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To Whom It May Concern:

We are grateful for Dance Parade, Inc's "Community Kinect" residency program that has partnered with the City of New York's Department of Parks and Recreation over the past year.

The program coordinator, Carlye Eckert, did a fantastic job to structure the program's curriculum to emphasize aerobic movement which supports the Parks Department mission for every New Yorker to experience Sports, Fitness and Outdoor Adventure. The Community Kinect program was well received by youth (ages of 5 to 18), adults, and seniors in six of our recreational centers all across New York: Faber Park Field House (Staten Island), Williamsbridge Oval (Bronx), St. John's Recreation Center (Brooklyn), Hansborough Recreation Center (Harlem), Chelsea Recreation Center (Manhattan), Ft Hamilton Senior Recreation Center (Brooklyn).

Instruction was provided by qualified teaching artists who were always on time, fully prepared, and inspirational to students in teaching diverse styles of movement from Salsa to Hip Hop and Line Dancing. The program concluded with participation in the Tenth Annual Dance Parade and DanceFest on May 21st, 2016 and gave students memories to last a lifetime.

The experiences at the Parade and DanceFest in Tompkins Square Park allowed youth and adults to dance their moves before an audience of thousands. It was clearly a highpoint to be able to share their choreographed dances and be a part of Dance Parade's mission to celebrate cultural diversity.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with Dance Parade's Community Kinect by expanding the program to more locations throughout the city and encourage you to help fund this program via Dance Parade's website at danceparade.org.

Sincerely,

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