

I am reaching out to tell you about an organization I have decided to get involved with this year. Dance Marathon is a growing movement among college and high school students at over 300 schools across North America—that raises money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. At UNI, Dance Marathon is the largest student-run organization on campus and since its start in 2012, has raised \$2,667,188 for The University of Iowa Stead Children's Hospital in Iowa City. The money that we raise goes directly to the kiddos and families who have fought or are currently fighting life-threatening illnesses or injuries and is used for treatment, research, and medical bills.

I have set my personal fundraising goal as \$_____ all For The Kids. From now until our Big Event on February 29, 2020, I will be actively fundraising and spreading the word and awareness about this organization. At our Big Event, I will be standing on my feet for 12 hours straight for those kiddos who are not able to. I will do this without sitting or the help of caffeine. Our miracle kiddos have gone through so much and this will give us a glimpse of the discomfort that they have felt.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and hope you will consider helping me fight for future generations. This organization is so important, and every dollar truly does make a difference to these families. All donations that are made through my donor drive are 100% tax deductible! From myself, and everyone of UNI Dance Marathon, thank you in advance.

For The Kids,

Please mail your donation to:

Meet A Miracle Kid

Austin Flash Schroeder was diagnosed on 4/14/14 with stage 3 T-Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma. Austin's treatment course was not smooth, as he faced many more setbacks than gains. For a year and two weeks the doctors tried several different types of chemo and radiation regimens, dozens of spinal taps, and a bone marrow transplant. He faced countless infections, diseases, rejections, and at times more than 40 pills per day. Through it all, however, he continued to smile, he continued to fight, he continued to hope, he continued to be thankful, he continued to be grateful, and he continued to find the positives in every situation and exemplify a Win The Day attitude!

On April 28, 2015, Austin passed away, but immediately left his family, friends, teammates, and Fight With Flash supporters signs that he was in a better place. April 28 is National Superhero Day. The single digits of that day add up to "22", his number in every sport he played. Finally, within an hour of his passing, a perfect halo cloud sat directly above the UofI Children's Hospital.

Although our story didn't turn out the way that we hoped and prayed, we were blessed to meet so many amazing doctors, nurses, child life and hospital staff, who have become family to us. We were also connected to Dance Marathon, an organization that not only helped us during Flash's battle by giving gift cards, money for parking, and pharmacy costs, but who continue to touch our hearts with all the love, support and dancing that they do to raise money for families and research, to fight for kids that whom they have never met, and to honor those angels who are dancing in our hearts so that they will never be forgotten.