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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 NYC Parks over the past year.

The program coordinator, Shireen Dickson, did a fantastic job to structure the program's curriculum to emphasize aerobic movement which supports Recreation's mission for every New Yorker to lead physically active lives through Sports, Fitness and Outdoor Adventure.

The "Community Kinect" program was well received by children and teens ages 6 to 18 in numerous Parks Afterschool and Teen programs in recreation centers citywide. Instruction was provided by qualified teaching artists who were always on time, fully prepared and inspirational to the youth. The program concluded with participation in the Sixth Annual Dance Parade on May 19th 2012.

The video provided to us by Dance Parade, Inc. at the conclusion of the program is a nice reminder of the joy and dedication that our youth had at the Parade and also on stage at the following festival in Tompkins Square Park.

The lifetime experiences that allowed youth to dance as a team before an estimated audience of 65,000 was clearly a highpoint as they demonstrated their choreographed moves and became a part of Dance Parade's mission to celebrate cultural diversity.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with "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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