



PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY GRANTS RECIPIENTS IN DURHAM

Durham, NC – April 22, 2019 – The Parkinson's Foundation today announced that it will grant \$20,000 for local Parkinson's disease (PD) programs in Durham. The community grants will support health, wellness and educational programs that address unmet needs in the PD community.

"We are proud to announce these community grants and expand programs and resources in Parkinson's communities across the entire nation," said John L. Lehr, Parkinson's Foundation president and chief executive officer. "These grant recipients share our passion and commitment to making life better for people with Parkinson's."

The Parkinson's Foundation awarded more than \$1.5 million in community grants. This year's grant cycle focused on three areas including: programs that provide a service for underserved PD communities, initiatives that reach the newly diagnosed and clinical trial education and participation that reach those under-represented in the PD community.

"The support we're receiving from the Parkinson's Foundation community grant will help over 200 individuals with weekly dance and Pilates classes. This year, we are expanding our program to serve newly diagnosed individuals, in addition to the incredible community we have established as part of ADF's Parkinson's Movement Initiative," Julia Pleasants, ADF Manager of Studio Programs and Community Engagement. "We are thrilled that we can now provide people with Parkinson's and their care partners this unique program that will change the way they live with PD for the better."

In Durham, Parkinson's Foundation community grants will fund:

- **American Dance Festival's Parkinson's Movement Initiative**

For the full list of the 2019 grant recipients visit parkinson.org/2019grants.

About the Parkinson's Foundation

The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience and passion of our global Parkinson's community. For more information, visit www.parkinson.org or call (800) 4PD-INFO (473-4636).



About Parkinson's Disease

Affecting nearly one million Americans and 10 million worldwide, Parkinson's disease is the

second-most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's and is the 14th-leading cause of death in the United States. It is associated with a progressive loss of motor control (e.g., shaking or tremor at rest and lack of facial expression), as well as non-motor symptoms (e.g., depression and anxiety). There is no cure for Parkinson's and 60,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in the United States alone.

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