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**MICHIGAN DANCE MARATHON PARTICIPANTS STAND FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT**

If being on your feet for 30 straight hours sounds like fun, you might have what it takes to become a member of the University of Michigan Dance Marathon (UMDM), a student group that raises money each year for physical therapy programs at Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. UMDM's fundraising provides families with the support they need to help pay for these costly rehabilitation programs, which typically are not covered by health insurance.

Dance Marathoners remain on their feet for more than a day to honor those who cannot stand, and to experience a fraction of the discomfort endured by the children who will benefit from their fundraising.

The University of Michigan Dance Marathon group is the largest student run 501c 3 non-profit organization in the Midwest. It runs a year-long fundraising effort that culminates with a two-day dance marathon in March. This year the event will be held from 10am March 21 until 4pm on the 22 at the University of Michigan Indoor Track and Field Building on the UofM Athletic Campus. All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

To support UMDM through a donation of time or money, or by providing media publicity, please visit [www.umdm.org](http://www.umdm.org), or contact Kaitlyn Ortberg at [umdm.outreach@umich.edu](mailto:umdm.outreach@umich.edu).

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