

# Dance Marathon at FSU moves result in more than \$1-million share for College of Medicine

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FSU College of Medicine Dean John P. Fogarty, sixth from left, stands with Dance Marathon at FSU executive committee members during a check presentation on Sept. 4, 2019. (Photo: Mark Bauer/FSU College of Medicine)

You should be dancing, yeah!

Earlier this year, more than 1,800 students at Florida State took heed to that Bee Gees mantra, at the Tucker Center for this year's Dance Marathon at FSU.

Their efforts raised a record \$2.21-million for UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, and the FSU College of Medicine's Pediatric Outreach Programs.

On Wednesday, some organizers were on hand as a check for more than \$1-million was presented to the College of Medicine.

The money raised by the students – the largest student-run philanthropy at FSU – goes to the Children's Miracle Network and UF Shands Children's Hospital.

The two organizations then distribute half of the proceeds to the College of Medicine.

"Here at the College of Medicine, we administer Dance Marathon at FSU funds to support school-based primary-care health clinics at three schools in Gadsden County," FSU College of Medicine Dean John P. Fogarty said at Wednesday's check presentation. "This is not your usual school clinic. It's a genuine lifeline, because it's the only access to health care that a lot of these kids have."

The medical school also uses part of the proceeds to provide service to children at the college's new FSU Primary Health center in southwest Tallahassee.

"We chose that area of town because so many children are medically underserved there and the health-care needs are so great," Fogarty said. "Not anymore – and with a big thank you to Dance Marathon at FSU."

The college's giving doesn't stop there.

Monies also will be shared with TMH's pediatric intensive care unit, Bond Community Health Center, Big Bend Hospice and FSU's Florida State University Center for Prevention & Early Intervention Policy's Young Parents Project.

"Certainly, there's something really special about this effort and what it means for children and families in the Big Bend region," Fogarty said.

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