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**United Arts of Central Florida Continues Their Support of QKA Music & Dance Programs**

**Orlando, Florida (September 17, 2021)** – Quest Kids Academy, a K-12 school providing customized education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Orlando region, announced today that they’ve received \$2,000 from United Arts of Central Florida for their music and dance programs.

The Art of Movement and Dance is a class offered in partnership with Chance 2 Dance, Inc. out of Maitland and the music program is facilitated by Joyful Music Therapy out of Orlando.

“All of our students participate in these classes and really enjoy these offerings,” said Melissa Lopez, Director of Quest Kids Academy. “The music and dance teachers are fantastic. We very much enjoy our relationship with these partners in education and are so grateful for the funding that comes from United Arts of Central Florida.”

Children with developmental and learning disabilities have the ability to learn academic, social and recreational skills through artistic activities. Their skills often become more complex and refined over time as they participate in arts programs.

One of Quest Kids Academy’s primary goals is to teach confidence, strengthen fine and gross motor skills and to build a love for artistic expression from a young age. The school has offered music classes for over a decade and this is the sixth year of their dance class offering.

**About Quest, Inc.**

Quest, Inc.’s mission, through quality and innovation, is to build communities where people with disabilities achieve their goals. Quest serves children and adults through a range of services proven to increase capabilities and quality of life. As Central Florida’s premier provider of these services, Quest makes a difference in the lives of more than 1,100 people each day. Quest has provided services in Central Florida for more than 50 years. For more information, visit [QuestInc.org](http://QuestInc.org).

**About United Arts of Central Florida**

United Arts is a nonprofit whose mission is to enrich communities by investing in arts, science and history. Since 1989, United Arts has invested \$170 million in Central Florida arts and culture. United Arts invests more than \$8 million annually into more than 75 arts, science and history cultural providers throughout Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through grants, collaborative fundraising and contact service opportunities.