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# Duck Dance

# MARATHON



## 2023 - 2024 Goals

Dance Marathon at the University of Oregon strives to engage the student and local communities to promote children's health and happiness while fostering the leadership and involvement of participants. Our organization raises funds and awareness for PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield through peer-to-peer fundraising, special events, donations from the community, and engagement with corporate and small business partners in the local area. 100% of our efforts go to promoting the mission and function of PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Our goals for 2023-2024 are to raise \$10,000, fundraise with local businesses, continue to grow community involvement via community events, fundraising, and outreach, grow alum involvement, implement the Team Captain program, and host our main event in May 2024.

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# Main EVENT

## A look at last year...

Last spring, Duck Dance Marathon hosted an end-of-year Main Event! Every year, our main event focuses on celebrating our miracle kids and the money we've raised with music, activities, and food.

Last year, we were joined by the University of Oregon's very own Verb8im and Duck Street Dance and raised \$7,216 for PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center. Activities included a Mario cart tournament, basketball shoot out, put-put challenge, karaoke, Just Dance, and a JBL speaker giveaway. We can't wait for our main event this year in the spring!



# Miracle STORY

## Walker

Meet Walker! At just over 38 weeks gestation, Walker's mom noticed she couldn't feel him moving around as much in utero. When she went to have things checked out, the medical team determined that Walker's heartbeat was barely detectable, and his oxygen levels were dangerously low. He needed to be delivered immediately via emergency c-section.

Baby Walker suffered from hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy, a type of brain dysfunction that occurs when the brain is deprived of oxygen while in utero and was facing brain damage and heart complications. Walker underwent a treatment called hypothermia therapy, a special blanket and cooling system that, if used within 6 hours of delivery, would lower his body temperature enough to allow his brain to heal. He spent 3 weeks in the NICU at RiverBend and is now a 4-year-old active, healthy, and happy little boy!

His doctors see no signs of any permanent brain damage, and he is already ahead of his development schedule. Thanks to the funds from the Children's Miracle Network program, our caregiver team does not have to think twice that equipment like the cooling blanket is available for them to use to help save a baby's life!



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# Executive BOARD



## Executive Director

Amrita Dhillon was born and raised in Sacramento, California. She is a Human Physiology major and a Chemistry minor. In her senior year at UO, Amrita is involved in greek life and volunteers at a local Children's Nursery. She is in her second year with Dance Marathon and first joined Dance Marathon because she knows first hand the amount of hospital equipment, time, and resources that are needed to give a child the care they need and deserve.



people at UO about childhood cancer and to help fund the research to find a cure. A fun fact about Avery is that she studied abroad in London this past summer and is in her second year as an RA at the university.

Dance Marathon as a way to get involved on campus and to help build a lasting community around an impactful cause. A fun fact about Kaitlyn is that she is an identical twin! In her free time, Kaitlyn is also a member of Tri Delta Sorority and Women in Creative Industries.



## Finance Director

Sydney Randolph is from Durham, North Carolina. She is a major in Human Biology with a double major in Biology and Chemistry. Sydney joined Dance Marathon because it is such an amazing organization and she wanted to be able to bring that to UO and enable students to give back to the Eugene community. A fun fact is that Sydney has a twin sister. Outside of Dance Marathon, she is a Member of Tri Delta here on campus and loves to play in intramurals at the REC every term.



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Alumni

# SPOTLIGHT

## Amanda Carver



Amanda graduated from Oregon in 2019 and participated in UO DM in some capacity all four years at Oregon, beginning as a participant and ending as a board member. She was drawn to the mission of Dance Marathon and the tangible impact DM was able to have on CMN Hospital. She thinks there is something so special about raising funds and awareness for an incredible cause and meeting the kids and families whose lives are impacted by the work DM does. Being part of DM and the lives of the Miracle families and kiddos was a highlight of her college experience.

Amanda is currently working full-time as a speech-language pathologist and is lucky enough to work with people across the lifespan, as early as 9 months and as wise as 103 years! Similar to her time with UO DM, Amanda gets the opportunity to build relationships with the families she works with and the reward of seeing her patients progress and grow during their time working together. Since graduating, she's also volunteered as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters and serves on the board of her local non-profit running club.



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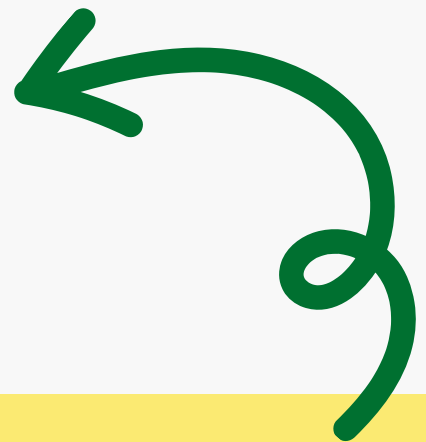


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# Donor **DRIVE**

Our team is participating in Dance Marathon, where we join together to raise funds for our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, which provides critical life-saving treatments and healthcare services for children and their families. Together, we can change kids' health and change the future - we need your help!

To donate, scan the QR code below. Your donation is tax-deductible and will make miracles happen for families who desperately need them. You can click the "donate" button at the top of this page to make a safe and easy online donation.



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