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## **Local Dance School to Host Easter Basket Drive & Free Dance Classes For Mid-South Youth**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** – Community-based ballet school and youth dance company, Ballet On Wheels Dance School and Company is hosting its **9th Annual Easter Basket Drive & Free Dance Camp** to bring free dance class opportunities to youth ages 3-14.

The annual Easter event will be **Saturday, March 25, 2017, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Ballet On Wheels Dance School & Company (1015 S. Cooper St.)**. Camp goers will explore various dance forms, including Ballet, Jazz, African and Hip Hop, through mini classes. At the end of the camp, participants experience an opportunity to see a live performance by the Ballet On Wheels Dance Company.

“Ballet On Wheels Dance School & Company always strive to make a difference by helping youth experience the arts, so we are excited about the basket drive and dance class,” said Chauniece Thompson, Executive Artistic Director of Ballet On Wheels.

The unique dance camp is free, but filled and wrapped Easter baskets are required upon entry. Hope House & Target House of Memphis will be this year’s basket recipients. These youth facilities care for kids with terminally ill diseases including Aids and Cancer.

Camp participants should wear dance clothes, colorful tutus or other comfortable clothes suitable for dance movement.

Participants 3 to 6 years old will participate in Creative Movement dance from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm only. Participants 7 years old and older will dance from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm plus watch a mini dance performance presented by the performance company of Ballet On Wheels Dance Company.

For more information about the Easter Basket Drive and Free Dance Camp and to register, visit [www.balletonwheels.org](http://www.balletonwheels.org) or call (901) 870-4348.

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### **About Ballet On Wheels Dance School & Company:**

Ballet On Wheels Dance School & Company is a non-profit, community-based classical ballet school and youth dance company. Students learn the fundamentals of dance while developing qualities that make for a successful and happy life: self-discipline, perseverance, creativity and more. Our mission and goal is to develop and define art education and appreciation of classical ballet and other dance

genres, through self-discipline, creative expression and performance exposure, in young people of diverse backgrounds. For more information on Ballet On Wheels Dance School & Company, visit [www.balletonwheels.org](http://www.balletonwheels.org).