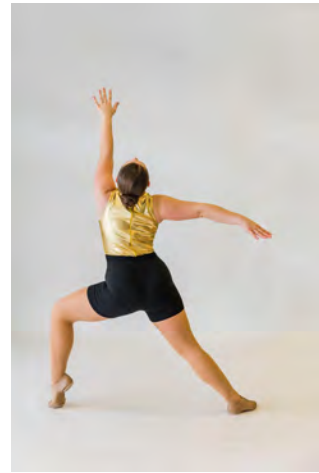


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The History of Foundations Dance

I'm Nicole, the owner and director of Foundations Dance. Thank you for taking the time to review and consider our project. I have been dancing since the age of 6 and have always dreamed of opening a dance studio. I started teaching when I was 16 and have had a passion and love for inspiring young dancers ever since. I have a business degree from the University of Wisconsin and have been blessed to combine my education with my passion to create Foundations Dance.

I believe dance is about so much more than just the performance and steps. Dance helps students find a place of belonging, build confidence and learn to express themselves through movement. I started Foundations Dance to fill a gap in the marketplace. I wanted to provide an affordable option for dance education that also focuses on strong

technique, a positive learning environment and inclusion for all dancers. Our mission is to inspire young dancers to build self-confidence, have fun, and create a love for the art of dance.



Foundations Dance has been in place for 12 years now and first started operating out of the Fitchburg Community Center. When we heard there was an open space in Cottage Grove, we didn't hesitate. We have been so welcomed by the beautiful community and grown quickly over our 3 years in town. We have grown from 90 registrations when first opening in the Spring of 2021 to 376 students this fall. We have students from our local community as well as Madison, Deerfield, Cambridge, Sun Prairie, Marshall, McFarland, Deforest, Waunakee and even several from Verona! We have grown through word of mouth and the unique studio philosophy and environment we provide.

We would like to continue to offer education to the community by expanding our capacity, number of staff and ability to accommodate more classes and students!

Foundations Dance Studio

Foundations Dance Studio proposes to construct an attractive new 5,612 square foot commercial building to help with Foundation's continued growth. The new building will be located at the corner of Cottage Grove Road and Limerick Drive and the site will include approximately 31 parking spaces. (Please see attached preliminary drawings and site plan). We propose to begin construction in March and are anticipating completion in early September. The total project cost is anticipated to be approximately \$2,750,000 with actual construction costs of \$2,250,000.

As part of the anticipated expansion, the company will add approximately 12-15 new positions to our current staff and will be able to meet the increasing demand for our services.

The project team has worked over the last three years to find a suitable site and one that makes financial sense. We have finally found all of the pieces to create our new home and are very excited to be staying in Cottage Grove!

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We are excited about the possibility of this project coming to life in 2024!

Nicole Patten

Nicole Patten, Owner

