



**NTC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION NAMING GIFT  
Dance Place to be Renamed in Honor of Generous Point Loman**

February 16, 2016 - San Diego - The New Year is starting off well for **ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station**. The Board of Directors of NTC Foundation, which has oversight of the 28 acre ARTS DISTRICT, is pleased to announce a significant naming gift to support the continued development and enhancement of the civic project. Thanks to a \$1 million dollar naming gift from **Dorothea (Dottie) Laub**, Dance Place San Diego, a 21,000 square foot home for dance in the heart of the historic district, will now be called **Dorothea Laub Dance Place** in her honor.

"We are extremely grateful to Dottie Laub and the Laub family for their continued and generous support of this community project," said NTC Foundation Executive Director **Alan Ziter**. Dottie and her late husband Richard "Dick" Laub have been supporters of the project since its inception in 2000. Most recently, the historic NTC Command Center, the iconic building at the center of the former Naval Training Center, was renamed the **Dick Laub NTC Command Center** thanks to a one-time \$1.5 million donation from the Laub Family.

"Another gift of this size is an extraordinary show of support for this landmark cultural project," said **Richard Opper**, NTC Foundation Board Chair. "We couldn't be more grateful and honored by Dottie's belief in our work to preserve and develop these buildings to benefit generations to come."

This is the third building naming gift received by the NTC Foundation since it was founded by the City of San Diego to renovate and operate 26 historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in Point Loma, now called **Liberty Station**. "The funds will be used to embark on much needed short term maintenance of our 70-90 year- old historic buildings," explained Opper. "It will also be critical in helping assure that we can keep the leasing costs affordable for nonprofit civic, arts and cultural groups in the Arts District. This support helps us stay on mission going forward!"

"I'm happy to continue to contribute to the growth of this local treasure and help set an example of the kind of support that can be provided and is needed to sustain a vibrant Arts District of this caliber for San Diego," said **Dottie Laub**.



Dorothea (Dottie) Laub at the Dick Laub NTC Command Center

Dottie has long been an active member of the Point Loma community. After retiring to San Diego 38 years ago, she has spent her time serving the community with the San Diego Symphony, Point Loma Association, Point Loma Playhouse, Point Loma Assembly, Friends of the Library, Friends of Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo. She is a great supporter of local performing arts groups and many museums in Balboa Park. Dottie, who can often be spotted taking classes at Dance Place, has a passion for dance so the naming of the building is a good match.

**Dance Place San Diego**, San Diego's first ever location devoted entirely to dance, was the first arts building to open at the Arts District at Liberty Station in December 2006. Dance Place San Diego provides a collaborative and creative permanent home that helps strengthen San Diego's already vibrant dance sector.

The former Navy Command School building serves the dance community and is home to three professional dance companies - Malashock Dance, San Diego Dance Theater and San Diego Ballet - as well as countless other classes and workshops ranging from tap to flamenco and more. Collaboration is a founding principle and the resident companies recently hosted a FREE DAY OF DANCE as a gift to the community.

"The timing couldn't be better as we are coming up on the 10th Anniversary of Dance Place," said Alan Ziter. "This generous donation position us well for improvements and growth in the next decade and beyond."

***Dance Place San Diego*** is a landmark center that fills a critical need in the San Diego regional arts community. The 24,000 sq. ft. two-story former Navy classroom building was built in 1941 and underwent a



*\$6 million transformation in 2006. Dance Place features 11 state-of-the-art dance studios where dancers of all ages, stages and disciplines can rehearse and train. Three of San Diego's premier dance organizations - **Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater, Malashock Dance, and San Diego Ballet** - are in residence, and dozens of community groups use the remaining studios, providing the foundation for dance to thrive in San Diego.*

### **About the NTC Foundation & ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station**



*the hallmark of the San Diego region.*

***The NTC Foundation** was established in 2000 by the City of San Diego as a 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation to enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating 26 historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center to create, facilitate and operate a broad-based complex focused on experiencing the arts, culture, and creativity that are*



**ARTS DISTRICT**  
LIBERTY STATION

***ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station** is San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in the new Liberty Station neighborhood, near Downtown on San Diego Bay. With 28 park-like acres the ARTS DISTRICT is home to nearly 120 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance*

*companies, educational groups, multidisciplinary arts, fine dining, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego's creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. The campus also features venues for indoor or outdoor events, festivals, seminars, retreats and meetings.*

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