



## Danceworks Generations Program Summary

**Danceworks Generations builds relationships between students from Milwaukee schools and older adults from assisted living and adult day programs through dance and visual arts instruction.**

Danceworks Generations creates access to the arts and improves the lives of two underserved groups: urban youth and older adults.

**Danceworks Generations primary goals are:**

To improve effective and appropriate communication skills across generations.

To improve critical thinking skills by making correlations across art forms.

To improve empowerment through creating intergenerational relationships that build community.

Danceworks Generations is implemented at urban schools with limited or no arts education programming and nearby assisted living and older adult day programs in the city of Milwaukee.

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### HOW IT WORKS

During one 16-week residency between October and March, Danceworks Generations partner sites receive weekly visits by dance and visual artists-in-residence.

Danceworks Generations includes:

- 1) Weekly joint sessions at the older adult sites—participants engage in relationship-building movement activities and work on collaborative art pieces;
- 2) Celebrations where participants share their collaborative movement and visual art pieces with invited guests and members of the public at their adult sites.

### DANCEWORKS PROVIDES:

- Professional dance and visual arts instructors
- Regularly scheduled, weekly dance and visual arts instruction
- Dance and visual art supplies and materials
- Bus arrangements for participating schools
- An interdisciplinary curriculum, catered to the needs of your group

### SCHOOLS AND ADULT SITES PROVIDE:

- An electronically completed roster for the participants
- A safe, adequate and designated space for dance and visual art instruction
- Participants ready for instruction, at the appropriate time
- A staff member to help coordinate the program and to be present during all classes
- Assistance with program assessment and participation in pre and post assessment feedback

**Questions about Danceworks Generations? Contact Artistic Director Dani Kuepper at [dkuepper@danceworksmke.org](mailto:dkuepper@danceworksmke.org).**