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Founder Patricia Reedy Receives ROOF's Community Excellence Award

Berkeley, Ca— On February 6, ROOF (Red Oak Opportunity Foundation) presented a \$10,000 Community Excellence Award to Luna Dance Institute's founder and Director of Teaching and Learning, Patricia Reedy. The award recognizes individuals who have shown their long-term commitment to their community through their life's work.

ROOF recognizes leaders of organizations whose "passionate service and devotion exemplified in their work is an example to us all." They report, "Patricia founded Luna Dance Institute 25 years ago in Oakland. Now located in Berkeley, the nationally acclaimed dance education organization is dedicated to bringing creativity, equity and community to every child's life through the art of dance."

Since founding Luna in 1992, Reedy has been responsible for designing and evaluating all program components. She writes curricula, develops staff, and provides consultation and professional development to community clients. She has been a dancer, choreographer, educator, and performer throughout her life. With co-director Nancy Ng, she won the first Generous Heart award by *Dance Studio Life Magazine* in 2014. Reedy was named 2008 Outstanding Educator by the National Dance Education Organization and won their first award for mentorship in 2003. With colleagues at Luna she has been awarded an Isadora Duncan (Izzy) in 2007, grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the California Arts Council, First Five Alameda County-Every Child Counts, and dozens of others from private foundations. Reedy writes regularly, publishing bi-monthly articles in *InDance* and authored, *Body, Mind & Spirit IN ACTION: a teacher's guide to creative dance*. Her current projects include cultivating leadership among Luna faculty and working with Ng to create an institute for professional learning that culminates in a usable teaching credential.

When asked what receiving the Community Excellence Award means to her Reedy responded, "I am honored to receive this Community Excellence award from the Red Oak Opportunity Fund. Strengthening communities is a shared value of Luna's and ROOF. As a non-profit co-director, I know full well the powerful creativity of east bay citizens to bring equity and opportunity to every person's life. It will be a joy and a privilege to use this award to strengthen a sense of home for dance educators here."

Visit <http://www.redoak-roof.org/> to read more about ROOF's Community Excellence Award recipients.



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Luna Dance Institute (LDI) is the most comprehensive dance education organization on the west coast. We serve children, families, dance artists, educators, schools and organizations through a variety of programs aimed at increasing access to dance for all. LDI's programs include Professional Learning, providing education and support to all who teach dance; Studio Laboratory, the Bay Area's only choreography-based program for children and teens; School and Community Alliances (SCA), supporting schools in our community to build standards-based dance programs; Moving Parents and Children Together (MPACT), providing parent-child dance classes to families in the child welfare system. As an established Institution with a national reputation for expertise and training in dance education—Luna's Building Cultures of Dance initiative offers program planning, implementation, consultation and evaluation to schools, districts, and arts organizations throughout the country. For more information visit:

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