

Allegro Gives Thanks for 10 Amazing Years in North Carolina

Founder/President, Pat Farmer, launches the very first movement education program on the East Coast, a relocation of the original Pacific Foundation which she had founded in 1991. 8 students with disabilities enrolled in this first class at Sardis.

2000

Allegro expands to add a FREE weekly movement education program at Metro, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public School. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 28 students with disabilities, 30 Volunteers

Allegro launches the first ever literacy-based movement education programs for preschool students at risk with unidentified disabilities **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 88 students with disabilities, 100 volunteers.

2001

Allegro's first movement education program at Carolinas Medical Center empowers medically fragile children with disabilities to enroll and participate safely for the first time. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 132 students with disabilities, 150 Volunteers

Allegro Foundation makes history as the first organization in our nation's history to present at the **White House**, showing our nation's leaders what children with disabilities CAN do, while generating national recognition and credibility for Allegro's techniques. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 164 students with disabilities, 200 Volunteers

2002

The U.S. State Department and the Library of Congress partner with Allegro as a training resource for national and international education and medical delegations (ongoing). Allegro is slated as a national expert in teaching children with disabilities, and international representatives frequently traveling to Charlotte to learn our movement education techniques.

Allegro launches pilot research in collaboration with Dr. Pierce Howard of the Center for Applied Cognitive Studies and author of *The Owner's Manual for the Brain*.

2003

Partnerships established with UNC-Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, and other Universities (ongoing).

40 Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school teachers enroll in Allegro's Continuing Education Program to earn CEU Credit Hours as the first outside school district sanctioned provider.

2004

First Lady Laura Bush requests second presentation by Allegro's students with disabilities at the **White House**. **Total Organization Enrollment:** 207 students with disabilities, 215 Volunteers.

Allegro is invited to present our movement education techniques at an International Conference in Washington, DC.

2005

Allegro's students with disabilities demonstrate what individuals with disabilities CAN do with their disabilities at **Walter Reed Army Medical Center** for soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 349 students with disabilities, 400 Volunteers.

Allegro launches innovative nurse training and rotation programs in partnership with Carolinas Medical Center, College of Health Sciences.

2006

President Bush requests Allegro Foundation's students with disabilities present movement education techniques at a private party for U.N. Ambassadors from across the globe in the State Dining Room of the **White House**. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 407 students with disabilities, 500 Volunteers.

Allegro adds additional nurse training and rotation programs at Queens University and Presbyterian Hospital. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 363 students with disabilities, 400 Volunteers.

2007

2008

Allegro launches extensive research project, "20 years in the making", to scientifically validate Allegro's movement education techniques. **Total Organization Enrollment:** 500 students with disabilities, 600 Volunteers.

Allegro's Current Research Directions

- Exploring the Effectiveness of Phonics vs. Sight Word Literacy Instruction for Children with Disabilities.
- Emotion Vocabulary Instruction to Reduce Externalizing Behaviors and Aggression in Preschool Children At-Risk.
- Two-Word Speech, Communicative Gesture, and Their Correlates.
- Development of Grasp and Other Academic-Essential Motor Skills.

2009

2010

From the outgrowth of Allegro's 2010 Ambassador's Ball, more than 500 children with disabilities alongside 600+ volunteers will enroll in Allegro's FREE classes this year!