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To whom it may concern:

My name is Monica Snipes and I serve as the Youth Services Program Director at El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Inc., an organization dedicated to serving the Hispanic community in the city of Lorain. I am also the Project Director for 231 Go! Middle School Collaborative Powered by United Way. This letter is written in support of North Pointe Ballet to receive the Community Foundation of Lorain County Hispanic Fund grant to continue their efforts to make ballet accessible to El Centro's students, families, and community.

In our fourth season of partnering with North Pointe Ballet to bring after-school dance classes to the youth of South Lorain, we continue to highlight the value that Latino Americans bring to the art of ballet. As class sessions progress, together with NPB we are able to further and further strengthen students' artistry, skill, and sense of pride, now hosting an intermediate level for returning students to expand on their classical training. El Centro is eagerly seeking out an additional space that even better suits NPB's ballet program in response to the program's success. Working alongside NPB has made us all stronger together in the diverse arts experiences we are able to offer our community.

El Centro's partnership with North Pointe Ballet is one that serves both of our missions, meeting a need for arts experiences in the city of Lorain. I hope you will consider NPB to acquire funds necessary to continue producing this invaluable, community-boosting dance opportunity for families of Lorain.

Sincerely,

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