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## Local Dance Studio Partners with United Way to Help Children in Need

On Sunday, December 19, Urban Edge Dance Co. in Rancho Cucamonga hosted **Tot Jam 2010** to help disadvantaged kids have a happier holiday season. Dancers were invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in exchange for two free dance classes. The toys were donated to Inland Empire United Way and will be distributed to homeless and very low-income children in our local community.

Urban Edge Dance Co. owner and event organizer Rowena Muego said "It's important for us to give back, especially during the holidays. We are thrilled with the success of the event and hope to host similar events in the future."

Distinguished dance instructors generously donated their time for the event. They included: Kathy Lawson, Beth Lawson, Wilma Vie Solis, Kristi Licera, Tim Wilson, Kristina Acosta, Josh Romero, Kristine "Wobz" Bueta, and Jed Florano. Classes were scheduled from 9:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. and included Jazz, Contemporary and Hip Hop for all ages and skill levels.

Lorraine Ousley, Director of IEUW's Education & Health programs stated, "We are so grateful to Urban Edge Dance Co. for their support. This is a great example of how businesses can find fun and creative ways get involved in our efforts to help disadvantaged kids. With the help of dedicated community partners, we can accomplish our goals."

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