

# Fundraise for Every Child

## About Dance Marathon

Miracle Network Dance Marathon is a nationwide movement that unites over 400 schools on college, University, and K-12 campuses while raising funds and awareness for their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. In Chicago, over 20 dance marathon programs support Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, where 100% of the funds raised stay local.

Since 2010, local dance marathon programs have raised over \$7.5 million dollars for Lurie Children's. Students involved in dance marathon programs spend a year learning invaluable leadership and life skills engaging with their student body. The year culminates with a 3-12 hour long event where the students come together to share their philanthropic success through dancing, games and entertainment in celebration of the total amount raised that year.



## HOW TO GET STARTED

**Connect with our local hospital advisor to learn more about the process and see what option works best for you and your school:**

- Join our Teen Leadership Board** - (Bridges Teen Leadership Board) city-wide programs within the Chicago North shore region that includes city high schools, community teams and corporate sponsors. This route is reserved for high school students in Chicago's Northshore area.
- Independent Program** - This opportunity would allow you to compile your own board and create an event that is tailor-made for your school. College, University, and grades K-12 campuses are welcome to start a Dance Marathon! Your hospital advisor will provide resources from a fundraising to recruitment, to event-day logistics. You will be provided an on-line fundraising tracking page for students and leaders to directly utilize.
- Affiliate Program** - this opportunity would allow your students to be mentored by a collegiate Dance Marathon program forming a Dance Marathon partnership between both schools. Along with your hospital advisor, college students would help plan, mentor, and be present at your day of event to help ensure this event runs smoothly. All funds raised from your Dance Marathon would be added to the University Dance Marathon total - and celebrated as a partnership between the schools. Your school would also be invited to attend the University Celebration! This route is reserved for K-12 programs.

***Once you pick how you would like to partner, you will have access to a local and national database of resources that will help you and your team create a lasting impact on Lurie Children's.***

# Students involved in Dance Marathon gain valuable skills in...



**Fundraising & Philanthropy**



**Collaboration**



**Leadership Development**



**Project Management**



**Communication**

## Local Programs Dance Marathon

**Thomas Jefferson Elementary School**

**Thomas Jefferson Middle School**

**Crown Point High School**

**Lincoln Way East High School**

**Barrington High School**

**Regina Dominican High School**

**Bridges Teen Leadership Board**

*(Loyola Academy High School,  
New Trier High School,  
North Shore Country Day School,  
Woodlands Academy)*

**DePaul University**

**Valparaiso University**

**Loyola University**

**Northern Illinois University**

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## SUPPORT & RESOURCES

Your school's Miracle Network Dance Marathon program will be fully supported by staff at Lurie Children's as well as the national office!

### CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DANCE MARATHON HOSPITAL ADVISOR:

For Dance Marathon inquires, contact Hannah Monte at:

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