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**THE DANCE COLECTIVE AND BIG HEARTS FUND HOLD JOINT FUNDRAISER
“Wholehearted Wellness Jam 2012: ZUMBATHON[®]” Takes Place February 23**

CHICAGO—[The Dance COLEctive](#) (TDC) and [The Big Hearts Fund](#), in a mutual desire to promote family wellness, hold their first joint fundraiser, “Wholehearted Wellness Jam 2012: ZUMBATHON[®],” Thursday, February 23, 5:30–8:30 p.m. at Grossinger City Autoplex, 1530 N. Dayton, Chicago.

The two-hour ZUMBATHON[®]—four 30-minute sessions—also features local health- and fitness-focused businesses offering complimentary services and products geared toward the health of animals and people alike. The evening includes refreshments, a raffle and a silent auction, and the first 50 guests pre-registered by February 14 receive a special goodie bag.

ZUMBATHON[®] sponsors include KIND Healthy Snacks, Peeled, Aligned Modern Health, Nutrisults, South Loop Dental Specialists, Ora Dental Studio, Envirosax and Grossinger City Autoplex.

Formed in March 1996, [The Dance COLEctive](#) aspires to challenge assumptions about how dance is presented, through the use of cutting-edge choreography, innovative collaborations and inspired creative site-specific works. TDC’s vision is to become one of Chicago’s premier dance ensembles, recognized for its compelling, socially relevant and inspiring choreography. In fulfilling its mission and vision, TDC embraces collaboration as a core element of its creative process; values the athleticism, grace, power and strength of its dancers; and nurtures and promotes the creativity of emerging artists.

[The Big Hearts Fund](#) is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for canine and feline cardiac disease. Created in 2010 by Christy Drackett, who owns a young dog with a congenital heart defect, The Big Hearts Fund is fueled by the belief that pets’ lives are valuable and deserving of appropriate medical care regardless of the financial limitations of their owners. To that end, The Big Hearts Fund has just launched its Financial Aid Program, offering assistance to families whose pets need specialized veterinary care for cardiac conditions.

“Wholehearted Wellness Jam 2012: ZUMBATHON[®]” takes place Thursday, February 23, 5:30–8:30 p.m. at Grossinger City Autoplex, 1530 N. Dayton, Chicago. Advanced registration is \$35 at <http://wholeheartedwellnessjam2012.eventbrite.com>. For information, call 773-377-5560.

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