



August 3, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of **KCS Aging Services**, I am pleased to provide this letter in strong support of **Dance Parade's 2026 Ageless Action SU-CASA Program**.

During the Spring 2026 residency, Dance Parade partnered with the **KCS Flushing Older Adult Center** to provide engaging **creative dance classes** led by their talented teaching artist. The program offered our older adult participants a meaningful opportunity to stay physically active, learn new dance movements, express themselves through music and movement, and build friendships in a welcoming and joyful environment.

The residency had a tremendous positive impact on our participants. The classes encouraged regular physical activity, improved confidence and mobility, reduced social isolation, and brought excitement and happiness to many of our older adults. Participants looked forward to each class and consistently expressed how much they enjoyed the energy, encouragement, and positivity the teaching artist brought to every session.

Our experience working with Dance Parade was exceptional. The organization was professional, well-organized, responsive, and collaborative throughout the residency. The teaching artist created an inclusive atmosphere where participants of all physical abilities felt comfortable, supported, and motivated to participate. Their patience, enthusiasm, and ability to connect with our diverse older adult community made the program especially successful.

One of the most memorable highlights of this year's residency was the participants' final performance. Our older adults were incredibly proud to showcase what they had learned, and the performance was met with tremendous enthusiasm from fellow participants, staff, families, and community members. It was a joyful celebration of their hard work, confidence, and creativity.

The positive experience extended well beyond the conclusion of the SU-CASA residency. As KCS relocated our Older Adult Center from our previous location on 166th Street to our new Vision Center on 147th Street, we were so impressed with the teaching artist and the overwhelming positive response from our participants that we are going to provide a new Zumba class with the same Dance Parade instructor from August. This continuation of the relationship demonstrates the lasting value and meaningful impact of the SU-CASA program. Our older adults continue to enjoy the classes and remain excited to participate each week.

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KCS has proudly participated in the SU-CASA Arts Engagement Program for more than ten years, and it has consistently enriched the lives of our older adult community through high-quality arts programming. Should Dance Parade be selected to participate in the next fiscal year's SU-CASA program, we would be delighted to continue our longstanding partnership and welcome additional arts programming for our participants.

We sincerely appreciate Dance Parade's commitment to making high-quality arts programming accessible to older adults throughout New York City. Programs such as SU-CASA promote creativity, wellness, lifelong learning, social engagement, and healthy aging while bringing lasting joy to our community.

We are grateful for this outstanding partnership and look forward to continuing our collaboration with Dance Parade for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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