

Dancing for a cause

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Thanks to Dance Marathon at FSU, a donation \$182,456.42 was made to the Florida State University College of Medicine on Nov. 12 by Shands Children's Hospital in association with The University of Florida. The funds were initially raised by FSU Dance Marathon for Shands Children's Hospital.

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Over the past 15 years, FSU Dance Marathon has been raising money for Shands Children's Hospital as an offshoot of the original Dance Marathon, started at Penn State in 1973. The program has grown to having over 80 schools hold a Dance Marathon in association with Children's Miracle Network. Last year, FSU Dance Marathon raised over \$385,000 for the hospital.

From that money, \$182,456.42 was donated to the FSU College of Medicine.

The donated money will go toward helping surrounding counties with many different issues — for example, allowing students to get physicals so they can play sports in school. The money also allowed the FSU College of Medicine to purchase much needed equipment, such as simulated baby dolls to show what infant care is really like.

The Dance Marathon is put on through the efforts of many motivated students at FSU, working year round raising money and planning every aspect of the marathon itself. This year, Dance Marathon will be held on Feb. 12-14.

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Richard Bucciarelli from the University of Florida presents the oversized check to John Fogarty Dean of FSU College of Medicine.



Many different professionals from all over gathered together to celebrate the success of the 2009 Dance Marathon.

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