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Monday, March 30, 2009

Butterfly Project Fund, Inc. held its 1st Annual Step Show Competition

STAMFORD, CT – The Butterfly Project Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Stamford, Connecticut, which conducts fundraisers in order to provide scholarships to students held its first event since the establishment of the organization. The **1st Annual Step Show Competition** was held at Stamford High School on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

Invitations were sent to teams representing schools, churches and community groups throughout Connecticut. Answering the call were the **Black Diamonds of Stamford High School, Xscluzive Step Team from Brien McMahon High School, UnXpected Era of Norwalk High School, Nation Drill and Drum Squad of New Haven, The Lady Vikes of Westhill High School, Steppin' Up Step Team of Southern Connecticut State University**, and the **JV Dance Team of Greenwich High School**. The competition was judged by a panel of three which included Cherish Stroman, step team instructor of the UBC Steppers; Alexander "Monte" Cobb, choreographer of the YC Dance Force; and LaVella Farrow, former step instructor. The judges scored based on originality, crowd appreciation, and precision. Each group started with 100 points, with points being deducted for being out of sync, inappropriate attire or dance moves, and going over the allotted time.

The show was opened with a special performance by the **UBC Steppers of Union Baptist Church**, Stamford, Connecticut (Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry, Senior Pastor). The UBC Steppers came out in black tuxedos with tails, pink bow ties and cumber buns. They represented Union Baptist Church with the style and class of their leader as they welcomed the crowd.

Halfway through the program, the crowd witnessed an electrifying performance by **YC Dance Force** (Yerwood Center) led by Alexander "Monte" Cobb. While the performance left the audience wanting more, they will not be disappointed. The YC Dance Force in conjunction with a group called Hypnotize Dance Crew from New York will provide a dance performance to benefit the Butterfly Project Fund on Saturday, May 2, 2009. See our website for more information. www.butterflyprojectfund.com

Trophies were awarded in the following categories: Small Teams, Large Teams, and Dance. **Steppin' Up of Southern Connecticut State University** took 1st place in the Small Teams category, and **The Lady Vikes of Westhill** took 2nd. **Nation Drill and Drum Squad of New Haven** took 1st place in the Large Teams category, and **Stamford High School Black Diamonds** took 2nd. The **JV Dance Team of Greenwich High School** took 1st place in the Dance category. Xscluzive and UnXpected Era, both Norwalk teams, were no-shows. **The Lady Vikes** and **Steppin' Up** were kind enough to provide us with additional routines to fill in the gap.

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