

Dear Teachers, Dancers, Families and Friends,

As many of you know, in 2011 when I established Tribute National Talent, I wanted to use my company as a way to help others in need so I created 5-6-7-8 Donate. Over the last few years on August 26th as my family reflects on my late father's birthday, I have had the opportunity to donate to various organizations which I feel can make a difference. I have never asked for others to donate or hold fundraisers at my events to donate funds to charity. In my heart I have always felt a personal calling to do my part to give back and to make a difference. The support that Tribute has received has given me that opportunity and privilege to do what I can to touch the lives of others. Even though I keep my company on a smaller scale with only a limited number of cities and acts we receive, over the last 3 seasons I have been able to donate over **\$25,000.00** to different organizations and foundations. This year for our 4th season I am donating an additional **\$15,000.00** and I am both honored and humbled to do so. With these additional donations to our 5-6-7-8 Donate Program, our donation total will now be over **\$40,000.00**. The pride and satisfaction is overwhelming and very rewarding for me as the owner of my own company to give back to others.

In making decisions for the donations this year I am making a **BIG** change on where the funds should go so I am asking for **YOUR** help as well. Over the last 3 years you will see that I have given to many large organizations which I am sure have helped children and families in some way. However, in doing so I never know what my donation is used for or for that matter where those funds end up going. So what I want to do this year is to **NOT** donate to large organizations or charities but directly to individuals and families that really need assistance. I also don't want to focus on just one particular cause or need so I can touch the lives of as many as possible with various donations. In doing so I will witness firsthand how a much needed donation can affect the lives of those who are on the receiving end. One thing I have realized by donating to some of the large charities is that once you donate you are bombarded with mail asking for additional funds on top of what you have already given. In my heart it just made the donations I made feel less important as I was asked for even more funds while never hearing or seeing of how my donation helped a family or child which for me is so important.

All around us we see those in need, those that have very little or those who struggle just to make it each and every day. I want to do everything I can to help and to see how just a small donation can truly change their lives in some way. The other night I watched the news and a story aired about a single mother who works long hours just to provide a home and clothing for her children. This story was very devastating because their home caught on fire and they lost everything they had. The one thing she said that really hit me was she did not have home owners insurance because she had to choose between food on the table or insurance, and she chose feeding her children first. Stories like this make you realize how blessed you are and how if you are able you should do what you can for others who really need help.

So please help me select individuals and families who really need help and assistance financially. Send me an email at darin@tributetodance.com and your help with these important decisions will be very much appreciated. My goal will be to help as many as possible with these donations. In doing so my own heart will be touched by seeing and feeling the appreciation and gratitude from those who receive these gifts.

Thank you so much and I will look forward to reading your emails and letters as I continue to give back and make a difference in any way I can.



CEO & Founder – Tribute National Talent