

CTFD in Las Vegas

Career Counselors **Paulette Fried, Lauren Gordon,** and **Suzie Jary** conducted a National Outreach Project in **Las Vegas** from September 22-24. Over **312** dancers from the musicals **Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia; Cirque du Soleil's Love & Cirque Mystere;** grid shows **La Reve, Jubilee, Show in the Sky, Celine Dion, Splash, Fashionistas;** and students from **University of Las Vegas** learned about CTFD's methodology and programs. A six hour community workshop took place at The Nevada Ballet Theatre, on September 24th providing both group and one-on-one career counseling sessions. The National Outreach Project in Las Vegas was so well received that many dancers inquired on how they can further learn about CTFD's services and also receive more career counseling sessions.

Gala Auction Chair Ann Van Ness Hosts Pre-Gala Celebration

Gala Auction Chair Ann Van Ness and her husband **William Van Ness** hosted a pre-gala cocktail reception at their Upper East Side townhouse on October 5, 2006. The reception was held to celebrate **ONE WORLD**, CTFD's 21st Anniversary Gala Jubilee and to showcase items that would be auctioned at the Gala's live auction on October 23rd, 2006. The highlight of the evening was an inspiring speech given by the **President and CEO of Rolex Watch U.S.A., Inc., Allen Brill** spoke about the history of Rolex's involvement with the gala and how it has helped the growth of the vital services provided by CTFD. The wine for the reception was donated by **Cambria Wine Estate - The Official Wine Sponsor for CTFD's 21st Anniversary Jubilee.**

Funding News

Are you over 70 years of age? If you are, you can take advantage of a new tax law that will allow you to donate from your IRA tax-free! Because of the recently signed Pension Protection Act H.R.4, which established a new Charitable IRA, you may now make

direct contributions from your IRA to Career Transition For Dancers. Contributions are limited to an amount up to \$100,000 and must be made directly to CTFD, this new law only applies to 2006 and 2007 tax years. If you would like more information about this great opportunity, please feel free to contact the organization's **Director of Development, William J. Dale,** at (212) 764-0172.

Board of Directors

Sanford (Bud) I. Wolff, Esq. received the CTFD Award for **Outstanding Contributions to the World of Dance** at the CTFD Board of Directors meeting on November 16, 2006. Bud along with his fellow board members celebrated his life with CTFD as one of the organization's founders and original board members. A CTFD award was presented posthumously in honor of Eddie Weston, CTFD's Founding Chairman.

Support Us Now

When you support our organization, you share in the future. The support we receive from our patrons is greatly appreciated. Gifts can also be restricted to ensure that your money goes directly to programs of which you feel connected. **\$110** will allow a dancer to receive a one-on-one hour-long **session with a career counselor.** **\$550** will allow 5 dancers to receive this same opportunity. **\$2000** will grant a dancer an **educational scholarship or entrepreneurial grant.** **\$5000** will underwrite a **National Outreach Project** — a two-day seminar that provides dancers with personalized one-on-one and group career counseling and allow our vital services to personally reach a dance community outside of the New York and Los Angeles area.

Contributions take various forms. Most offer substantial tax benefits to the donor. By choosing the type of gift that is right for your needs and interests, you may be able to make a more substantial contribution than you might have considered, resulting in significant tax and estate planning benefits. Carefully planned, your gift could not only **help strengthen CTFD,** it could also improve financial security for you and your loved ones.

Cash Gifts

Making your annual gift to CTFD by personal check, VISA, MasterCard, or American Express is easy, quick, and direct. Cash gifts entitle donors to income tax deductions and are immediately available for the organization's use. You can also receive the same benefits by making a gift online which is secured by PayPal on our website (www.careertransition.org).

Matching Gifts

You or your spouse may work for a company with a Matching Gift Program. If so, by completing the company's matching gift form and returning it to CTFD with your gift, you could double or perhaps even triple the value of your gift.

Gifts of Securities

Donors wishing to give long-term securities (those held for at least one year) will find the tax advantages particularly beneficial. Gifts of long-term securities entitle donors to a tax deduction for the gift — up to a maximum of 30 percent of your adjusted gross income with a five-year carry-over period for the excess.

Gifts of Real Estate, Life Insurance, Retirement Plans, IRAs, Personal Property

Making gifts of primary residences, vacation homes, land, other personal property, as well as life insurance, can be quite advantageous to both donors and CTFD. With the new Pension Protection Act H.R.4., you can also make donations to CTFD through your IRA, and its tax-free.

Planned Gifts

Your will can be a creative vehicle for making a thoughtful bequest to benefit CTFD in perpetuity. Bequests are an important and simple way in which donors can strengthen CTFD's financial base and provide significant funding for its expanding programs and ever-increasing client-base. Bequests are exempt from both federal and state estate taxes, and any limitation on deductions. Donors may bequeath an unrestricted gift, endowed fund, or educational scholarship to benefit the organization and its dancer-clients for years to come.

Career Transition For Dancers welcomes your inquiries and feedback. Please contact **William J. Dale, Director of Development,** at (212) 764-0172.



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