



Public Support

“In my view the BCCA is the best thing to happen to Coolidge Corner in the over ten years I have lived in Brookline. It is vibrant, multicultural, inclusive, dynamic and joyful -- all of the things that Brookline strives to be as a town. I am not a dancer, and have never taken classes at BCCA -- yet I have donated, because every time I am in Coolidge Corner I drop by with my kids just to poke my head into the various studios and watch with delight and wonder what is going on: Japanese drumming over here, tap dancing over there, Indian dancing upstairs, Salsa for teens downstairs. It is a pure delight to watch the smiles and the swaying bodies. I especially love peeking in on weekend nights, when you never know what you might find: one night we walked into a full big band ensemble, with a torch singer, and couples gracefully swing dancing. It is superb, and breathes important life and energy into our community. Please allow it to continue!”

— Sarah Reed, Esq.

“The Brookline Community Center for the Arts has temporarily closed its doors, but the pride and confidence that its teachers have instilled in my young sons will continue to flourish.... Our community has been extremely privileged to have had BCCA in the heart of Coolidge Corner for over two years, filling voids we never even knew existed.”

— Catharyn Fletcher

“The Brookline Community Center for the Art, a.k.a. BCCA, was not only a center for art, but also a center for love. It was dedicated to introduce people to the joy of dance, music, visual art, and martial arts. It's director, Dan Marshall, worked day and night to turn a ... building into the most cheerful, hospitable and friendly place in Brookline - a place that had brought joy, light, and love to the lives of more than 7,500 souls of all ages and mental and physical abilities.”

— Hava Yaseen

“I have just discovered the BCCA, and though I have only attended a few months or so, I have come out of each of my three weekly classes sweating, hot, and physically exhausted, but beaming and so mentally healthy... I have never felt better. I find a way to escape from the stress filled life of a high school freshman, with my numerous commitments, heavy work load, and strenuous home life. So many dance forms come together at the BCCA, and teachers making up their own styles, that it's a continual learning experience. There is Hip Hop, and the dozens of different movement styles that encompasses, Latin American dance forms, ballet and tap, martial arts, yoga and meditation, Asian and African rhythmic dance, and much, much more.”

— Michael Bartley

“Since I have been at the BCCA, my love for dance has increased, and I am so thankful that I found a truly wonderful studio. Not only have the classes taught me about dance and also myself, but the environment is so welcoming and warm. ... Sometimes I feel as though there is very little happiness left in the world- the BCCA is one of these joyful things for me and many others. Please help us keep it alive! The BCCA is like a second home to me.”

— Laura R. Stupin

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“The work that is being done there is marvelous. This is exactly what we have been needing, here in Coolidge Corner. It brings energy, hope, fun, and revitalization to our neighborhood. The BCCA helps to create and fortify our community. This is exactly what community is all about: meeting new people, and old friends. After awhile, the new people become old friends! This is the kind of enterprise that strengthens our community, not only by providing a place to meet, but also by creating a venue where people can stretch their creative wings, and fly into previously unknown horizons.”

— Andrew Alexander

“... the BCCA is a wonderful addition to the community in that it allows people of all ages and backgrounds to come together for pure fun while also having a culturally enriching experience in a comfortable setting... The BCCA has made such a difference in my life by providing me with an outlet for my creative energies and a way to make friends in an area that I am just beginning to know. The BCCA holds a special place in my heart and has touched so many people’s lives in a very special way by bringing all of us together and enriching our community.”

— Amy D. Guertin

“I would like to state that since the BCCA has opened it has changed our lives. We used to fall asleep in front of the television, after watching the evening news. Now we are at the center several times a week enjoying the variety of activities they offer, meeting our neighbors and making new friends. BCCA has been a great asset to our community...”

— Zoya and Ary Rotman

“I count my personal experience at the BCCA as one of the most memorable and significant experiences in my life. ... We met and worked out with breakdancers, kickboxers, kids from the neighborhood, Kung Fu Masters – in short an astounding array of people in an unwavering atmosphere of respect and kindness ... The soul of the BCCA is its diversity.”

— Tom Rubenoff

“The Brookline Community Center for the Arts is a vital part of Brookline and the community, and both the community and local businesses will be diminished by its loss. With nearly 7500 students, the BCCA benefits many families and individuals, from small children to the elderly and those with disabilities... The Center gives those with disabilities the opportunity to thrive by providing accessible classrooms and instructors in performing arts, and also serves as a safe and educational alternative place for teens to gather.”

— Rep. Frank L. Smizik and Senator Cynthia S. Creem

“...people get off and walk to the BCCA. They come out energized and alive ...”

— Mike Lewitt

“... it has been such a gem to the community. It has brought so many people of all ages together via the arts .. You have only to visit the building to see the joy they bring to people from age 2 to 92.”

— Evelyn Roll

“The Brookline Community Center for the Arts has taken a bold step to build and create a center for the many forms of dance and movement education and training. It is an exciting resource center for nurturing talent and teachers ... The Brookline Community Center for the Arts is a wonderful addition to our community.”

— Director, Coolidge Corner Theater Joe Zina