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Dear Trustees, Friends and Sponsors of the Symbulon Trust

First of all I would like to thank you all for your continuous support, it means so much to First Step Ballet. It is life changing, so a huge "Thank you".

I would so love to bombard you all with our exciting news from March this year, but unfortunately due to Covid 19 most of our planned activities have been put on hold until further notice. I will however tell you a little about how it's been for me as the Teacher/ Mother of FSB. Not being able to see the children on a regular basis was and still is very hard, not only for me but for the children themselves. Our happy and positive space is being in the Ballet class and I truly miss these special times. I guess I'm a sort of 'Lifeline' for the children, a stable, reliable person who they have come to trust and rely on and all of a sudden I'm no longer there for them to physically see and touch. I try to drive through the village in White City where a lot of the children live, I take with me sandwiches and chocolates for those that I can find, I wave and tell the children "not long now" that's certainly wishful thinking and positive vibes. During lockdown it has certainly given me a lot of time to reflect on my work here in McGregor. First Step Ballet is the reason that I get out of bed everyday, my passion for the children and dance is the thing that keeps me going so at home I have continued to choreograph new pieces for the children and generally kept myself ballet busy!

Great news!

During the last few weeks we were informed that we could enter the Montagu Youth Arts Festival on-line doing Ballet solos, fantastic news! My heart was so happy and so were the Seniors of FSB, we can only have ten children in the class but it's a start. I also have five baby ballerinas too. So a new Ballet for both groups. Watch this space as I'm sure during August you will be able to see the children perform once more. We sanitize everyday and the children wear their masks to protect each other. To say that we are happy to be back would be an understatement but now we must think carefully how we introduce

more children back as time goes by. I think a lot of performances this year will be on-line. We will do a performance for the McGregor Magic Gardens and anything else that comes our way. We have a lot to catch up on.

Last of all I wish you all good health, stay safe!

Best wishes and love to you all from a chilly South Africa!

Mary Corpe Silver  
Founder of FSBM