

30-hour NU Dance Marathon benefits kids, community



The Northwestern University Dance Marathon, coming March 6-8, is one of the largest student-run philanthropies in the world. (NU Dance Marathon)

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More than 1,000 Northwestern undergrads will dance 30 hours nonstop March 6-8 to raise funds for charities.

From March 6-8, more than 1,000 energetic Northwestern undergraduate students will dance for 30 hours nonstop to raise funds for the Starlight Children's Foundation and the Evanston Community Foundation at the 41st annual NU Dance Marathon.

Starlight plans to use the funds they receive from this year's dance marathon to build pediatric treatment

rooms, playrooms and teen lounges in up to 10 hospitals in the greater Chicago area that will provide a safe haven for chronically ill children undergoing treatment.

The Evanston Community Foundation builds, connects and distributes resources and knowledge for the common good through local organizations.

The marathon, which marks the culmination of a yearlong philanthropic effort supporting the two organizations, begins at 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, and concludes at 1 a.m. Sunday, March 8. It takes place at Norris University Center, 1999 Campus Drive, on the University's Evanston campus. A live stream of the entire event can be viewed online at <http://www.nudm.org>.

Donations for this year's event can be made online at <http://www.nudm.org/donate>. Other NUDM 2015 fundraising activities that are open to the public will include:

- A Silent Auction that will go live online a week before NUDM begins. Bids will be accepted through Saturday, March 7. All proceeds will go to NUDM beneficiaries. For more information, visit <http://www.nudm.org>.
- A 5K Run around the Northwestern's lakefill begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7. Pre-registration fee is \$20, or \$25 day of the event, all benefiting NUDM.

Check-in at 10 a.m. at Norris University Center. The 5-kilometer run ends at 1 p.m. Pre-registration will be available online.

- A Kids Fair, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Norris University Center. Admission is \$5 per family. Tickets at Norris Center on the day of the event. The children's fair will feature fun activities, including face painting, cookie decorating and beanbag tossing.

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