

# VICTORIA STRAUSS FOUNDATION

## newsletter



As I reflect on our recent Fashion Show Luncheon, I am filled with deep gratitude. What began as a vision to bring women together in support of young people pursuing their dreams has grown into something truly beautiful. This year's event was a celebration of community, generosity, and compassion. The afternoon was filled with **joyful** moments — **beautiful fashion**, wonderful food, lively dancing, and the excitement of our auction and raffle. The room was filled with laughter, friendship, and the kind of energy that reminds us what is possible when people come together for a meaningful cause. I am sincerely grateful to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered, and supported the event. One of the most meaningful moments of the day came when we were able to support a family experiencing profound loss. Sarah joined us to receive a monetary gift from the Victoria Strauss Foundation as she and her children navigate the heartbreaking loss of her husband, Juan, and their beloved father. Being able to offer support and encouragement during such a difficult time reminds us why the Foundation exists. While our mission includes providing scholarships for students pursuing education and dance, we are also committed to helping families facing adversity. Even in life's most difficult chapters, community and compassion can bring light. **"Your legacy isn't what you build, what you know, or what you have. Your true legacy is found in the lives you touch and the love you share."** I remain deeply committed to keeping Victoria's story — and her legacy — alive. That spirit was truly felt at the Fashion Show. In a room filled with generosity and friendship, Victoria's light shone through every act of kindness and every life we are able to support through the Victoria Strauss Foundation. Because of all of you, her legacy continues to grow. Thank you for continuing to be part of Victoria's story. Together, we are proving that love never ends with loss — it grows through the kindness we share and the dreams we help bring to life. And through all of this, Victoria's light continues to shine.

With gratitude and hope,

*Susie Strauss Dodson*

Founder, Victoria Strauss Foundation

*Honoring Victoria's legacy through opportunity, compassion, and community*

### A Beautiful Afternoon of Community and Compassion

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the Victoria Strauss Foundation Fashion Show. Because of your incredible generosity and presence, the afternoon was a resounding success, bringing us closer to our mission and making a tangible impact on the lives we serve. To our donors, your contributions provide the vital resources needed to drive change, and to our guests, your energy and passion made the afternoon truly unforgettable. Thank you for being an essential part of our community and for helping us style a brighter future together!

### SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT

When Michael DeVita received his dance scholarship, the moment was overwhelming in the best way. "Feeling incredibly blessed is truly the only way to describe what this generous scholarship has meant to me." A talented dancer with special needs, he shared that hearing his name called was both shocking and deeply affirming. "I was honestly shocked and overwhelmed by the idea that someone believed in my dreams enough to support them." For Michael, dance is far more than an activity — it's a source of joy, purpose, and connection. "Dance has always been my passion, the thing that lights me up inside."

Thank you, Michael, for sharing your amazing talents with us!

As we begin preparing for the 6th Annual Victoria Strauss Foundation Gingerbread Party on **December 5th**, we are inviting businesses and community leaders to partner with us as program sponsors. This joyful holiday tradition brings families together while raising critical funds that allow the foundation to continue awarding scholarships. Program sponsors play a vital role in making this event possible while also gaining meaningful visibility among our generous community of supporters. If you or your organization would like to help make this year's Gingerbread Party our most impactful yet, we would love to welcome you as a sponsor.



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