

# A YEAR OF THE BEAT

## Our Impact

This year, Feel the Beat (FTB) has continued to grow its presence throughout Colorado, delivering accessible programs and activities at schools, conferences, festivals, music venues & more. Our student-centered classes continue to empower dancers of all abilities and ages to feel, connect with, and dance to the music while supporting body control and awareness, balance, gross motor skill development, and fostering increased self-confidence. Our curriculum has resulted in substantial physical, academic, and social-emotional growth among students served; *an impact that transcends the studio walls.*

To meet the ongoing need for inclusive arts programs & opportunities, FTB launched a brand new partnership model. We provide established facilities an opportunity to collaborate with FTB, by installing our vibrotactile flooring in their community spaces to revolutionize sound accessible music, creative arts, and fitness!



## Impact Snapshot

102

Neurodiverse schools & organizations served

24

States & countries inquired about floor installations

6K

Students with disabilities impacted by our classes

Through this new model, FTB works with community and business partners to expand their facilities and open up their services to a market of disabled individuals who have previously not had accessible opportunities. Through our collaboration, facilities have engaged a broader population, become more accessible and inclusive and expanded Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I) efforts all while allowing Feel the Beat to offer programming across multiple locations. As we cultivate each new inclusive environment Feel the Beat simultaneously increases our capacity to serve disabled individuals in alignment with our mission to ensure everyone has the opportunity to experience the joy of music and dance.





# OH THE PLACES WE GO...

*And the impact we make!*



## Community Highlights

- Installed 2 permanent vibrotactile floors at Whitlock Recreation Center in Lakewood, CO & at Brewability in Englewood, CO.
- Partnered with Dancing with the Stars to create a meet-&-greet and a fully accessible performance for our students and families at the renowned Paramount Theater.
- FTB was featured on CBS News, in several local publications, on national podcasts, and was showcased in a new documentary by the infamous filmmaker, Nigel Dick.

## New Programs

- Requests for FTB programming have increased by 40%, a testament to the need for services that are impactful, intentional, and inclusive.
- To provide inclusive after-school programs, movement education, and therapeutic recreation, FTB recently collaborated with: Care and Community, Opportunity In Living, Active Belief, Ability Specialists, Traveling Gnomes, Denver Public Schools & The Sensory Club.
- Our tactile flooring provided access to 18,000 participants at the nationally accessible Shine Music Festival, Autism Society's Walkathon, and The Autism Resource Fair.



## Across the GLOBE!

- Brought our Vibrating Floor to Colorado's only all-accessible festival, Shine Music Festival.
- Collaborated with Rocky Mountain Deaf School in Golden, CO to provide accessible after-school dance programming via our vibrating floor.
- Innovated a mobile floor unit that has been installed into our first deaf consumer's home so he can Feel the Beat in the location of his choosing!

## Floor Integration

Mobile flooring was featured at:

- Hopebridge Autism Center
- The Civic Center
- The Levitt Pavilion
- Rehabilitative Rhythms Music Therapy

## Across Colorado

Growing our presence, delivering NEW on-site programs to:

- Real Life Colorado
- Rhythmic Roots Therapy
- Littleton Public Schools
- Rocky Mountain Deaf School
- CO School for the Deaf & Blind

## Coming Soon

Preparing to install floors at:

- Easter Seals
- The Joshua School
- Spectra Centre
- The Sensory Bus
- Florida School for the Deaf
- and many more!

## WHAT'S NEXT?

FTB secured a profound project grant to build a dance studio on wheels - enabling us to fluidly transport our flooring to classrooms & events to engage individuals of all abilities anywhere!



\$180k

Grants received

350

Scholarships awarded

36,000

Volunteered hours

2,200

Accessible classes held