

## JV Outreach's dance program reaches teens

### Concludes successful summer

ROSWELL, GA. — Young people are most tempted to get into mischief if they have too much time on their hands. When their minds are on their feet, the hands seem to follow.

JV Outreach Executive Director Jacqueline Vergez started her dance program out of a passion for dance and wanting to make a difference in the world. The mission of JV Outreach is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people through dance.

Trained instructors share their passion and love of dance with youths and teenagers. Through dance, children are building self-esteem, discipline, teamwork, and social skills that they will carry all their lives.

That goal has been accomplished yet again through a great partnership with Tol-

bert-Yilmaz School of Dance in Roswell providing the studio for practices and performances for Hip-Hop and Salsa.

This year's instructors, Niya Patel (salsa) and Je'Von McFarland (hip-hop) dedicated their time to teaching these young dance artists choreographed routines.

Anthony Ditaranto, a second year student with JV Outreach said, "JV Outreach is an awesome program. I thank Jacqueline for having a big heart and creating the opportunity for me to express myself through dance.

"Without JV Outreach, I would not have been awarded the scholarship to take dance lessons at Tolbert-Yilmaz School of dance. Without that scholarship, I would not be taking lessons."

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Couples **Anthony Ditaranto** with **Marissa Smookler**, left, and **Shaniya Moore** with **Royal Ford** enjoy dancing to salsa and hip hop.

Outreach also started to teach dance as part of the physical education program at Holcomb Bridge and Elkins Pointe middle schools and at Independence High School. Students got a taste of dance in PE class and are now requesting after

school dance programs.

Jacqueline's dream is to have all schools incorporate dance into their physical educational programs and have dance programs available after-school as well for all that want to dance.

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