through the Caroline H. Newhouse Scholarship Fund if they feel finding a new career involves earning a degree or certification in a particular field.

In the past year, we have provided counseling and scholarships to dancers seeking careers in such diverse fields as accounting, acupuncture, holistic medicine, law and nursing, to name a few.

What an amazing organization this is. I hope you are as proud as I am to help provide this vital safety net at such a critical moment in dancers’ lives.

As the demand for services increases, so does our reliance on donations from people like you. The Board of Directors and I have pledged unwavering support for the organization’s programs to ensure they continue to be provided free of charge to every dancer who needs our help, whether they be in person at our New York, Los Angeles or Chicago offices, online at CareerTransition.org, or around the country through CareerLine hotline or National Outreach Projects.

Thank you for making these services possible and best wishes from all of us for a happy, healthy and productive new year.

Executive Director’s message
Celebrating 25 years of service

BY ALEXANDER J. DUBÉ

2008 and 2009 have been tumultuous years both financially and psychologically to our dancer-clients nationwide.

With businesses, including dance companies and other arts related organizations, cutting back, Career Transition For Dancers’ Board of Directors has resolved that we will not reduce any of our programs and services, and this is evidenced this year by a 46% increase in awarding scholarships for education, entrepreneurial endeavors and certification programs that will total an expenditure of $406,000, plus a 29% increase in our one-one-one career counseling services.

Our dancer-clients need us now more than ever and we will continue to be their “safety-net” through and including our 2010 25th Silver Anniversary Jubilee.

At this star-studded event on—HOLD THE DATE—Monday, November 8, 2010, we will celebrate our past, present and future achievements, and dedicate this very important milestone to the more than 4,300 dancer-clients we have had the privilege to serve the past quarter century.

Our mission continues to enable dancers to define their career possibilities and develop the skills necessary to excel in a variety of disciplines.

From a very grateful organization, we thank our Board of Directors, underwriters, sponsors, patrons, staff, friends and volunteers for allowing us to not only achieve our mission, but to surpass it. The transition journey continues for all of us, and thank you for allowing Career Transition For Dancers to be a part of each of your journeys. Here’s to the next 25 years!

Be sure to follow the gala on Facebook and Twitter to be the first to know about performers and presenters.