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### **DANZANTE'S MISSION**

Our mission is to serve as a multicultural community resource to provide artistic education for Latinos, Hispanics and others as a means of developing career opportunities, healthy minds and bodies, and respect for self and the environment.

### **HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION**

The Danzante programs began in 1978 with the presentation of Spanish flamenco dance and culture to residents of Central Pennsylvania. In 1992, Danzante received 501(c)3 status and began after-school programming in collaboration with the Church of the Brethren in South Allison Hill, Harrisburg, serving primarily a Latino population. In 1999, Danzante initiated a capital campaign totaling \$333,000 and developed its state-of-the-art community arts center in the McFarland Building on Crescent Street in South Allison Hill. In 2004 Danzante received funding through the National Endowment on the Arts to create and install the Mulberry Street murals.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

Our after-school program has grown from two days to four days a week. Programming currently involves the youth in dance, theatre, music and art. Our Visual Arts program offers classes thrice a week engaging youth in fun, creative projects. We serve over 50 children a week through our after-school program, offering external programs and partnering with other organizations to provide classes here at Danzante.

### **DANZANTE COMMUNITY ART GARDEN**

Danzante has adopted a lot from the City of Harrisburg on which an Art Garden is being cultivated. Volunteers from dozens of organizations have come together to help in this process. A small grant as well as individual donations are fueling the growth of the garden, however more is needed to continue to see this project to its fruition. Donations of materials, time and funds are being accepted for the purpose of creating an enriching community space in which performances can be held and residents can enjoy.

### **SUMMER CAMP**

Danzante has been holding summer camps for over two decades. Last year's camp was six-weeks long lasting the full day to provide a place for working families to help their kids grow, learn and have fun. Over the summer, campers produced a mural for the Brethren Housing Association, painted local fire hydrants, made stepping stones and performed dance recitals for the community. This year, Danzante is expanding on our partnership with the Salvation Army to produce a hybrid camp that will combine the best elements of Salvation Army and Danzante programming to produce the best possible experience for our youth.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

Danzante loves volunteers. We host major volunteer projects several times a year as well as working with volunteers almost daily with our after-school and summer programs. Group volunteer projects can be designed to fit the needs of the group and individual volunteers are needed most frequently from 3-4 M-TH when they can help our students complete their homework and serve as positive role models (which you probably are if you are reading this!)