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Dear Friends and Family:

I am writing to ask for your support for the 5TH ANNUAL DANCE FOR ANA WITH LOVE (DFAWL) FUNDRAISER to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Academy of Science and Innovation at 600 Slater Rd, New Britain, CT.

The DFAWL event will be filled with family fun activities centered around dance and movement in honor of Ana Grace Márquez-Greene. Ana was one of the 20 young children murdered in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on December 14, 2012 in Newtown, CT. Her family described her as an angelic child who loved freely, expressed empathy for all and loved to dance.

Over the past four (4) years, Carla Butler, the Founder of the DFAWL FUNdraiser used dance and a family fun day to honor Ana's memory. Her Executive Committee raised \$30,000.00 to date, and proceeds have benefited the Ana Grace Project. The Ana Grace Project was founded by Ana's mother, Nelba Márquez-Greene.

Nelba Márquez-Greene dedicates her life to providing resources for children and families to identify early signs of mental illness and she seeks to eliminate the stigma associated with it. Carla Butler and the DFAWL Executive Committee are committed to supporting Nelba's mission, which is to promote love, community and connection for every child. Monies raised from the FUNdraiser were used to support a Mental Health Trauma Clinic and a Love Wins Family Resource Center at the Chamberlain School in New Britain, CT. With the full endorsement of New Britain Mayor, Erin Stewart, and Superintendent, Nancy Sarra, we hope to provide resources for ten (10) partner schools in the city of New Britain. In addition, funds were used to purchase music and dance equipment for children.

Unfortunately, tragedies such as Sandy Hook continue throughout our nation. Therefore, we seek to raise additional funds to support direct services for early detection and treatment of children in distress at local schools as well as educate teachers and health care providers in mental illness awareness and violence prevention.

As Nelba stated in a television interview with Gayle King, CBS This Morning Show, "There are generally three (3) responses to tragedy: flight, fight or freeze. Her husband Jimmy added another response - create." Jimmy chose to create a Grammy Nominated CD to honor his daughter's legacy, and Nelba chose to fight. She dedicates her life to providing resources to spot mental illness before tragedy hits. The Dance For Ana With Love Committee is committed to supporting her cause.

Please visit the Ana Grace Project website to review the work they are doing in the educational system and consider donating to support our family fun-filled event. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to DFAWL, P. O. Box 3573, Newtown, CT 06470-3573. Make checks payable to the Ana Grace Project, and please note "Dance For Ana" in the memo section. You may also make donations via Eventbrite or on Facebook at Dance For Ana With Love Annual FUNdraiser under the Purchase Tickets & Donation tab.

For every donation of \$100.00 or more, you will receive one (1) DFAWL tee shirt. For every donation of \$200.00 or more, you will receive a tee shirt and entrance to the FUNdraiser for a family of four (4).

The Ana Grace Project and the Dance For Ana With Love Committee thanks you for your anticipated support. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 900-4ANA.

Love Wins,

Tracey Butler

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For more on The Ana Grace Project, please watch this promotional video to learn Why We Do What We Do!

<https://vimeo.com/195408793?ref=em-v-share>