The summer outreach dance program began over 25 years ago, when Dance Collective co-founders, Martha Armstrong Gray and Dawn Kramer came up with the idea: bring contemporary dance to children at community centers and camps by creating an intergenerational, multi-ethnic company. At Micki Taylor-Pinney’s urging, Boston University, in collaboration with Mass Movement, “adopted” the program when Dance Collective disbanded.

The goals of Reach are twofold:

1) to encourage inner city teens to learn about the artistry and discipline associated with the dance field while acquiring skills for future success; and

2) to provide thousands of urban youth with a quality art experience.

Reach impacts our teen apprentices, by teaching life skills such as collaboration, communication and discipline;

Our neighborhood children, by teaching the joy and power of using imagination, creativity and culture;

Our community, by showing how dance is a vehicle for self-expression, physical well-being and community building;

Our donors, by boosting your civic spirit and by sponsoring an affirming activity.

Reach – bringing suburban and urban teens together to study and make dances; bringing their stories through movement to the kids in the Greater Boston neighborhoods.
Your Gift

While BU provides thousands of dollars in in-kind services for facilities, administrative support, vans and more, Reach is required to raise revenue through grants, fees-for-service and contributions.

Here’s how your gift can help:

- $100: workshop
- $250: performance
- $475: half scholarship
- $950: full scholarship
- $2,000: college intern
- $3,500: professional staff

100% of your donation benefits the Reach program and is fully tax deductible.

For more information visit: https://www.bu.edu/fitrec/dance/reach/

“Reach is a powerful program that goes to inner-city kids and opens their eyes to a whole new world of dance... Reach is so special because it cares about reaching out to every kid and making sure they grow up more culturally aware of the world.”

- Folasade Udoh-Warren, teen apprentice

"Reach is something seldom offered to teens and something they should experience."

- Christian Allen, teen apprentice