



Dear Sacred Dance Guild,

You can see from the kids' faces in the photos from Armenia how happy they are to be receiving the new dance supplies. They typically just wear their school clothes and I know that having special shoes and outfits will make them feel very good, and may allow them to take their club to the next level by participating in competitions or performing in other villages.

It is amazing to see how far these children have come through the efforts of COAF and caring organizations like The Sacred Dance Guild. Providing them with a school environment that is warm, inviting and encouraging to creativity is one very critical step in the process of their development. However, it is programs like the dance club that give them the self-confidence and inspiration to change the trajectory of their futures for good.

While it may not be evident from the photos taken in their new school, these children live under circumstances that Americans would find very hard to imagine. Most live with three or sometimes four generations of their family in small homes that lack indoor plumbing and are barely heated in the winter. Families struggle to put food on the table and good jobs are scarce. School is a refuge for these kids and enriching cultural and social activities can be life changing.

One of the most critical things that we can do for children is to show them that they are valued and cared for. We thank you for all that you and friends of your organization have done to show the dance club participants that you care, from halfway around the world!

Best regards and thanks again,

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