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University of South Carolina: The Ultimate Party School
USC Dance Marathon And Palmetto Health Foundation Throws Party With A Purpose

(COLUMBIA, S.C.)- Each year, USC hosts Dance Marathon, the largest student-run fundraiser in the country. During the event, USC students stay up for 24 hours dancing and participating in other activities to raise emotional and financial support for Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Dance Marathon 2009 raised more than \$111,000 and involved more than 1,200 students. This year, the event will be held on Feb. 19 and Feb. 20 at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center. Dance Marathon 2010 hopes to raise \$125,000, increase student involvement and community awareness.

In addition to the already awesome benefits Dance Marathon offers its participants, dancers this year are in for a real treat. Popular bands McFly and Sequoyah Prep School are scheduled to perform, along with comic relief from comedians like Eric O'Shea and catering by student favorites such as Jimmy John's, Bruger's Bagels and Qdoba.

The University of South Carolina is known for many things. The highly regarded International Business School; its beautiful downtown campus; the amenities offered to its students, such as the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center; and of course, its mascot- the Carolina Gamecock. However, there is one other thing that the University of South Carolina is beginning to acquire a name for- the ultimate party school.

Imagine it. Thousands of the university's students gathered together for a huge dance party hosted by USC and Palmetto Health Foundation. Popular bands play for students as they dance the night away, munching on free pizza, subs, and other snacks in between dance moves. Stereo speakers blaring upbeat music shake from being turned up so loud. Live entertainment, free food, and thousands of USC students dancing through the night... it's the ultimate party, and this party is for more than just fun. It's a party with a purpose.

For more information contact Dance Marathon's Media Relations Chair, Kayla Hildreth. Or please visit one of the following Web sites:

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