



"Changing Lives Through Dance!"

Wheelchair Dancers Organization

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS and ACHIEVEMENTS **2008 – 2019**

Community and Awards

Sharp Grossmont Hospital receives the Best Practice

Award for the on-going Ballroom & Latin Ballroom Dance Classes,
California Hospital Association, 2009

Alisa Shuman, wheelchair dancer, receives award for performing a Waltz
Solo Exhibition at San Diego's DanceSport competition, 2009

Alisa Shuman, wheelchair dancer, takes first place in rumba, cha-cha,
Fox trot and waltz at the Hawaii Star Ball Competition, 2009

Rosie Cardenas, wheelchair dancer, takes first place in all ballroom dances at the
Las Vegas Holiday Classic Premier Ballroom Dance Competition, 2009

Beverly Weurding,

Founder of Wheelchair Dancers Organization, August 2008

Award: Women Changing the World, from the Women's Leadership Institute, 2010

Personal Achievement Award from Muscular Dystrophy Association, for 2011

Interviewed at the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, KUSI, 2009, 2010

Awarded 2nd Runner Up at the Ms. Senior San Diego Pageant, 2011

Feature story, Jan.2012 Muscular Dystrophy Magazine, distribution: 400,000

Feature Article in January 2012, Stein Institute Newsletter, and San Diego

Honorary Chair, Sharp Women's Health Conference, October 2012

Volunteer of the Year, North County Philanthropic Council, 2012

Feature Article in San Diego Woman Magazine, 2013

Finalist in the Advance San Diego 2013, "fast pitch" competition

Recipient of *prestigious Eagle Spirit Award* from Sharp Healthcare and Sharp

Memorial Rehab Center, for Community outreach & achievements 2014

Received award from KUSI & Torrey Pines Bank for *over and beyond*

Community outreach with the disabled community, 2015

One-On-One Union-Tribune Article, 2017

SD LEAD Leadership Award, presented by CH 10, Kimberly Hunt, 2018

Wheelchair Dancers Organization

Set a Record of having 40 wheelchair users and their able-bodied partners,
doing a synchronized Latin dance routine, 2013

Set a Record of having 85 wheelchair users and able-bodied volunteers performing a
dance routine to Thriller song, November 8, 2014

Selected as one of 10 Dance Groups, by Jean Isaacs Dance Theater, to perform
at yearly Live Arts Fest, April 17, 2016

Mondragon (8) and Angelo Sanchez (8), both born with Spinal Bifida perform
with professional dancers Gonzalo and Aitana Perez, twins in 2016-17.

Frist Time adaptive dance performance at the 2018 Junior Olympic Dance Competition

Documentary (2009) “Wheelchair Dancing Org. Debut in San Diego”

\$27,000 from Christopher Reeve and Craig H. Neilsen Foundations received by Sharp Grossmont Foundation to expand the wheelchair dancing programs held in San Diego

Media, 2008-2019

CH 8 News, interviews of rollers and walkers. Promotes WDO Annual Fundraisers
KPBS San Diego Week, 5 minute video on featuring *Wheelchair Dancing in San Diego*
North County Time San Diego Union Tribune, feature articles about Ballroom
Wheelchair Dancing
FOX 5, am and pm news, KUSI Local News
CH 4, NBC, CH 6 News
SIGN ON San Diego
Major TV/media coverage during and after setting a World Dance Record
U-T San Diego, articles on-going about ballroom & Latin wheelchair dancing in SD
Oceanside Spectrum TV
CH 8 News: Demonstrating social dancing and PR for Fundraiser
KUSI News: Promoting wheelchair dancing and 2017 Annual Fundraiser
CH 6 News: Promotion of Annual Fundraiser & Dance-Ability Showcase
SD LEAD Leadership Award, presented by Kimberly Hunt, CH 10, January 2018

Exhibitions & Performances: 2008-2019

Sharp Memorial & Sharp Grossmont Rehabilitation Centers
Toby Wells YMCA,
Southwestern College and Grossmont Community College, Disability Awareness
Week
Encinitas Hospital, Rehabilitation Center
MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Assoc) Christmas Party
Spinal Bifida Assoc. Christmas Event
California Hospital Association Awards Event
Yearly Los Angeles Abilities Expo, Wheelchair Exhibition:
San Diego Senior Olympics, Wheelchair Dancing Component, Solana Vista and
Skyline Elementary Schools, Disability Awareness Month, Movement to Music Class
for the Acquired Brain Injury Program, Mesa College,
Silver Sneakers Fitness Program, Salvation Joan Kroc Center
ACCESS Gala Fundraiser,
CAL-DIEGO Fundraiser
Sharp Grossmont Hospital Gala Fundraiser
El Cajon 100th Anniversary Celebration
Lindbergh Elementary Christmas Party and Performance
Nice Guys Christmas Party, QUALCOMM Stadium,
Soldiers Who Salsa Dance Program, Balboa VA Hospital,
Riverside Exposition, 2014
Randy Children’s Hospital ASRA & CAF Access Ability Fair .
VITAL AGING CONFERENCE, Escondido Performance Arts Center,
VA Hospital, La Jolla, Disability Awareness Performance, 2017
Special Needs Awards Ceremony, special performance, 2017

Exhibitions & Performances: 2008-2019- continued

San Diego's Got Talent, Park & Recreation Dept. 2013, 2018
La Jolla Festival of the Arts, Kiwanis Club fundraiser for disabled org, 2018
Dance for 2, Dance Studio, showcased in Waltz and Rumba, Swing, 2018
Jobtoberfest, County Disability Job Fair, 2014 - 2018
Community Adult School, English as Second Language 2016 - 2018
Air Challenged Day. Special needs kids fly a plane for 20 min. Performed, 2018
St. Paul's Plaza, performance featuring Dance It Out, Michele Jones, 2018

Ballroom, Latin, Contemporary, Adaptive Fitness & Hip Hop Classes- No Charge

- On-Going Ballroom & Latin Dance Classes. 8 week sessions
- Adaptive Fitness & Dance Classes offered on Saturdays
- Hip Hop Dance Class, starting in 2019
- physically challenged students K-12 grades 6-Week Adaptive Fitness & Dance school program for special needs and.

Dates and locations are listed on our website www.wheelchairdancers.org

Locations:

Dance For 2 Dance Studio, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, SD, 92111
San Diego Park & Recreation Dept, 8-week dance program, Park de la Cruz,
3901 Landis St., San Diego, CA 92015
Sharp Grossmont Rehabilitation Center, 5555 Grossmont Center Dr, La Mesa 91942
Municipal Gymnasium, Balboa Park, 2111 Pan American Plaza, SD 92101

Workshops/Seminars/Club Presentations/School Programs, 2008 - 2019

Recreational Therapists
The Council of Long Term Care Nurses of CA
Sunrise Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club
La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Club,
CA Children's Services Workshop
Del Mar Rotary Club
Coastal Rotary Club
Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club
Santee/Lakeside Rotary Club
El Cajon Rotary Club
Adaptive Education Teachers Conference
YMCA Program "Teens in Motion", Clairemont High School
AIM (Amputees in Motion)
La Jolla Kiwanis Club, Grant
Whitman Elementary School Assembly featuring accessible sports,
Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club, received \$1500.00 grant in 2015 & 2017
6-week Dance It Out Adaptive Fitness & Dance school program, all ages
Innovation Middle School, Clairemont (6 week hip hop dance class, inclusive
Lindbergh Schweitzer Elementary School, 2014, 2018
CPMA Middle School, Inclusive Hip Hop & Jazz Dance Class,
Willow Creek Elementary School, San Diego, 2018
Rancho Bernardo Heights Middle School, 2018
Rancho Bernardo High School, 2018