

THON BY THE NUMBERS

Childhood cancers are the number one disease killer of children in the United States—more than asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined. Each year, the Penn State students work tirelessly to raise awareness of the fight against pediatric and funds for The Four Diamonds Fund through the Penn State IFC/Pan-Hellenic Dance Marathon (THON). The Four Diamonds Fund picks up where insurance leaves off so that families battling pediatric cancer can solely focus on the health of their child.

The totals below help to depict the magnitude that THON and the amount of growth it has seen over the past 40 years.

- **46 hour** no sitting, no sleeping dance marathon
- **\$9.56 million** raised last year
- More than **\$78 million** raised since pairing with the Four Diamonds Fund
- **708 dancers**
- **27,816** bottles of water consumed during THON Weekend 2011
- **9,643** meals served last year
- 15,000 student volunteers
- More than 350 student organizations participate in THON
- 15 members of the Overall (Executive) Committee oversees 321 Captains and **3,400** Committee Members in the planning and running of events
- More than **10,000 person crowd** THON Weekend (Bryce Jordan Center closes multiple times throughout the weekend due to capacity in the arena being reached)
- More than **303,000 unique webcast views** around the world during THON Weekend
- More than **9,500 views** during the final moments of THON Weekend
- More than **12,200** Twitter followers
- More than **33,800** Facebook followers
- Largest 5K in central PA with more than **5,700 registrants** last year
- **2,300** children lose their battle with cancer everyday
- **625 new patients** served by The Four Diamonds Fund from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011
- No family has ever been turned away

For high-res imagery of any of the events or families or more information regarding the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon and these statistics, please contact:

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