



Dear Parents,

Let's Move! Let's Dance! is excited to support Smile Train, a non-profit organization that provides free cleft lip and palate surgery to children in developing countries. By supporting Smile Train, your child is taking a stand and putting a stop to the bullying endured daily by children with unrepaired clefts in the developing world.

Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where there are more than one million children suffering with unrepaired clefts. Most cannot eat or speak properly and are not allowed to attend school or hold a job. They face very difficult lives filled with shame and isolation, pain and heartache. Their clefts usually go untreated because they are poor – too poor to pay for a simple surgery that has been around for decades.

Smile Train has provided more than 925,000 free cleft surgeries to children in developing countries. With a focus on empowering local medical professionals, Smile Train has provided thousands of training opportunities for its partner hospitals in 87 of the world's poorest countries. It's this unique model that allows Smile Train to help more than 340 children every day, one child every 4½ minutes.

It only costs 250\$ to perform one cleft palate surgery. A sponsorship form will be sent home with your child so each Lets Move! Let's Dance student can raise at least 25\$ so we can support at least one cleft palate surgery for a child through our performance. Please encourage your child to request at least 5 adults for a donation and also collect pennies/nickels/dimes/quarters from the children and teens they know for this simple surgery that will help a child in India.

We request the pleasure of your company with family and friends at our performances. Thank you for your support: as we celebrate our children here perform Indian Dance, how fitting it will be that this will also help children suffering with unrepaired clefts in India.

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Director, Let's Move! Let's Dance!