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CHRISTIAN
Chara



Shanna Kirkpatrick, owner

Experience the Joy of Music and Dance! This is the motto of Chara Christian Dance Academy, touching the lives of young girls and boys through movement, and now music lessons, for eight years. Chara opened a new facility last fall and specializes in beginner dancers, while passionate about helping advanced dancers reach their goals from the high school drill team to the Houston Ballet.

The joy and positive impact dance and music makes in the lives of students is what drove Shanna Kirkpatrick, owner and mother of two, to create a studio that offers families and children a safe environment and sense of belonging. "Dance teaches so much more than steps. It develops self confidence, teamwork, and discipline. These are qualities that last way beyond the school age years, carrying kids through their lifetime. The quality of our programming is not just found in the amazing dancers we train but in the unique individuals we come along side parents to help develop."



Ellyson, Age 7

Chara has been the source of much joy for Ellyson, a student with Chara for five years. Born without fingers on her right hand, Elly has undergone multiple surgeries. "The staff at Chara has been very supportive and helped Elly be successful", says Elly's mom. "Chara has helped Elly become more confident in herself. She does not see herself as "different" at Chara. There she is happy. Dancing on stage is what gives her joy."



Bailey, Age 10

10 year old Bailey, a Type 1 Diabetic, found a safe place in Chara. "Sometimes I feel so weird because I wear a pump but here I know they care about me. Here I am not 'weird or different", says Bailey. "Bailey overcomes challenges every day", says her mom Beth. "Dancing at Chara helps her feel better physically. Her teachers are very mindful of her and her friends here not only dance together but pray together. That is more important than any dance competition or trophy to me."

Shanna is proud of her studios culture and as a mother recognizes the great impact she and her staff has on other parents' children. "The influence we have on these precious lives is what guides and directs our decisions and priorities as an organization. We are about so much more than dance."

There is something for everyone this summer at Chara Christian Dance Academy with multiple camps and weekly dance classes for all ages. Private music lessons are available in voice and piano.

FREE Evening of Dance!

Monday, May 19th • 6-8 pm • Ages 5-12

Hip Hop, Tap and Jazz - No Experience Required!

Summer Camps

- Snow Princess Camp
- Princess in Training
- Girl and Doll
- God's Little Princess
- So You Think You Can Dance
- Tribal Funk Intensive
- Jazz Intensive

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