

# DANCE MARATHON



"Dancing today for a brighter tomorrow"



East Tennessee  
Children's Hospital



## Dylan

Age: 8

Diagnosis: Ewing Sarcoma

Dylan came to Children's Hospital in June 2006 to begin his treatment. Today, he comes to the Hematology/Oncology clinic for chemotherapy and in preparation for his upcoming femur surgery. Thanks to East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Dylan is getting lifesaving medical care to combat childhood cancer.

Dear Friends and Family,

We are pleased to invite you to be a part of the 15th annual Dance Marathon (DM) at The University of Tennessee, February 20-21, 2009, to benefit East Tennessee Children's Hospital. \_\_\_\_\_ is participating in Dance Marathon 2009 and needs your support.

Dance Marathon is a sponsor of the Children's Miracle Network and is one of the largest student-organized philanthropies in the nation. "DM" is an event specifically designed for college students to raise money for children who have cancer. Students raise money throughout the year and celebrate the year's efforts in an overnight event. It is not a dance-a-thon, but a 24-hour celebration of life and helping others with a 14-hour event. It is special because it is not just an event for the UT campus, but it is an event for all of the patients and families of the Hematology and Oncology Clinic at Children's Hospital. DM participants are able to meet and play with the children at the event and see first-hand the lives they are touching.

Dance Marathon asks college students to give up their two most precious resources (time and money) by giving 14 hours of their lives to help save the life of a child. Participants are required to raise a minimum of \$175 for the cause. This money is raised through various fundraisers, but the most important donors are friends and family like YOU who support your favorite dancers. Your donations will go directly toward \_\_\_\_\_'s money total for Dance Marathon.

Cash, checks (made payable to: Dance Marathon, and write the dancer's name in the memo line), and secure credit card donations (click on the "Make a Donation" icon at [www.utkdm.com](http://www.utkdm.com)) are greatly appreciated. In the past 14 years, DM has raised more than \$900,000 for Children's Hospital. With your help, we believe we can greatly increase that total in 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 865-974-5455. You can also e-mail us at [utdm@utk.edu](mailto:utdm@utk.edu) or visit our Web site at [www.utkdm.com](http://www.utkdm.com). Thank you for your support of Dance Marathon and the children at East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,

**Katie Adgent**      **Sarah Castleman**  
Co-Directors of Communication

Please include this section along with your donation in the return envelope provided. These donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to us at:

**Dance Marathon**  
305 University Center  
Knoxville, TN 37996-4800

- \_\_\_ \$14=\$1/hour of DM
- \_\_\_ \$28= \$2/hour of DM
- \_\_\_ \$50
- \_\_\_ \$75
- \_\_\_ \$100
- \_\_\_ \$150
- \_\_\_ Other

### Dance Marathon at The University of Tennessee

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to make a donation to Dance Marathon 2009 on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a receipt:    Yes    No

Included is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One)      Cash      Check # \_\_\_\_\_