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16,500 PENN STATE STUDENTS TAKE A STAND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD CANCER

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA - The Penn State Dance Marathon ([THON™](#)) will host its annual 46-hour no-sitting no-sleeping dance marathon, with over 16,500 student volunteers supporting the fight against childhood cancer on February 15-17, 2019 at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Over 700 students will stand for 46 hours to show support for children battling cancer and their families. Student volunteers work year-round to raise both funds and awareness, while building relationships with families impacted by childhood cancer.

THON has raised over \$157 million since partnering with Four Diamonds at Penn State Children's Hospital in 1977 - raising over \$10 million last year alone. The money funds innovative research and comprehensive care while ensuring that none of the 4,000 families see a medical bill. Events and fundraisers are held year-round to show support and raise funds, culminating with the dance marathon held each February.

Throughout THON Weekend, there will be numerous performances, as well as notable events like Pep Rally featuring all of Penn State's Varsity Athletes. The final four hours will feature family speakers and the much-anticipated total reveal. The magic of THON can be felt throughout the weekend as thousands stand united in pursuit of a cure.

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About THON™:

THON is the world's largest student-run philanthropy, engaging more than 16,500 students in the fight against childhood cancer. THON's yearlong fundraising and awareness campaign culminates in a 46-hour no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon every February. Since 1977, THON has donated more than \$157 million to our sole beneficiary, Four Diamonds at Penn State Children's Hospital, funding comprehensive care and critical research.