

Press Release

Dance marathon to present check to FSU College of Medicine

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Dance Marathon at Florida State University and Children's Miracle Network at Shands Children's Hospital at the University of Florida will present a \$211,000 check to the Florida State University College of Medicine for the benefit of children throughout Gadsden and Leon counties.

The proceeds are part of the record \$451,000 raised in 2010 by Dance Marathon, the largest student-run philanthropy on the Florida State campus. Children's Miracle Network at Shands Children's Hospital at UF distributes part of the money raised to the Florida State College of Medicine for use in pediatric outreach programs.

The College of Medicine is using part of the proceeds to pay for a school-based health program in Gadsden County designed to address health care disparities among area children. The record proceeds this year will help expand mental health care availability in the schools. Other projects funded by the Dance Marathon earnings include equipment for the pediatrics unit at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Scheduled to participate in the signing ceremony are Dr. John P. Fogarty, dean of the FSU College of Medicine; Dr. Rick Bucciarelli, associate vice president for health affairs for government relations at the University of Florida; members of the FSU Dance Marathon overall committee and FSU medical students who are part of the Pediatrics Interest Group. The presentation will take place:

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

12 P.M.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ATRIUM

1115 W. CALL ST.

TALLAHASSEE

Directions: From downtown travel west on Tennessee Street and turn left on Stadium Drive. The College of Medicine is located on the corner of Stadium Drive and Call

Street. Limited press parking will be available by RSVP in a parking lot located off of Call Street between the College of Medicine and the Psychology Building. Additional parking is available in the parking garage on the corner of Stadium Drive and Spirit Way.