

## MIRACLE KIDDOS



## Lily Duve

On the outside Lily Duve looked perfect but on the inside Lily was very sick. Lily was born with a congenital heart defect which means her heart did not develop correctly. When she was just 12 days old she underwent her first open heart surgery and again at 15 days old. She recovered quickly and was able to go home and continued to thrive at home. Right after Lily turned 6 months old she returned to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital for another open heart surgery. After 6 days Lily was able to go home again. Lily was able to celebrate her 1st birthday at home with her family! She participated in her first Heart Walk with her other "heart friends" and she had an amazing team that supported her! She continued to do amazing and her health remained stable. But as she grew her heart couldn't provide all the oxygen she needed and her parents knew another surgery was just around the corner. Last year Lily headed to U of I for her 4th open heart surgery with hopes that this surgery will sustain her until adulthood.

# Upcoming Events

Saturday April 12th-  
Canning at Hyvee Locust St.

Wednesday April 23rd-  
Cherry Berry Fundraising  
Night

Saturday April 26th-  
**DAY OF DANCE MARATHON!**

There are no more bulk mailings, but keep sending emails and messaging people on Facebook to ask for donations! Every donation is helping us reach our **\$200,000 goal FOR THE KIDS!**

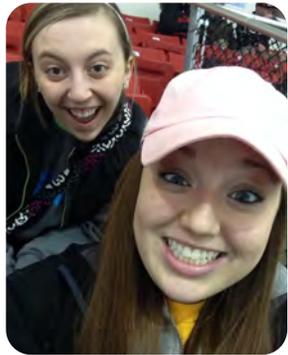
Know any business in the Dubuque area or in your hometown that would like to donate to Duhawk DM? Let Nick Coleman or Julie VanDynHoven know!

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or  
Julie.VanDynHoven@loras.edu

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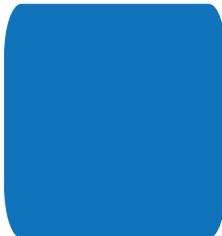
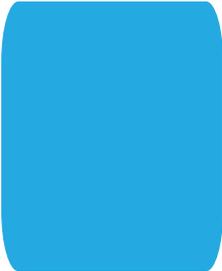
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**Thank you** to all who participated and staffed the minis and made them as successful as possible!! We would not have been able to do it without all of your help!



**Current  
Dancer  
Number**

**283**

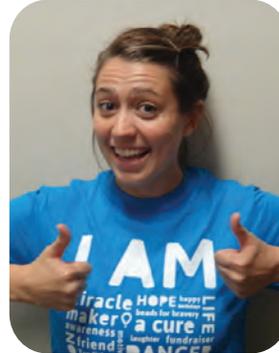


# Meet the Morale Captains!

## And their Favorite DM Memory



**Dana Matykiewicz**  
Sophomore  
Having everyone come together for one cause & dancing our hearts out



**Kirsten Rabedeaux**  
Senior  
Cutting my locks of hair



**Emma Smith**  
Sophomore  
to spread my excitement and love for DM



**Elizabeth Eversole**  
Senior  
listening to all the heartfelt stories of the miracle children and their families



**Leah Colsch**  
Senior  
Meeting the kiddos at the Room of Magic



**Kaitlin Hefel**  
Junior  
Listening to stories and meeting the kids

Hey Miracle Makers!

I am so thankful to all of you who have taken the extra few minutes to write letters, send e-mails, or remind friends, family members, coaches, old neighbors, and anyone you may know asking for donations. Each of these few minutes you take helps us continue to make miracles happen for each of the kiddos at University of Iowa Children's Hospital. So many amazing things have been happening this year, and I have been so grateful to have the opportunity to work with each of you who have had a part in making these happen.

With that, Dance Marathon is in just two weeks and I am so excited to see each and every one of you and celebrate all of the work you have all put into this year. Get excited, because I know the kiddos cannot wait to spend time with the people who have been raising money to help them have the opportunity to just be kids!

Duhawks (truly) Du Miracles!

Alyssa Schroeder

**Monday:** Talk to your old employers!

**Tuesday:** Go to your parents work and tell their coworkers about DM

**Wednesday:** Wear I AM shirt and post a picture on Facebook and hand out your letters

**Thursday:** Go to your high school/ other schools and share DM with your teachers

**Friday:** Collect spare change and donate it to your donor drive

**The top fundraiser over spring break will get a DM fun pack**

**We need your help to reach our 200k goal FOR THE KIDS!**



**Talk to:**

Dentist

Doctor

Neighbors

Hair Dresser

People you baby sit for

Old coaches

Church members

Priests or Pastor