

"TOGETHER" FOCUS Gives Thanks to:

My husband, partner, and soul mate, Darick Parrish; who continues to be an inspiration, everyday, to FOCUS. His amazing talents, compassion, care and love helps guide us on this new journey in our new location. Dear Darick, you are forever loved and missed.

Sharon Willard; The Administrative Director, Monie's Personal Assistant, and cherished Friend. Your endless loyalty, integrity, honor, commitment, and TLC touches us all, and keeps us all grounded. Thank you for always believing in FOCUS and showing this in the endless hours you dedicate, the infinite hats you wear, the endless talents you share, and your selfless commitment to reflect the professionalism of FOCUS. I am forever grateful and truly blessed to have you there by my side. We would all be lost without you.

The FDC Faculty; For the training, support, guidance, encouragement, TLC, creativity, and inspiration you give to each and every dancer, and all you do to help make FOCUS an even greater success for all, with your "together" teamwork and commitment!

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The FOCUS Universal, and Competing Dancers; those marvelous entertainers we are so proud to call FOCUS family, and their endless commitment to exploring that amazing passion that is dance. A genuine thank you for lighting up the stage, giving music an even more beautiful purpose, and your determination to

BECOME the Dancer your heart dreams. You Move, Breathe, Sweat, and yes, sometimes Bleed, As a Dancer. Thank you for sharing your passion for dance with each and every FOCUS audience and being part of the FOCUS journey.

The Parent; The Guardian, Taxi Driver, ATM, Alarm Clock, Therapist, Nurse, Doctor, Chef, Laundromat, Tailor, And Supplier of Support, Motivation, Encouragement, Lessons, Reality, Love, TOUGH-Love, and Life in General. FOCUS thanks you for your generosity, enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and most of all the patronage, loyalty, and commitment you bring to FDC.

Here's to everyone, for your belief in our "focus" as we "together" celebrate the New Generation of FOCUS in our new building! We love you all!