

# Northwest Tap Connection

**CONNECTING DANCE ACROSS COMMUNITIES**

Hello,

My name is Melba Ayco and I serve as Program Director at Northwest Tap Connection (NWTC), a Race and Social Justice oriented organization that is located in South Seattle. Our mission is to "Close the Gap" within the Arts for underserved youth through training, education and enrichment opportunities. "Close the Gap" is a progressive scholarship program that supports discounted classes and enriching opportunities for youth; preparing them to be competitive in arts education and performances.

NWTC will host its fifth *Annual Close the Gap Auction, Dinner and Dance* at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Support of this event is your opportunity to play an integral role in contributing to the lives of youth and their future!

In addition to the Close the Gap scholarship, funds raised at the 2019 NWTC Auction will support capital improvements for the new lease of the adjacent building. This building will house new programs and community partnerships that focus on children ages one thru six. Programs include: Shaina's Garden, a nutrition-focused program for youth that will teach the benefits of healthy living, fitness and sustainable food choices and nutrition; Inspired Child, Children's Open Mic, a program that encourages children's inner voice, creativity and self-confidence and identity; Melbad's Corner, an education enrichment program that includes storytelling; and Toddler's Hip Hop, a socially-conscious program that is deeply rooted in Hip Hop Culture.



## ***How can you be a part of the great work we're doing across communities?***

Please help us provide these priceless enrichment opportunities to youth in our community by becoming a Table Captain. The cost of each table is \$750 and accommodates ten guests (\$75 per individual guest ticket). We also need Table Captains to make sure everyone has a great time and gives what they can at the auction!

For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the *Annual Close the Gap Auction, Dinner and Dance* flyer. All donations are tax deductible, in accordance with all governing laws. NWTC Enrichment Program is under the umbrella of SouthEast Effective Development (SEED), a not-for-profit community development corporation.

Thank you for your consideration of being a Table Captain. Please feel free to contact me at (206) 915-1364 or email [nwtapc@yahoo.com](mailto:nwtapc@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or to request additional information.