

SDSU STUDENTS ARE DANCING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

DANCE MARATHON AT SDSU

ISSUE 1 - DECEMBER 2019



PICTURED ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: SHELLEY HOFFMAN, OLIVIA DI SANTO, DEVON PIERRE, BRYAN VLOK, MACKENSIE MILLER AND TESS SMOLDERS ACCEPTING THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVATION AWARD AT THE MIRACLE NETWORK DANCE MARATHON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN JULY.

WHAT IS DANCE MARATHON?

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY IS ON A MISSION TO HELP SICK AND INJURED KIDS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS THROUGH DANCE MARATHON FOR OUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITAL, RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, WHICH TREATS CHILDREN FROM OUR AREA AND PROVIDES LIFE-SAVING CARE TO SICK AND INJURED KIDS IN NEED.

OUR CURRENT 1,550+ PARTICIPANTS ARE DEDICATED TO FUNDRAISING YEAR ROUND FOR THE KIDS BY WORKING TOGETHER AND DANCING FOR FIFTEEN HOURS AT OUR EVENT.

MIRACLE WEEK RECAP

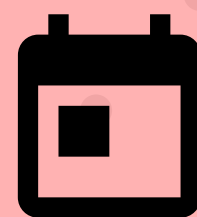
MIRACLE WEEK STARTED WITH CHILD HEALTH DAY ON OCTOBER 7, 2019 WHERE WE TABLED AND EDUCATED THE SDSU CAMPUS ABOUT RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

TUESDAY WAS RECRUITMENT DAY, WHERE 1,328 SDSU STUDENTS REGISTERED AND JOINED OUR MOVEMENT! WE'VE ADOPTED THE CAMPAIGN "IT'S EASY AS 1,2,3" THIS YEAR AS WE EDUCATE OUR PARTICIPANTS ON FUNDRAISING TECHNIQUES TO REACH THE \$123 MINIMUM FOR THE EVENT.

WE SET A GOAL TO RAISE \$36,500 IN 24 HOURS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 AND ENDED UP SURPASSING THAT NUMBER AND RAISING \$38,144.68 FOR THE KIDS!

WE ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING WEEK THAT OUR OVERARCHING GOAL IS TO RAISE \$365,000 BY THE END OF OUR EVENT IN FEBRUARY.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR EVENT!



STARTS FEBRUARY 21, 2020 AT 6PM
ENDS FEBRUARY 22, 2020 AT 10AM

MONTEZUMA HALL
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY



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MICHELLE GUITARD'S STORY

RADY'S MEANS SO MUCH MORE TO ME THAN A HOSPITAL. IT MEANS LOVE, COMPASSION, KINDNESS, AND A FOREVER HOME. MY FAMILY AND I WENT THROUGH SOME OF THE HARDEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES AT RADY'S. EVERY DAY FOR TWO MONTHS WE STRUGGLED TO SMILE, LAUGH, AND FIND THE JOY IN LIFE WHILE MY BROTHER WAS UNDERGOING SEVERE CANCER TREATMENT. RADY'S FELL NO SHORT OF PERFECTION. THEIR SUPPORT AND WARMTH WAS A HUG AT THE HARDEST MOMENTS.

THEY GAVE MY BROTHER THE TREATMENT HE NEEDED, AND NEVER TREATED HIM ANY LESS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE INSURANCE. THEY PROVIDED MY PARENTS WITH A ROOM AT THE RONALD MCDONALD'S HOUSE, AS WELL AS LETTING ME VISIT WHENEVER I NEEDED TO SEE MY BROTHER. THEY PROVIDED COUNSELING AFTER MY BROTHER PASSED, AND MADE SURE I WAS SCREENED TO MAKE SURE I MYSELF WASN'T IN CANCER'S HARM.

I AM SO THANKFUL FOR EVERYTHING RADY'S HAS PROVIDED MY FAMILY, AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE. THEIR SERVICES ARE ABOVE AND BEYOND, AND I DON'T THINK THEY WILL EVER UNDERSTAND THE AMAZING AND LONG-LASTING IMPACT THEY LEAVE ON EVERY FAMILY THAT PASSES THROUGH THEIR DOORS. BEING A PART OF THE DM @ SDSU COMMITTEE HAS ALLOWED ME TO GIVE BACK TO THE HOSPITAL THAT WAS MY HOME DURING THE HARDEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I WILL ALWAYS BE FTK.

WHERE ARE OUR DANCE MARATHON ALUMNI NOW?



MARVIN ORDONEZ - 2016 GRADUATE, DM BOARD 2014-2016

MARVIN WORKS AT THE MONARCH SCHOOL IN SAN DIEGO, A NON-PROFIT SCHOOL FOR YOUTH IMPACTED BY HOMELESSNESS, AS THE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR. HIS FAVORITE DM MEMORY WAS THE MOMENT OF THE FINAL DOLLAR AMOUNT REVEAL AT THE VERY FIRST DANCE MARATHON WHERE IT SHOWED OVER \$40,000. THE TEAM WAS NOT SURE IT WOULD EVEN BE OVER \$20,000. HE IS GRATEFUL FOR HIS LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS THAT DM HAS PROVIDED, ALONG WITH THE JOY IT BRINGS HIM TO SEE STUDENTS BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES.



KAT MCGRAIL - 2019 GRADUATE, DM BOARD 2017-2019

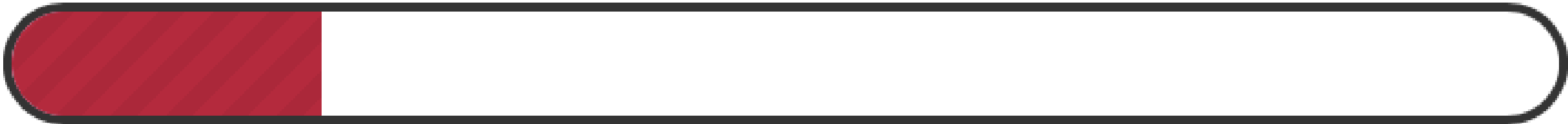
KAT IS IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING TO GRADUATE SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO BECOME A SPEECH THERAPIST FOR YOUNG KIDDOS--HOPEFULLY AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN THE FUTURE! HER FAVORITE DM MEMORIES INCLUDE MADI TAYLOR'S CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AT THE 2019 EVENT BECAUSE SHE FELT OVERWHELMED TO SEE HOW MUCH LOVE AND SUPPORT THE SDSU COMMUNITY HAS FOR HER FAMILY. ANOTHER MEMORY SHE CHERISHES IS GETTING HER BEST FRIEND RJ CHEMALY TO STAY THE FULL 15 HOURS BACK IN 2018 AND WATCHING HIM FALL IN LOVE WITH THE CAUSE AND THEN JOIN THE BOARD THE FOLLOWING YEAR!

SDSU ALUMNI TEAM UPDATES

SDSU ALUMNI ALREADY IS RAISING MONEY AND HAS A TEAM PARTICIPATING IN DANCE MARATHON 2020. THE TEAM HAS SET A GOAL OF \$7,500 AND HAS RAISED \$1,522 SO FAR.

\$1,522 Raised

Goal \$7,500



SATISH BISA, A 2019 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE IS CURRENTLY THE TOP FUNDRAISER WITH A TOTAL OF \$310 RAISED FOR THE KIDS AT RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SDSU ALUMNI TEAM OR WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO DMSDSU.ALUMNI@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAUSE AS A CORPORATE SPONSOR, PLEASE REACH OUT TO DMSDSU.PARTNERS@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.