

# ECSU dance marathon to aid children's hospital

WILLIMANTIC—Eastern Connecticut State University will host its first-ever WarriorTHON dance marathon Saturday.

The event will run from 5 to 11 p.m. in the Geissler Gymnasium.

In affiliation with Miracle Network Dance Marathon, all proceeds will benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Members of the public are invited to the event.

In addition to a night of dancing, WarriorTHON will include food, games, raffles, guest speakers and student performances.

Event organizers are expecting several

family members of children's hospital patients to attend to share their stories.

The chief organizer of WarriorTHON is Eastern student Lauren Landry, a sophomore psychology major from Rumford, R.I.

"I understand firsthand the impact that these donations have on patients of children's hospitals, as I was a child in that hospital bed many years ago," said Landry, who has had three open-heart surgeries.

Registration is \$5 per person and will occur at 4 p.m. April 7, or in advance, online at <https://events.dancemarathon.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=2910>.

Participants can register individually or as a team. Registrants will receive a free Children's Miracle Network/WarriorTHON T-shirt. Each registrant will have their own online donation portal, to which family members and friends can donate.

More than \$7,000 has already been raised and the goal is \$10,000 for this inaugural event.

"If we raise more than \$10,000, WarriorTHON will be the first first-year Miracle Network Dance Marathon in Connecticut to raise that much money," said Landry.

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