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**July 31, 2026**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the **Hanac – Angelo Petromelis Older Adult Center**, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Dance Parade's 2026 Ageless Action SU-CASA program.

During the Spring 2026 residency, Dance Parade partnered with our center to provide **Contemporary Dance** classes led by teaching artist **Kanami Kusajima**. The program offered our older adult participants a meaningful opportunity to engage in creative movement, learn about a new cultural dance tradition, and connect with one another through the arts.

The residency had a positive impact on our participants by increasing their physical activity, encouraging social connection, promoting cultural appreciation, fostering joy and creative expression. Most of the members that participated had never taken part in a contemporary movement class and really enjoyed it!

Our experience working with Dance Parade was pleasant, professional, organized, responsive, collaborative, and supportive]. The teaching artist created an inclusive and welcoming environment where participants of all abilities felt encouraged to participate and grow.

One memorable aspect of this year's residency was how more and more seniors would gradually participate in the class and would look forward to the class every week.

We appreciate Dance Parade's commitment to making high-quality arts programming accessible to older adults throughout New York City. Programs like SU-CASA enrich our community by promoting creativity, wellness, lifelong learning, and social engagement.

We are grateful for this partnership and would welcome the opportunity to continue working with Dance Parade in the future.

Sincerely,

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Program Director

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