

# THE DANCE FOR LIFE FUND

## HOW TO APPLY

The Dance for Life Fund assures your confidentiality and will expedite your request monthly. Invoices are usually paid within two weeks of submission.

Please fill out the form below.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following with your application:

1. Affiliation(s) and length of time working with the metropolitan Chicago professional dance community. You need only submit the first time you apply.
2. Confirmation and/or documentation of your disease state.  
(A note from your physician will suffice.) You need only submit the first time you apply.
3. A brief explanation why you need temporary emergency financial assistance.
4. A copy of each bill or expense for which you are requesting assistance.  
For rent payment, please include a copy of your lease.

The Dance for Life Fund can only provide short-term financial assistance in case of an emergency.

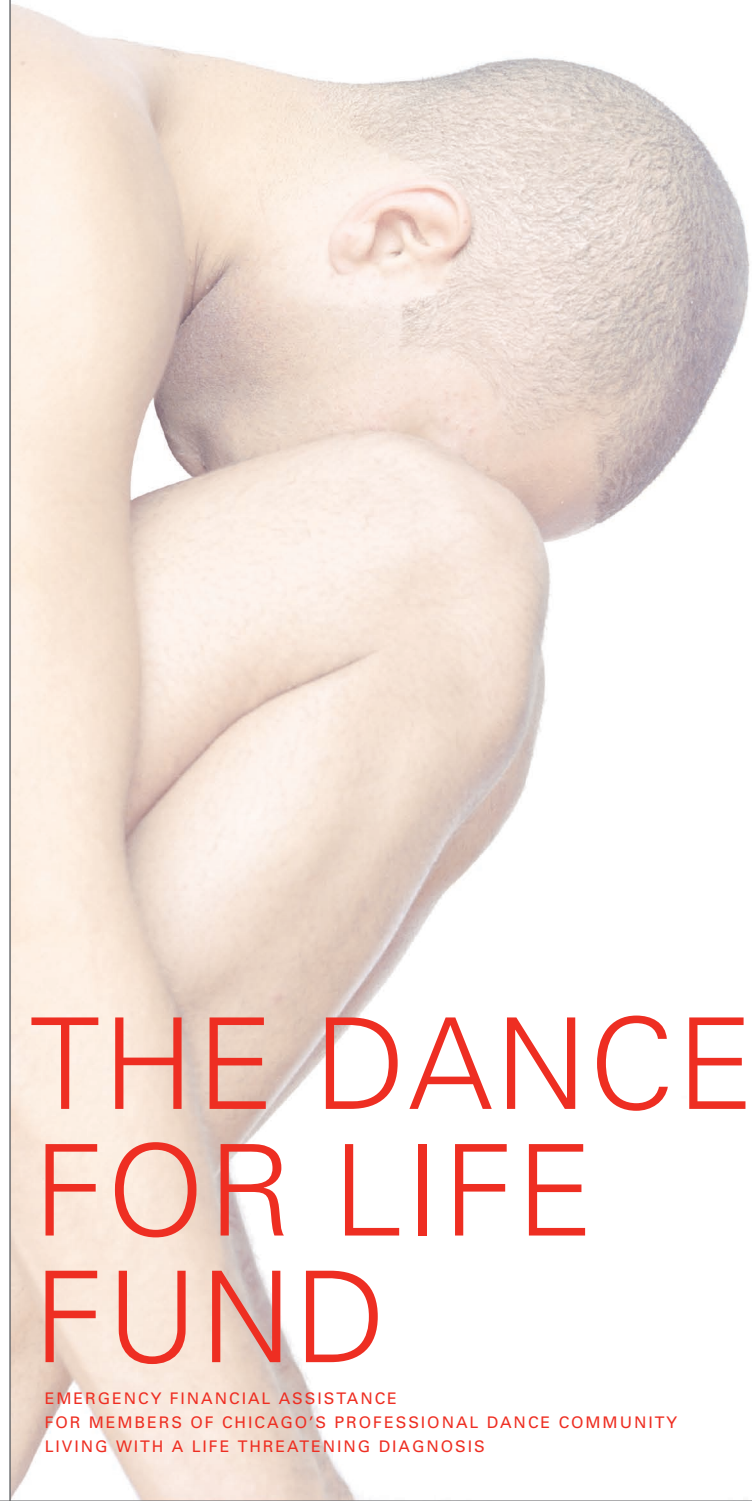
Should you have any questions, or if you do not hear back from the Fund within a reasonable amount of time, please call 312.922.5812.

Please send your application to the below address:

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c/o AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
200 West Jackson Blvd. Suite 2200  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

CHICAGO DANCERS UNITED PRESENTS



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EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR MEMBERS OF CHICAGO'S PROFESSIONAL DANCE COMMUNITY  
LIVING WITH A LIFE THREATENING DIAGNOSIS

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## A POSITIVE STEP

At the end of the 1990's, the Dance for Life Fund was established in metropolitan Chicago to assist professional dancers and administrators in the community who were living with HIV/AIDS. The concept was novel. Since the majority of those who applied did not have comprehensive insurance, the Fund would provide short-term assistance in case of an emergency—an unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances that left that person unprepared to pay, yet demanded immediate financial attention.

## HOW THE FUND WORKS

Today, once payment is approved, the Fund pays the submitted vendor's bill (for rent/housing, utilities and more) directly. The Fund does not pay the individual directly or cover medical expenses that may be covered by city, state or federal programs.

## NOW SUPPORTING ALL LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

Medical advancements in HIV/AIDS treatment and access to treatment have had a significant positive impact on those living with the virus. Since 1996, there has been a shift from helping people living with a fatal disease to assisting those with more of a chronic, manageable one. Today many living with HIV can remain healthy, highly functioning individuals.

These advances in HIV have allowed the Dance for Life Fund to expand its support beyond an HIV/AIDS diagnosis to all other life-threatening medical conditions.

## WHY WE DANCE FOR LIFE

The Dance for Life Fund receives its funding from partial proceeds from the annual Dance for Life performance held every August. Produced by Chicago Dancers United, Dance for Life features a gala social event followed by performances by Chicago's leading professional dance companies (who donate their time to participate). Dance for Life is considered a must-attend summer event in many circles.

Because Dance for Life is administered under the auspices of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, the Fund has no general operating expenses. Yet, as it remains an independent entity, the Fund serves as a model of how a creative community can respond to a crisis with effectiveness and compassion.

For more information please visit [www.danceforlifechicago.com](http://www.danceforlifechicago.com)

