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Hi!

I'm Margaret McGregor Mattox, the co-owner of Seasons restaurant. There is something exciting happening in Springfield, and I would love for you and/or your organization to be a part of it. I've been attending weekly dance lessons with professional dancers from the Ohio Performing Arts Institute—my waltz is great, but I am still perfecting the Cha Cha! Why? All because my dancing skills will be put to the test as I take part in the first ever **Dancing with the Stars**...Springfield edition!

Local celebrities, such as myself, have taken on the challenge of learning two dances and will be part of a public competition complete with judging, all to benefit programs in our community. I have chosen to dance for **Project Jericho**, a collaboration between the Clark State Performing Arts Center and Job and Family Services of Clark County, because not only do I think the arts are important and under-funded, but I also think the work they do for at-risk youth and families in Springfield is so essential to the **building of a strong community**. Project Jericho programs have touched this community in numerous ways. Participants learn high-quality art skills from professional local artists, in a variety of media. Through these projects an individual learns about him/herself, exploring, gaining positive ways to express feelings, experiencing self-esteem sometimes for the first time, and learning that each of us plays a valuable part in our community. PJ teens refinished the community-cherished Pumpkin Stagecoach in Cliff Park in September, PJ families painted a permanent mural in the lobby of Job and Family Services and incarcerated youth knitted over 100 winter hats for community members this winter. It was said that, "**At a time of great challenge, let the ARTS give HOPE to and NURTURE the human spirit (Anon.)**". This is a time of great challenge, and you and I know how much our community needs this program.

**You** could be a **star** to kids like Shateek (pictured on flip side) by sponsoring us.

Sponsor levels are listed on the sponsor sheet—but every little bit counts!

You may also consider attending the event; to purchase tickets or learn more about it, visit the webpage at [www.dancingclarkcelebrities.com](http://www.dancingclarkcelebrities.com). You can also learn more about Project Jericho, including upcoming events, by visiting [www.project-jericho.com](http://www.project-jericho.com).

Thank you, *margaret*

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