

Ruth Page Keystone Dance Academy



Photo: Elysia Banks, Keystone Program Coordinator & KDA Dancers

WHY KEYSTONE?

Ruth Page Keystone Dance Academy (KDA) at Wentworth Elementary on Chicago's southside gives dancers in grades 1–8 year-round training, performance opportunities, and mentorship. With no auditions and no cost to families, KDA uses ballet and jazz technique, plus creative and choreographic exploration to build confidence and resilience and a sense of belonging.

KDA students may continue, at no cost, into Ruth Page's Young Dancers Training Program or the two-week Summer Dance Bootcamp building friendships and skills that bring them back year after year.

WHO MAKES IT POSSIBLE?

- Union League Chicago Boys & Girls Club provides access.
- A dedicated Program Coordinator and Program Assistant lead daily instruction and mentorship.
- Summer Guest instructors and accompanists bring specialized training in dance and music.
- Ruth Page School of Dance provides the facilities and the pathway to advanced training.
- Ruth Page Center staff provide administrative and program support.
- The Ruth Page Board of Directors and donors like you sustain it all.

ANNUAL PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Instruction & Mentorship Staffing	\$60,300
Tuition Scholarships (KDA → YDTP → Summer Dance Bootcamp)	\$54,236
Transportation & Meals	\$15,000
Dancewear, Costumes & Supplies	\$7,275
Marketing & Program Documentation	\$900
TOTAL ANNUAL COST	\$137,711

Tuition, contributions and grants, currently cover \$52,828 of this cost leaving an **\$84,883 annual gap** for sponsors like you to help close.

A gift of any size provides training, mentorship, transportation, costumes, and nourishing meals free, to every dancer in the program. Contact Development@ruthpage.org or click [here](#) if you'd like to donate.