



AWESOME DANCERS RECEIVE THIS BUTTON!

Hi, my name is _____ and I dance at _____ in _____, _____. I think you are an “Awesome Dancer”! That’s why I gave you my Awesome Dancer Button.

Maybe you’ve heard about The Dance Button Project. It began at the Chris Collins Studio in Alexandria and Dale City, Virginia. The dancers there wanted to do something about the negative feelings that sometimes occur at dance competitions. They decided it didn’t matter what studio or school they attended. They felt that what mattered is that they were all united in their love of dance, and they should support each other, cheer for each other, and recognize the greatness in each other.

To make this happen, they created “Awesome Dancer” buttons and started handing them out to dancers from OTHER studios and schools at competitions. The reaction was amazing. Some dancers cried at the gesture of kindness. Some said that the button was more meaningful than the trophy they received from the judges. Some hugged each other and posed for pictures with dancers who had been their “competitors.” Some dancers still keep in contact with each other years later into college.

To capture these reactions, a website was established (www.DanceButton.com) where each person who receives a button can comment on how it made them feel to be recognized by a fellow dancer.

But the really great thing about The Dance Button Project is that you don’t get to keep the button. Sure, you can keep it for a little while, but now you have the responsibility of finding another “Awesome Dancer” and giving the button to them. It’s a chain of kindness that we hope goes on and on and on.

To help everyone follow his or her button, each one is individually numbered, and there is a link for each button on www.DanceButton.com. I gave you button # _____, and I’m going to write about it when I get home. I hope you will too. Then, I hope you will find another “Awesome Dancer” and continue to spread the kindness.

Congratulations on being an “Awesome Dancer!”

Yours Dancingly,

If your studio or team would like to be part of The Dance Button Project, please ask your parents, teachers, or coach to visit www.DanceButton.com for all the details. When studios buy the buttons, all the money goes to a dance scholarship fund to help pay class fees for dancers who can’t afford them.