



## *Words From The Stage*

*by Ron Young*

Let me put it simply. Career Transition for Dancers (CTFD) changed my life. After a 33-year career in musical theater I felt, deep down, I needed a change. Here's the scary part – I didn't know if I had any other skills to earn a living. So what to do? A friend told me about CTFD. This was back in 1995 and over the next year the dynamic duo of Suzie Jary and Elizabeth Campbell shepherded me through the daunting process of finding out what I wanted to do with my life when I grew up. After that year I found my niche in the Marketing Communications department of a large financial institution and stayed there for almost 12 years.

Recently I have written a book about my journey and the year of working with CTFD takes up a complete chapter. In fact one friend who read my book said that anyone even contemplating changing careers should read this chapter, because I approached it so pro-actively, treating “finding a new career” as a full time job. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all of you for supporting CTFD throughout the years to help dancers like me move on with our lives. Thank you.