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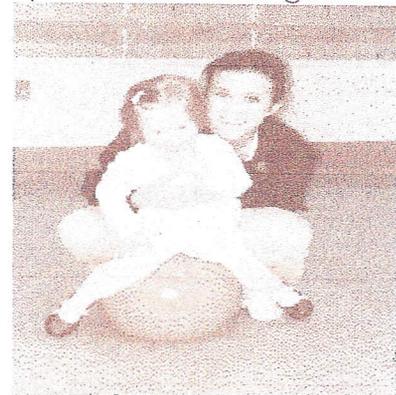


Danceability, Inc. is a nonprofit dance and movement program that teaches children and adults with special needs the fundamentals of dance. It also provides resources and support in a comfortable environment for their families and staff.

Danceability, Inc. was officially established in July, 2007 by Robin Bishop and Christine Kwiatkowski, opened its doors in September, 2007 and was granted 501 3c status in October, 2008. In that short time, the program has grown to serve over 80 families. Those who attend the program are challenged with disabilities including, but not limited to; autism, ADHD, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, traumatic brain injuries, angelman's syndrome, learning disabilities and psychiatric disorders. Dancers range from 4 years old to over 60 years old.

Students attend dance classes once a week from September through May. They are placed into classes after having a one on one individual assessment based on approximate age,

ability and parent/staff schedules in order to make the most successful group dynamics possible. Classes range from one to five students. Private lessons are given for those that require a one on one, individualized routine. The primary focus of each class is to have fun while the dancers learn the basics of dance, musicality, rhythm and routine. *Danceability, Inc.* strives to meet the needs of the individual while still in a cooperative group setting by finding the best modalities to help them meet their goals.



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The benefits of those few things reach far beyond. Dance and movement have the power to facilitate communication beyond words, facilitate socialization, create body awareness, improve flexibility, increase muscle strength, curb negative behaviors, and even help memory.

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