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To Whom It May Concern,

AHC's After-School Program at Fort Henry Gardens is excited to partner with the Jane Franklin Dance Company in the spring of 2009. We look forward to participating in a series of eight workshops that will conclude with a stage performance by the elementary-aged children from Fort Henry.

While many of our students are artistic and musical, they are not often given opportunities such as these due to lack of financial resources. Many of our students also suffer from learning and/or emotional disabilities. The children, like their middle-class Arlington peers, need opportunities to express themselves through the arts, and perhaps find their passion in the performing or visual arts.

The children from Fort Henry have participated in several workshops with the Jane Franklin Dance Co. during the past year. In these workshops, Jane has supported the children's growth and development by teaching them how to make eye contact, develop a sense of personal space (yours and others') and, most importantly, how to safely experience and express emotions.

At Fort Henry we also teach the children about the importance of nutrition and healthy bodies. Ms. Franklin's program reinforces these concepts as she encourages each and everyone of them to be active and to appreciate their bodies and the expression it provides them.

We are really looking forward to this partnership in the spring!

Sincerely,

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