

“When *dancers* need a place to turn, **The Actors Fund** is there.”

The program’s founder, **Bebe Neuwirth**, writes:

“This program comes out of **my personal experience**. In 2006 I had hip replacement surgery after several years of physical therapy, arthroscopic surgery and excruciating pain. Added to that was the **emotional** stress of not being able to dance and not wanting people to know about my condition – I think you can understand what that prison was like. After the replacement I recognized how extremely lucky I was to have a great doctor, good health insurance, and great support from the few people with whom I shared my secret. That’s why I wanted to start this program – to create a **support system** for other dancers.

Launching first in The Fund’s New York office, The Dancers’ Resource addresses the unique situations faced by dancers. **My hope** is that this program will help us all keep dancing, stay healthy and enjoy our beautiful gift as long as we can.

I’m looking forward to watching these **new services** grow and carrying them to dancers in Los Angeles and other parts of the country. And I’m hoping that **dancers** everywhere will remember **The Actors Fund** when they hear of colleagues and friends in need.”

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The
DANCERS’
Resource



Helping dancers get back on their feet

Providing emotional, educational
and emergency financial support
to professional dancers

The Dancers' Resource

a program of The Actors Fund, addresses the distinctive needs of dancers facing health

problems or injuries. The Dancers' Resource was created in recognition of the unique situations dancers face because of their demanding work coupled with the significant financial challenges of earning a living in dance.

Through a dedicated social worker, The Dancers' Resource provides support, education and information through in-person, one-on-one counseling in the New York City area and, through telephone and e-mail support, to those across the country. The Resource can also provide referrals to specialists and community agencies for a wide variety of dancers' needs.

As a "support system", the program offers groups for dancers dealing with injuries or other health concerns. Through these groups, dancers can safely and confidentially address the emotional issues and other complexities that are specific to dancers facing physical problems. The program also addresses mental health issues, eating disorders, substance abuse, depression and other clinical areas.

Workshops for dance companies and dance service organizations at their studios or offices is also offered by The Dancers' Resource.

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Program Services and Eligibility

- Individual and group counseling for dancers with injuries or health concerns.
- Referrals for health care and health insurance.
- Information and advocacy for Workers Compensation and Disability Insurance.
- Educational seminars on injury prevention, nutrition, wellness and financial planning.
- Emergency financial assistance during recovery for rent, utilities and medical co-pays.*
- Connection to other dancers to share experiences, resources and advice.

Any professional dancer is welcome to call **The Dancers' Resource** for services or referrals to community agencies.

*Eligibility for The Actors Fund's Emergency Assistance Program requires an application, interview and documentation of professional earnings. For information regarding financial assistance, please call the contact number below.

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THE ACTORS FUND serves ALL professionals – not just actors – in performing arts and entertainment – EVERYONE who works in film, theater, television, music, dance, radio and opera.

Social Services provides counseling, advocacy and emergency financial assistance.

*Entertainment Assistance Program
Mental Health*

*Chemical Dependency
AIDS Initiative*

Senior and Disabled Care

The Dancers' Resource

Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative

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Health Services addresses the needs of the under- and un-insured.

*Al Hirschfeld Free Health Clinic (NY)
Health Insurance Resource Center*

Employment and Training develops sideline work or transitions through career counseling, job training, tuition assistance and job placement.

*Actors Work Program
AIDS Training and Education Project*

Looking Ahead (LA) a program for young performers that supports healthy transitions to adulthood.

Supportive Housing

*Lillian Booth Nursing Home and Assisted Living
Care Facility (Englewood, NJ)*

The Aurora (Manhattan)

The Palm View (West Hollywood)

Schermerhorn House (Brooklyn, NY)

Housing Information & Referral Center

The Actors Fund is a nationwide human services organization that helps all professionals in performing arts and entertainment. The fund is a safety net, providing programs and services for those who are in need, crisis or transition. Please visit The Actors Fund website at www.actorsfund.org.