Jagathon: IUPUI’s Dance Marathon Press Kit
Since 2002, Jagathon has aimed to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children by hosting a Dance Marathon on IUPUI’s campus. Jagathon has successfully contributed over $1,271,000 over the past seventeen years. Nearly 300 students devote time in the school year to plan the 15 hour long event. Over 1,500 students; representing over 25 organizations, come together for a common cause - to "stand for those who can't" to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children.

Jagathon is a 15 hour dance marathon that takes place every first weekend of March at IUPUI with the purpose of raising both funds and awareness for pediatric research. We listen to music, play games, spend time with the kids and families we support, and even do a bit of dancing. Dance Marathon is For The Kids; that’s always our focus. Jagathon is a 365-day commitment to raising money for Riley Hospital for Children. With the goal of raising money for Riley comes the yearly celebration of our hard work during Dance Marathon Weekend.

Riley Hospital for Children is Indiana’s only nationally ranked and comprehensive children’s hospital, with pediatric specialists in every field of medicine and surgery. Riley is a national leader in cutting-edge research and medical education, and treats all patients regardless of financial standing. The hospital serves more than 230,000 patients each year.
Special Events At Jagathon

Candlelight Ceremony

The Candlelight Ceremony tradition began in 2015 and was held again in 2016. It is a time during the night that we are able to honor and remember Riley kids who are no longer with us. The Weisenbach family has spoken at the Candlelight Ceremony both years. They shared about their daughter, Megan, who passed away on May 25th, 2012 at the age of 12. Dancers and families gather in a circle, each with a candle, and listen to the family. It is a very powerful and moving moment of the night where we can all have a moment of silence, remembering these Riley kids who are no longer here today.

Run to Riley

Run to Riley Hospital first took place in 2016. During the event, everyone left the marathon and ran to Riley Hospital and back! The one and a half mile run was to show support for Riley and to appreciate the fact that it is located right on the IUPUI campus. This gives our dancers the chance to see the amazing cause they are supporting.
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