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## MoCo Arts Class of 2019 Presents Gift at Ribbon Cutting Celebration

**(Keene, NH)** –Approximately 600 enthusiastic guests gathered Tuesday night behind MoCo Arts’ new arts education facility at 40 Roxbury Street awaiting the highly-anticipated Ribbon Cutting and Open House ceremony. After brief speeches from organization and community leaders, beautiful singing from a group of MoCo Theatre students, three Keene High School seniors – representing all the MoCo 12th graders – came up to the microphone to announce they had come together to make a gift of \$500.00. The \$500.00 put the ‘MoCo Moves: Building MoCo Arts’ Future’ capital campaign over the \$5 million fundraising goal!

The appreciative crowd erupted in cheers, awestruck at the reality that this goal had been reached. In true MoCo spirit, it was teamwork, perseverance, and dedication that made this project possible. Thanks to the generous spirit of this community, MoCo fall dance and theatre classes begin on September 4th in the new 17,000 sq ft facility on the site of the former YMCA just a block from Central Square in downtown Keene. Gifts from 412 donors including MoCo board, staff, students and families, local businesses, community members and foundations made this possible. MoCo is so grateful to all who have given to this meaningful project benefiting children, the arts and the community. Thank you, thank you!

Students may participate in an expanded class schedule, featuring dance and theatre classes for kids 18 mo through 18+ years. For more information about MoCo Arts visit [www.moco.org](http://www.moco.org). For more information about ‘MoCo Moves: Building MoCo Arts’ Future’ capital campaign please visit [www.move.moco.org](http://www.move.moco.org).

MoCo Arts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, multi-arts educational organization located in downtown Keene offering dance and theatre classes and multi-arts vacation and summer camps for children ages 18 months to 18+ years. As part of the educational process, MoCo Arts provides professional performance experience for students and family-friendly performances for audiences of all ages throughout the year. MoCo welcomes all students, beginners through advanced, and tuition assistance is available. MoCo Arts is sponsored in part by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Monadnock Region, the Ruth and James Ewing Fund for the Monadnock Region, the John and Maude Corser Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information please visit MoCo Arts, 76 Railroad Street, Keene, NH 03431 or [www.moco.org](http://www.moco.org)

*Photo Caption Left: MoCo Arts Executive Director and Artistic Director of Dance Reagan Messer along with MoCo Arts Seniors Emily Lake, Rylee Moxham, and Paeton Ward present their gift at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

*Photo Caption Right: The lobby at MoCo Arts during the Open House Event*

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