



## **DANCE MARATHON AT MNSU-MANKATO**

BENEFITING GILLETTE CHILDREN'S SPECIALTY HEALTHCARE

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### **COLLEGE STUDENTS RAISED \$8,705 FOR MINNESOTA HOSPITAL** **With a Night of Dancing**

MANKATO – Dance Marathon, an event planned by MSU students and held on January 22, raised a total of \$8,705 for the Children's Miracle Network and Gillette Children's Specialty Hospital. The 153 participants raised \$2,230 online before the event. \$1,839 was raised the night of the event at the door. \$4,546 was raised through out the last year in basket auctions.

"I was overly pleased with the results. We planned the 1<sup>st</sup> Dance Marathon to lay the foundation for future ones and weren't expecting to raise as much money as we did," said Christina Miller, one of the student event coordinators.

The goal set for this year's event was \$2,000. Alpha Chi Omega Sorority was the top fundraising team for the event. The top individual fundraiser was Kathryn Carrier of Alpha Chi Omega. The Dance Marathon event planning team was very pleased with the results.

Entertainment at the event included a performance by RakStar Fusion Bellydancers, appearance by local DJ "Digital T", and a performance by MSU's own "Tofu Panda" Comedy Improv Group.

Local sponsors of the event were Coldstone Creamery, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Berry Blendz/ Inta Juice, Pagliai's Pizza, Panera Bread, Applebee's, Arby's, Taco Bell, T.G.I. Friday's, Culver's, Erbert and Gerbert's, Mongolian Grill, Olive Garden, Grizzly's, Pizza Ranch, China Star, China Buffet, WOW!Zone, Godfather's Pizza

In-kind food sponsorship was from 3 local restaurants: Jimmy John's, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Topper's Pizza.

If you are interested in helping to plan or promote next years Dance Marathon, contact John Bulcock via e-mail [john.bulcock@mnsu.edu](mailto:john.bulcock@mnsu.edu) or Ashley Portra at [ashley.portra@mnsu.edu](mailto:ashley.portra@mnsu.edu).

For more information go to: [www.msudancemarathon.com](http://www.msudancemarathon.com). To schedule and interview contact Jenny Pollock at 952-913-0293 or [jenny.pollock@mnsu.edu](mailto:jenny.pollock@mnsu.edu).

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