

Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance Staging Performance to Benefit Young Girl with Epilepsy

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youth - featuring a recital of the organization's cultural arts students, backed by the PRFDance performing company.

At the performance, the group will also collect a donation for a cultural center family in need of financial help to obtain a medical-aide dog for their three-year-old suffering from severe epileptic seizures.

Each year, Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance brings the heritage of Puerto Rico to life with the performance event "Esperanza de la Herencia," with free admission to all children under the age of 18. The live music and dance Recital showcases more than 50 dancers musicians, and performing arts students, with special performances by the professional-level and junior performing companies.

"Children are the hope of the future," said Dr. Ana Maria Tekina-eiru' Maynard, Founding Director of the Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance & Cultural Center, adding, "We hope our production will inspire them with a love for our culture that lasts a lifetime, so that they celebrate and transmit this joyful heritage to future generations."

The organization will have a collection for special donations at the event for a cultural center family, whose daughter Isabella has undergone five brain surgeries this year in an attempt to control severe epileptic seizures. Organizers say her seizures continue, and she is in need of a medical-aide dog for safety and assistance.

The performance will be held on May 23 at the Mexican American Cultural Center Auditorium, located at 600 River Street, at 2 p.m. For more information, call (512) 251-8122 or visit <http://www.PFRDance.org>