



Zeeland Recreation and the Zeeland Youth Dance Company proudly present...

“Kid’s Dance Day 2017” and *Uplifted*, a Benefit Dance Concert

Zeeland, MI - The Zeeland Youth Dance Company and its senior division, the Zeeland Dance Company will be hosting a Kid’s Dance Day on Saturday, October 14 from 9am-12pm for 3 yr olds - Kindergartners and 9am-1pm for 1st-5th graders at Cityside Middle School Lokers Auditorium. Dance Day is designed to appeal to both new and experienced dancers, ages 3 through 5th grade. This jam-packed day aims to expose area children to dance and performing arts through a variety of activities. Participants will receive exposure to, or instruction in, hip hop, modern, jazz, musical theater and other types of dance taught by ZDC’s high school aged members. Besides learning an upbeat dance routine, kids will have fun with crafts, a photo booth and various movement and drama games. A t-shirt, lunch and snacks will be provided. The cost of this fun-filled day is \$25 or \$35 depending on age. Participants in the 1st-5th grade group are also invited to perform with the Company that evening in their annual benefit concert, titled *Uplifted*.

This year, *Uplifted* will once again benefit Hand2Hand Ministries, a wonderful organization that provides local K-12 students who qualify with supplemental food for the weekend. Last year, Zeeland Youth Dance Company members were able to donate \$2,500 to Hand2Hand Ministries through concert proceeds and we hope to exceed that amount this year. ZYDC dancers are passionate about sharing their love of dance and enjoy the added purpose of using their talents to give back to their community. Please join us at *Uplifted* on Saturday, October 14 at 6 PM at Cityside Middle School Lokers Auditorium. Tickets for the concert are \$8.

The Zeeland Youth Dance Company is a program of Zeeland Recreation and under the artistic direction of Rachel Plaggemars and Cydney Sheneman is in its ninth performance season. Dancers in the company range from 6th-12th grade. They rehearse and take class numerous times per week to prepare for performances throughout the year. The company most recently staged *Swan Lake* (2016) and *Sleeping Beauty* (2017) and performed for the Grand Rapids Arts Fest in June. Funds raised through Kid’s Dance Day will help support ZYDC’s upcoming ballet production, *Alice in Wonderland*, in January and all proceeds from ticket sales for the evening concert will benefit Hand2Hand Ministries.

To register for Kid’s Dance Day or purchase tickets for *Uplifted*, please contact Zeeland Recreation at 616.748.3230. You may also visit us online at zps.org/recreation. Zeeland Recreation is located at 320 East Main Avenue in Zeeland.