

February 19th and 20th, 2010- VUDM Dancers, Moralers, friends, and volunteers, will spend 14 happy hours supporting the kids with one giant night of music, food, and entertainment.

FTK (For the Kids!)- The reason we spend 14 hours having fun, dancing, and celebrating for those who may not be as fortunate.

Dancer-Dancers are the heart and soul of Dance Marathon! They pledge to dance, sing, laugh, and maybe even cry, for 14 hours with friends and strangers, all for an incredible cause. With friends from around campus and kids from the hospital cheering them on, Dancers spend one Friday night acknowledging those children that desperately need our philanthropic and emotional support. Dancers spend the months prior to the big event raising money through our online giving website by sending emails to friends and family and by utilizing the LWC. Dancers pledge to raise \$250 by the event in February and have plenty of resources available to help them be successful.

Moraler-Moralers work with Dancers to make the big event a tremendous success. They commit to a three hour shift of dancing and supporting those who have pledged to spend their entire night at the event. Moralers also pledge to raise \$175 throughout the year through the online giving system and the LWC.

Teams-Dance Marathon Teams are a way for campus organizations or groups of friends to fundraise together and support each other the night of DM. Team will have one team leader who organizes the group and who is the liaison between the DM Exec. Board and the team. The team can then be made up of as many dancers and moralers that want to participate.

Commitment-Every year we commit to helping the lives of children in our community by raising funds and awareness for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. We commit to doing all we can to strengthen our Vanderbilt family and make a difference in the greater Nashville community, especially with those who need our help most.

Promise-Our promise is keep every penny at our very own hospital on Children's Way.

Miracle Families-Simply put, they are the reason why we participate in Dance Marathon year after year. Miracle families are patients from the hospital who have worked with VUDM to spread awareness about the incredible things going on at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and how they have affected their own lives. These families love meeting Vanderbilt students and sharing their stories with the community.

Morale Dance-The Morale Dance happens every hour during the event. It is one of the many ways we bring everyone together the night of the event. The songs include everything from Miley Cyrus to the Temptations to Steve Erkel. With Morale Captains leading the way, everyone learns the Morale Dance throughout the night and uses it as a source of celebration, unity, and energy to keep on going!

CMN (Children's Miracle Network)-A non-profit organization that raises funds for more than 170 children's hospitals, including our very own Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Donations to Children's Miracle Network create miracles by funding medical care, research and education that saves and improves the lives of 17 million children each year. With the help of a Children's Miracle Network hospital in their community, children of all ages and backgrounds can receive treatment for every imaginable disease and injury—from asthma and broken bones to cancer and heart defects. Through its continuous efforts to help kids, Children's Miracle Network has raised more than \$3.4 billion to date, most of which is donated a dollar or two at a time by caring individuals.

Craniofacial Surgery Center at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt-This year, our fundraising will directly support the Craniofacial Surgery Center that brings together a team of specialists to change the lives of children with cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, and other complex craniofacial conditions. We will work with them throughout the year to raise funds and awareness so that we can make kids smile, Vandy style.

LWC (The Letter Writing Campaign)-An alternative to our online giving system that allows participants to send old fashioned letters with return envelopes to ask friends and family to support VUDM. This is a great option for the less technologically inclined friends or family, like grandparents who are less likely to check their email very often. Also, for larger donations, people sometimes like to send in checks or participate in corporate matching.

Miracle Game-Every football and basketball season we have one Miracle Game in which the entire Vanderbilt community gets together to honor one of the families from the hospital who have been personally affected by Dance Marathon.

DM Committees, Volunteers and Executive Board-All of the passionate and caring people who's hard work makes Dance Marathon possible.

14 Happy Hours-What else can we say? Dance Marathon is one of the most rewarding experiences a Vanderbilt student can have throughout their time in Nashville.