



It is my pleasure to introduce you to Refuge Dance Company, a collection of professional dancers within the Atlanta area who present thought provoking works revealing the redemptive message of love and grace. A volunteer company, Refuge embraces dancers who would normally have no place to dance. Many dance companies do not accommodate dancers as they get older, start a family or need to further their education. Refuge embraces those dancers and creates a safe, flexible environment that allows the dancer to continue dancing through their life-changes.

Over the past five years Refuge Dance Company has:

- Provided a positive dancing environment and dance classes free of charge to over 40 dancers
- Produced six repertory performances in addition to many community events
- Participated three times in Dance Canvas, an emerging choreographer showcase with many other companies within the Atlanta arts community
- Acted as Fiscal Sponsor for Compass Dance Academy in Tyrone, GA through the process of establishing Compass' first studio
- Acted as local host for the Project Dance Foundation's annual Atlanta event from 2007-2010

Now we're ready to do even more!

Refuge Dance Company is committed to being an active voice within the dance community in Atlanta, including offering several productions in venues throughout the metro Atlanta area each year. For our next production, Refuge Dance Company has been granted the rights to create a work based on the novel *Hinds Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard. We are in the process of bringing this story to life with the help of music composed by local musicians. This work will premiere to Atlanta audiences in 2012.

Refuge Dance Company also partners with local rescue and recovery programs such as Women of Gilgal, Breakthru House and WellSpring to provide dance classes free of charge to those on the road to recovery.

Another exciting project is Dance for MS. In August 2010, inspired by the incredible journey of former Refuge company member Emily Seibert, Refuge Dance Company began offering two free dance classes per month for individuals in our community that are living with Multiple Sclerosis.

In order for us to continue to impact our community and expand our reach, we are seeking individual and corporate support. We ask that you consider partnering with us as we seek to speak the message of love and grace through the beautiful medium of dance to as large an audience as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Gant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'K'.

Katherine Gant  
Artistic Director  
Refuge Dance Company

## What We're Working On

Refuge Dance Company, Inc. is currently operating in four areas:

1. **Refuge Dance Company** – This is our main focus and the backbone for all of our other projects. Refuge Dance Company offers free dance classes taught by guest teachers to the dance community. These classes are offered primarily at the Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education's Cobb Centre on Saturdays. Refuge Dance Company currently has 10 company members, all of whom either work full-time jobs as something other than a dancer or attend college, and are serving with Refuge on a voluntary basis. Our goal is to begin providing compensation for each company member in the form of a per-performance stipend by the end of 2011 with a further goal of having dancers as salaried employees by the end of 2012.
2. **Hinds Feet on High Places** – the publishers of the novel *Hinds Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard (ISBN-13: 978-0842314299) have granted permission for Refuge Dance Company to create a work based on the novel. This best-selling allegory dramatizes the yearning to reach new heights of love and joy. Refuge Dance Company is in the process of bringing this story to life to the accompaniment of music composed by local musicians specifically for Refuge Dance Company. This work will premiere to Atlanta audiences in 2011. The overall cost of this project is estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000.
3. **Dance for MS** – In August 2010, inspired by the life of our friend and former Refuge company member Emily Seibert, Refuge Dance Company began offering two free dance classes per month for individuals in our community that are living with Multiple Sclerosis. MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system. One of the keys to managing MS is to remain as active as possible. Dance for MS is an excellent way for MS patients to not only get the necessary exercise, but also learn ways to properly compensate for body parts that are not functioning properly and learn techniques to minimize possible injury should a fall occur. Refuge Dance Company is seeking donations and grants to cover the cost of this program, which will allow us to offer these classes free-of-charge. Dance for MS is offered through a partnership with the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Atlanta and the Georgia Chapter of the National MS Society.
4. **Outreach to Recovery/Rescue Ministries** – As our name implies, our goal as an organization is to provide a safe place through dance. We believe that this does not just apply to those that are trained dancers, but also to those who can use dance as a healing tool, a release, a comfort, a welcomed distraction from the troubles of life. For this reason, Refuge Dance Company partners with a number of Atlanta-area ministries that are focused on providing a place for those in need, including Women of Gilgal, Breakthru House, and WellSpring. Refuge Dance Company offers classes to provide exercise and bring joy to the lives of participants as they are on the road to recovery. In order to continue the current outreach and add to the number of ministries with which we are able to partner,

## How You Can Help

Refuge Dance Company is in need of partners who are interested in helping to build us up. Our most pressing need currently is funding. As we shared above, Refuge Dance Company is in the process of expanding our programs to reach a larger number of people. As our programs continue to grow, so does our financial need. There are two main ways to partner with us financially – Monthly Partnership and a One-time Gift.

**Monthly Partnership** – Below are our recommended monthly partnership levels along with the number of partners we are seeking at each level.

- **\$10.14 – “Venti Lattes for 2” Level** – your monthly gift, equaling the cost two Venti lattes at your local Seattle-based purveyor of coffee, goes toward studio rental for Dance for MS classes, printing costs for one of our performance series, or two guest teachers for Refuge’s company classes. To show our appreciation for your partnership at this level, you receive:
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - Complimentary tickets for two to one of our performances
- **\$23.56 – “Four #1 Value Meals” Level** – Whether you prefer to have it your way, Eat-Mor-Chikin, or are “bada-bop-bop-bah Lovin it”, your gift at this level provides for a Dance for MS class or three Outreach classes. Benefits of this level of partnership include:
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - Complimentary tickets for four to one of our performances
  - Post-show receptions during each performance series
- **\$48.74 – “Date Night” Level** – for the cost of a dinner for two at your local restaurant, you can sponsor a monthly guest teacher from the Atlanta dance community to come and teach Refuge’s company class, the technical staff for one of our performance series, or three months of Outreach classes. Partners at this level receive:
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - A “Double-date” - Complimentary tickets for four to each of our performance series
  - Post-show receptions during each performance series
- **\$99 – “Did I pay the Cable Bill?” Level** – The most HD programming, blazingly fast High-speed Internet, and Unlimited local & long distance calling to anywhere in the U.S. – OK, so we can’t offer you any of that, but for the same price (minus the Franchise and Federal Regulatory fees), your donation covers the cost of costumes for the *Hinds Feet on High Places* performance series, a live accompanist for Dance for MS classes, or 12 Outreach classes. This level of partnership entitles you to:
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - Complimentary tickets for eight to each of our performance series
  - Post-show receptions during each performance series
  - Access to Dress Rehearsals and Pre-Show Activities

**One-time Gifts** – One-time Gifts also play an important part in our financial success. Below is a list of partnership/sponsorship levels, along with the benefits of giving at each level.

- **\$25-\$99 – Partner**
  - Recognition in show programs
- **\$100 - \$249 – Bronze Partner**
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - Complimentary tickets for two to one of our performances
- **\$250-\$499 – Silver Partner**
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - Complimentary tickets for four to one of our performances
  - Post-show receptions during each performance series
- **\$500-\$999 – Gold Partner**
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - Complimentary tickets for four to each of our performance series
  - Post-show receptions during each performance series
- **\$1,000+ – Platinum Partner**
  - Recognition in show programs, on our website, and on select printed materials
  - Complimentary tickets for eight to each of our performance series
  - Post-show receptions during each performance series
  - Access to Special Previews and Pre-Show Activities
- **\$3,600 – Outreach Program Title Sponsor**
  - Platinum Partner benefits
  - Recognition as the title sponsor at all Outreach program activities
- **\$6,500 – Dance for MS Title Sponsor**
  - Platinum Partner benefits
  - Recognition as the title sponsor at all Dance for MS program activities
- **\$10,000 – *Hinds Feet on High Places* Title Sponsor**
  - Platinum Partner benefits
  - Recognition as the title sponsor at the premiere performance series for *Hinds Feet on High Places* as well as in all promotional materials and programs for the show
  - Additional complimentary tickets to performances of *Hinds Feet on High Places*
- **\$37,500+ – Season Sponsor**
  - Platinum Partner benefits
  - Recognition as the title sponsor at all Refuge events and in all printed materials during the season sponsored
  - Additional complimentary tickets to all of our performances

If you are interested in partnering with Refuge Dance Company, please contact us either by visiting [www.refugedance.org/partner](http://www.refugedance.org/partner) or by completing the following form and mailing it to the Mailing Address listed below:

*Note - Please be sure to include a valid email and/or phone number when responding either online or by completing the form so that we can contact you.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to partner with Refuge Dance Company in the following way:

Recurring Monthly Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  One-time Gift: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

Check *Please pay by check for amounts over \$100 to avoid excess fees being deducted.*  
 Credit Card Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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