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MEET CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESSES THROUGH THESE 5-QUESTION INTERVIEWS WITH...

TAMARA HOWE, OWNER
TAMARA HOWE SCHOOL OF DANCE

Can you please give us a three sentence summary of your personal background?
I was born and raised in Gillette, Wyoming and continued my education at the University of Wyoming earning both a BFA in Dance and a BS in Kinesiology and Health Promotion. My studies afforded me many great opportunities such as serving as Miss Wyoming in the Miss America System, traveling my home state teaching, visiting and speaking at schools, and completing an internship at the White House Athletic Center. My husband Steven and I have three boys and enjoy living and working in Salina.

What is it about your business that is unique or special? What separates you from your competitors?
Our mission at THSD is to "Dream.....Believe.....Dance". Participation at THSD goes far beyond mastering steps, learning dances and winning awards. Our dance lessons teach life lessons including building self-esteem, encouraging team work, developing self-discipline, musicality, self-expression and an appreciation for the language, art and history of dance. We encourage our dancers to be civic minded, to get involved in their community and to use their gifts to give back to others through a variety of means including our Helping Hands concert that benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of Salina and our Friends and Family Showcase that raises scholarship money to help send our dancers to summer intensive programs.

In general, how is demand for your product or service?
THSD provides classes for ages 2 through adult in

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ballet, tap, jazz, pointe, street jazz, modern, creative movement, fitness classes and more. We currently offer 50+ day and evening class options for dancers of all ages as well as many fun events such as our "Wiggle Wednesday Storytime with a Twist", "Imagine That Dance Camps", Mom's Morning Out sessions and more!

How long has your firm been in business and why are you operating in the Salina region?

We opened our doors in 2007 and enjoy our location in downtown Salina. Salina has a vibrant arts culture that provides wonderful opportunities for our community. We enjoy contributing, collaborating and creating new ventures to enrich our dancers training as well as support continued growth within the wonderful arts organizations within Salina.

What are some of the plans you have for the future of your business?

We look forward to continue in creating not only great class opportunities for our dancers but opportunities for them to use their talents to give back, move forward, and create a difference. We really love what we do and we are thankful to work with wonderful students and parents daily. Our philosophy is "more than just great dancing" and our continued focus is to create memories for our dancers and to help them reach their greatest potential with confidence in whatever path in life they may choose.

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