

Applications are now being accepted for THE LISA WELLS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*A need-based scholarship, providing financial assistance for tuition, fees and costumes at Utah Dance Artists.

Since 2008, UDA has provided 32 need-based, dance scholarships to individuals in our community. This has been possible through the efforts of the Lisa Wells' Family, UDA recital ticket sales and generous contributions of individuals and businesses.

Lisa Wells served as UDA's official costume seamstress for six years before her passing. On a weekend four-wheeling trip, Lisa was in an accident and broke her back. Due to complications with surgery, she lost her life, leaving behind her husband, Richard, and three daughters; Lindsay, Shalene and Megan.

In loving memory, this scholarship was created to honor Lisa and give back to those in need. The following is one example of how this scholarship impacted a dancer's life:

"The Lisa Wells Scholarship gave my daughter stability during a time of great turmoil. When she was gifted the scholarship her father was terminally ill and was no longer able to work. Little did we know that he would pass away six weeks later. Without the LWM Scholarship, we would not have been able to afford my daughter's dance lessons. Many may ask, why would that matter? After all, lots of children never have lessons. Dancing was the one place my daughter could go and feel normal. Dancing is hers and hers alone. It was a safe place where she could dance out her overwhelming feelings. Most of her peers at the studio were unaware of her situation, which allowed her someplace to go and not be that little girl whose daddy just died. This was a gift that let her live her dream a little longer, sheltered her from yet another loss. Dancing at UDA with the Lisa Wells Memorial Scholarship gave my daughter a safe harbor in a torrential storm until things calmed down at home. Our family will be forever grateful for this gift."



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