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Greetings,

On behalf of ABADÁ-Capoeira San Francisco's board of directors, we ask you to consider making a year-end tax-deductible donation to our organization. Every dollar donated up to \$6,500 will be matched with equaled board donations.

Over the past seventeen years, we've witnessed the powerful impact ACSF's has had on people and communities in San Francisco and beyond. We are particularly proud of our long standing outreach and programming focused on young people. Perhaps it is in this time in history that ACSF's presence and programs are of greater importance, and its ability to continue programming is vital to so many.

Through dedicated pursuit, ACSF continues its mission towards expanding accessibility to its extensive, high-quality, cultural and physical programs. Everyday literally hundreds of youth and adults benefit from ACSF's capoeira, and Afro-Brazilian dance and music classes and performances held at their Mission District community center, and off-site in schools and cultural venues throughout the bay area.

As schools continue to cut gym and art, ACSF continues to expand its outreach, bringing more classes and performances into schools than ever in our history - confirming our commitment to increasing youth's opportunities to move their bodies, dream, and gain valuable skills proven to help them succeed in all areas of their lives.

**ACSF provided 10,000 youth with in-school performances, sparking their imaginations and interest, and offered 985 FREE capoeira classes to another 2,500 children. For the majority of these kids ACSF is their ONLY source of regular physical and cultural programming!**

**ACSF's Capoeira Arts Center is a reliable safe haven, filled with new opportunities and learning.** Many youth we serve come from single parent homes, and families that are struggling with the realities of unemployment or working multiple jobs to make ends meet. This often translates into less time and money to invest in sports, enrichment programs and parenting. ACSF offers free and low-cost access to its programs, strong mentorship, positive peer support, and an environment free from the pressures of school and home. **For many of our youth ACSF is the only alternative to spending more time on the streets or at home alone.**

**Many of you might take part in our extensive adult programs- consistently there for you week after week, providing a strong sense of community and support, social networks, and elite athletic and cultural training – helping each individual have a place and the means to stay connected, fit, and spiritually and emotionally grounded.**

With all that we're doing, we need to raise at least \$6,500, which will be matched by the boards annual donations totally \$13,000 to keep this momentum going. With recent funding cuts from foundations and government grants, every individual donation makes a big difference to our small organization. One way to make your support go even further could be to ask for a donation to ACSF instead of the receipt of holiday gifts from family or friends. Please consider helping us sustain and continue to expand our reach with a tax-deductible contribution today. [Donations may be mailed or made online here.](#)

Thank you and happy holidays,

The ABADÁ-Capoeira San Francisco Board of Directors

