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## **New Hardesty Opportunity Fund Expands Access to Dance Education in Broken Arrow**

New scholarship fund opens the door for students of all ages and experience levels to participate in dance training at Tulsa Ballet's Hardesty Center for Dance Education.

TULSA, Okla. – Tulsa Ballet is proud to announce the creation of the **Hardesty Opportunity Fund**, a new scholarship program designed to expand access to dance education for students of all ages and experience levels at the Hardesty Center for Dance Education in Broken Arrow.

Made possible through a generous endowment gift from longtime Tulsa Ballet supporters Charlie and Sheri Stinson, the Hardesty Opportunity Fund will provide scholarship assistance to families seeking high-quality dance education and help remove financial barriers that may prevent participation.

The fund represents expansion of scholarship opportunities within Tulsa Ballet's Center for Dance Education programs. While previous scholarship offerings primarily supported students participating in advanced intensive training programs, the Hardesty Opportunity Fund is available to students at every stage of their dance journey, including those stepping into a dance studio for the very first time.

Charles Stinson expressed a desire for his philanthropic investment to directly benefit children and families in the community. In collaboration with Tulsa Ballet Executive Director Stacey Jenkins, the decision was made to establish the fund at the Hardesty Center for Dance Education location, where it can create lasting opportunities for students throughout the region.

Tulsa Ballet's Center for Dance Education is recognized as one of the region's premier dance training programs, offering instruction from experienced professional educators and artists in a welcoming environment for students of all ages. Through classes ranging from beginner recreational programs to pre-professional training, the school serves hundreds of students annually while fostering confidence, creativity, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

Families interested in applying for scholarship assistance through the Hardesty Opportunity Fund can learn more and apply at:

<https://tulsaballet.org/hardesty-opportunity-fund-application/>