movement as they cope with stressors related to their hospitalization, from physical pain to anxiety and depression.

Be our guest and attend the **Dancing With The Stars** national tour at Mechanics Bank Arena on March 31! Two lucky winners will be chosen to go behind the scenes and meet the stars - contest eligibility will be announced early spring!

Who says dancing is reserved for those with two feet? KDA and Marley's Mutts will host internationally acclaimed performers Sara Carson and her Super Collies for a **Doggie Dance Master Class + Performance** at Temblor Brewing Company on April 25.

Back by popular demand, the **JUST DANCE: Pop-Up Summer Series for Adults** will encourage adults to try free dance classes at dance studios across the county, while **Ten Tiny Dances® 2.0** will showcase choreography in the tiniest of spaces, a 4x4 stage, at the annual Downtown Street Party!

KDA continues to offer programs like **SHINE for Girls: DANCE + MATH = SUCCESS** while supporting Kern County dancers and dance organizations with opportunities to engage in our community through **Books in Motion®: DANCE + LITERACY** and **ADAPTIdance: DANCE + DISABILITY**.

Since our launch in 2015, KDA has reached over **30,000** community members via our programs and services. The success of KDA is a direct result of our community's philanthropic spirit and revered community partnerships. **Together we are moving our community with groundbreaking initiatives and trailblazing programs.** We are grateful to all of our donors and members for their gracious support and invite you to become or continue to be involved in KDA as a volunteer, member, or donor.

In the spirit of dance . . .

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