



TASC FORCE

TEAM ACTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Outreach through Dance is a charitable dance production company that raises funds by producing dance showcases to benefit charitable organizations in San Diego. Dancers from Mesa College, Grossmont College, local dance companies and various studios throughout San Diego and Los Angeles all came together to participate in this year's dance production called "Dance For A Wish" to benefit the **Make-A-Wish Foundation**® of San Diego.

Rachel Cohen, senior manager at **BJ's Chula Vista**, was invited to attend the showcase, and in Rachel's words, "Rather than supporting through attendance, I thought we could do more, as we can always do more. Because I knew that feeding 200 would be both expensive and a lot to ask, I called Olive Garden, our neighbor, to see if they would be willing to donate food for 100 and then we would donate the other 100. They agreed without question. After contacting the woman in charge of volunteers, I sent a message to enlist help from our team members and was able to sign up 15 TASC Force volunteers. The organization was very excited and relieved as they didn't have the budget to feed all 200 dancers and staff involved. We provided pizza and salad and Olive Garden provided lasagna, salad and bread sticks."

Thanks for sharing this story with us Rachel and for reaching out to a neighboring restaurant for help with supplying food for the dancers and attendees. Note to our BJ's readers, if you wish to explore a TASC Force event that supports the **Make A Wish Foundation**, please visit www.wish.org and click on Supporters and then on Volunteers.



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