

DANCING FOR THE KIDS



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Participants engage in a group dance at Dance Marathon. This year’s UNC Dance Marathon, which took place from 7:30 p.m. Friday to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, raised \$483,210.36 to support families and patients at N.C. Children’s Hospital. The marathon raised a record total for the N.C. Children’s Hospital as 1,600 dancers stayed on their feet for the kids.

UNC offers wide array of service opportunities

APPLES program just one of the ways to serve at UNC and beyond.

By Maggie Conner
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With more than 50 service organizations on campus, getting involved in the community is easy to do at UNC.

New students can even engage in service before classes begin, said Grace Hatcher, president of APPLES.

APPLES is a service learning program for students that offers programs such as alternative break experiences and classes with a service component.

The Service-Learning Initiative — a program that offers 50 freshmen a three-day service opportunity before fall classes begin — is also a part of APPLES.

Students can apply online for the Service-Learning Initiative from late April through the middle of July.

Hatcher said students interested in incorporating service into their academics can take APPLES courses, which allow students to apply material learned in class through a service component.

There are 120 APPLES courses offered per year in 25 different

departments, Hatcher said.

She said APPLES’ alternative break programs give students an opportunity to travel to places such as Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Atlanta and participate in community service projects during fall, winter and spring breaks.

Campus Y is a service organization on campus that is made up of 32 committees dedicated to different social justice issues.

Jagir Patel, co-president of the Campus Y, said the organization provides an outlet for students to gain leadership and get involved in the UNC community.

“You can start finding your passion and implementing it into action,” Patel said.

Freshmen have the opportunity to become members of all the committees or join the executive committee as one of the two first-year members-at-large.

Allison Hargett, co-chair of Helping Paws — a committee within the Campus Y — said joining an organization you are interested in is a great way to meet friends.

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Jagir Patel,
Co-president of the Campus Y

minded people, in an organization where you know you will have something in common,” Hargett said.

UNC Habitat for Humanity is another popular service organization on campus.

Students participate in weekly house-building projects and have the opportunity to go on international service trips, said Madison Powers, co-chair of Habitat for Humanity.

Powers said joining Habitat has really shaped her Carolina experience.

“It is important to find something outside of schoolwork to give some sort of other meaning to your time at Carolina.”

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