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UNF Hosts 2nd Annual Dance Marathon Event Benefiting Children's Miracle Network

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Jacksonville, Fla. – On Nov. 20, over 200 students will pack the UNF Arena and dedicate 18 hours to support the pediatric programs at two local hospitals, Shands Jacksonville and Wolfson Children's Hospital. The event will kick off at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20 and continue straight through noon on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Dancers, who have been raising money to support the event, will enjoy music, dancing and various games and competitions throughout the night. Special guests, including Miracle Children, who have been treated at either Shands Jacksonville or Wolfson Children's Hospital, will also share their stories throughout the evening to motivate the participants.

The University-sponsored event is aimed at supporting the Children's Miracle Network of Jacksonville/Brunswick. Funds raised by Dance Marathon are used to purchase critically needed medical equipment, child life resources and educational materials for these hospitals.

In Dance Marathon's first year, the students successfully raised over \$19,000. "I'm confident the students of UNF can surpass this amount and make Dance Marathon a major event on campus," said Sammie Robins, Dance Marathon's club president.

Dance Marathon is a member of the university's Club Alliance.

About Children's Miracle Network

Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America. Each year over 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. Locally, Children's Miracle Network of Jacksonville/Brunswick benefits the pediatric programs at Shands Jacksonville and Wolfson Children's Hospital.

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