



# *Allegro* Foundation

*...a Champion for Children with Disabilities*

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**Mission Statement:** Allegro Foundation...*a Champion for Children with Disabilities* is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that combines movement instruction with medical and educational expertise, creating new techniques to teach children with disabilities and enhance their quality of life.

**Who We Serve:** Annually, Allegro teaches over 800 children with intellectual disabilities, Down syndrome, orthopedic challenges (wheelchairs and walkers), spina bifida, autism, cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, muscular dystrophy, visual and hearing impairments, children at-risk, and children with cancer in **FREE** classes every week! **\*\*Allegro Foundation does not discriminate against any type of disability!\*\***

**What does Allegro do?** Our specially-trained movement instructors reinforce the academic lessons that children with disabilities are learning in their regular classrooms by combining **cognitive** and **muscle memory** to stimulate sequential and conceptual learning, problem-solving skills, and communication. Academic learning is an important element of Allegro: our students with disabilities learn to count, develop problem-solving skills, improve their fine and gross motor skills, and increase creativity and self-esteem!

**Allegro Volunteers:** More than 700 youth and adults volunteer their time and talents each year to Allegro's programs for children with disabilities! Corporate employees, community organizations, church congregations, and high school groups take time out of their busy lives to volunteer.

**Allegro Foundation has been operational for over 28 years!** Originally founded in 1991 in Los Angeles by Pat Farmer, Allegro has taught **THOUSANDS** of North Carolina's underserved children with disabilities and those at risk, providing medical, social, emotional, and educational benefits for the past 18 years!

**Allegro is an Independent Organization:** Unlike national nonprofits, you can actually see your donations at work right here in the Charlotte area. Allegro does not receive funding from the United Way, the Arts and Science Council, or any government agency. Allegro is not an affiliate of any other organization. Your donations stay right here in our community!

**Allegro is a Nationally Recognized Leader in Teaching Children with Disabilities:** In 2004 Allegro's students made history as the first organization of children with disabilities to present at **The White House** and were invited back in 2005 and 2008, showing our nation what children with disabilities **CAN** do.

Throughout the 2019-2020 academic school year, Allegro will serve more than 800 children with disabilities and at risk alongside 700 volunteers in over 50 **FREE** Movement Education programs in Charlotte-Mecklenburg elementary schools, Fort Mill elementary schools in South Carolina, Title I preschools, and after-school community outreach locations.

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