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**STUDIO DANCERS SHOWCASE TALENT AT FALL RECITAL
Flint Students From Heart of Worship Dance Studio Perform on Sunday**

(Flint, Mich.)- Students from the Heart of Worship Dance Studio will be showing off their moves at the studio's fall recital on Sunday, November 11. Performances by over 75 students include dances from the various classes offered by the studio including ballet, hip hop, liturgical and jazz. The recital will take place at the University of Michigan-Flint Theatre located at 373-599 East Kearsley Street in Flint from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Heart of Worship offers classes at no charge to children ages 4 to 16. "The kids are so excited for the recital. They have been practicing non-stop since August in order to get ready for the performance on Sunday. It helps children in our area take their minds off the everyday challenges they face in life," said Porcha Clemons the studio's executive director.

The recital will include 16 different routines. "The dancers' families will be very proud when they see the quality of performance on the stage," said Clemons. The event is open to the public and tickets may be purchased online through [Eventbrite](#). The cost for a ticket is \$15.

The classes offered by the Heart of Worship Dance Studio are made possible with support from Flint ReCAST. The Flint Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) is funded through SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration).

Anyone interested in learning more can visit the studio's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HeartofWorshipDanceStudio. Questions can be directed to Porcha Clemons at 810-835-1905.

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Community invited to hear updates and next steps of north Flint crime and safety project

FLINT, MICH. – Hamilton Community Health Network (HCHN) and Illuminating Community Change (IC2) Project’s community partner, the North Flint Reinvestment Corporation (NFRC) will be hosting the next quarterly community-led discussion on economic development. The public, residents, block clubs and neighborhood associations are invited to attend the free North Flint Safety Forum on Monday, July 22 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the North Flint Food Market Event Center (5402 Clio Road, Flint, MI 48504).

IC2 and NFRC will discuss the importance of economic development for revitalized communities in Flint’s north end. Updates on efforts surrounding the movement of building north Flint up, including research, strategy and implementation of the grant-funded project will be shared with those in attendance. Residents may also learn about job training programs offered by IC2 partners. Plus, free pizza is provided for those who attend the discussion.

“The primary driver of crime in north Flint is poverty,” explains IC2’s project manager, Sandra Johnson. “The work we are doing within the community aims to reduce crime. With safer neighborhoods residents can begin to see potential in their communities, leading to economic development. As we continue to get the community involved we’re working to cast a wider net on unemployed and underemployed residents to get them into training and education so they can break the cycle of poverty and violence through entrepreneurship.”

IC2 partners and community members have sat down and discussed the need for education, career-centered training and jobs for youth and adults over the past year. The NFRC leads the efforts to bring more career services to the city’s north end.

HCHN received the Community-Based Crime Reduction Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance in 2017. The grant has created the IC2 safety project bringing many community organizations in north Flint together to stimulate community members to be the change and spread the movement.

Residents planning to attend the safety forum are asked to register through Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hamilton-community-health-network-north-flint-reinvestment-corporation-23341514820?s=101307903>.

More information on IC2 may be found at www.hamiltonchn.org.

About Hamilton Community Health Network

Hamilton Community Health Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, quality, community-oriented health care for the underserved throughout Genesee, Lapeer County and surrounding areas. The organization is part of a national network of primary care centers (Section 330E) aimed at improving health services for inner-city populations. These centers provide comprehensive care to patients regardless of their ability to pay. For more information, visit hamiltonchn.org.

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