

## **TEXT #1: INTERVIEW WITH ASPEN GALLAGHER**

*Exhibit A*

### **INTERVIEW WITH ASPEN GALLAGHER, MIRACLE CHILD OF DANCE MARATHON**

I met with Aspen Gallagher, one of the amazing miracle children that Dance Marathon at Florida State University represents. I hope that this interview shows you the impact that we can have on these children.

**Audrey:** Hi Aspen, hope you are doing well. Thank you so much for doing this!

**Aspen:** I'm doing great, thank you for having me.

**Au:** First off, can you tell me your name and your age?

**As:** My name is Aspen Gallagher and I'm 18 years old.

**Au:** What school year are you in?

**As:** I'm currently a freshman in college here in Tallahassee.

**Au:** That is awesome! Let's get into Dance Marathon for a little. How did you become involved in Dance Marathon?

**As:** My biological mom started taking me when I was really young and I loved it.

**Au:** What is your medical condition?

**As:** I was born with a hole between my left and right ventricles of the heart. They were backwards which caused me to have a complete heart block. At three days old, I had a pacemaker implanted. I have had a total of 2 open heart surgeries and 11 heart surgeries. I'm currently on my 8th pacemaker.

**Au:** You are incredibly strong for going through all of this. Thank you for sharing this! How has being a part of Dance Marathon changed your life?

**As:** I find it to be a liberating experience to see yourself surpass your goals. I love the exciting feeling I get when I see the final reveal of the total of money fundraised throughout the way. I am forever grateful for the people I have met that have changed my life in many ways.

**Au:** I agree, there are no words to express that rush of emotions you feel once you see the total reveal. What is your favorite thing about Dance Marathon?

**As:** The fact that I've made so many, many friends both with and without medical conditions.

**Au:** What is one thing that you would say to the people who aren't sure if they want to participate in DM?

**As:** Dance Marathon is a great way to meet people. You also get to hear stories about children with life-threatening illnesses and you realize that the world is much bigger beyond yourself. It's so much fun and you get to push yourself past what you thought were your limits.

**Au:** Any last words before we wrap up this interview?

**As:** I would like to thank everyone individually who puts their heart and soul into Dance Marathon. When I had my first surgery, I don't think my parents knew about Dance Marathon or it might have not been around yet but my parents relied solely on donations from friends, family and strangers who heard about me through different media outlets. My parent's couldn't both work because they obviously wanted to stay with their newborn baby who was quite literally dying in a hospital 2 and a half hours away from home. Knowing now that DM gets to help other families so that they don't have to go through that makes me really happy.

**Au:** Wow, thank you so much for your honesty during this interview. I really appreciate your time and want to thank you for sharing your story.

**As:** Anytime, this was fun. Thank you for having me!

# ASPEN GALLAGHER

Aspen Gallagher on how Dance Marathon has helped save her life by sponsoring her.

**Your name, your age, and school year?**

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**What is one thing that you would say to the people who aren't sure if they want to participate in DM?**

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For more information on how to donate or how you can participate, go to [www.dmfsu.org](http://www.dmfsu.org)

## TEXT #2: FUNDRAISING IDEAS



# DANCE MARATHON

THE ROAD TO **\$250**

TIPS TO REACH THE DANCER FUNDRAISING GOAL

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1 Posting about DM on social media
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2 Selling crafts on Etsy
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3 Pet sitting & babysitting
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4 Bake Sale, Garage Sale, & Clothing Sale
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5 Reach out to friends & family


### TEXT #3: TESTIMONIALS FROM THE INTERNAL TEAM

# DANCE MARATHON




Hear from the Internal Team

What they love about DM and why you should consider applying for a leadership position.



[HTTPS://WWW.DMFSU.ORG/](https://www.dmfsu.org/)



## Zoe

"Dance Marathon has given me a **home away from home** and introduced me to some of the most dedicated people on campus. Making miracles happen alongside these people has been one of the best things I have had the opportunity to do at Florida State."



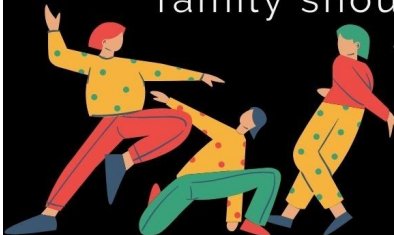
## Jackson

"Dance Marathon is an amazing organization that makes helping those in need fun and really worth it. Being able to make a tangible difference in the lives of kids and families who suffer more than most of us is a rewarding feeling that has really **inspired me and fostered my passion** for aiding those less fortunate than me."



## Jenna

"Dance Marathon has made me **appreciate the need for research** and funding for pediatric illness. The whole family is impacted when a family has an illness, and no family should have to go through that."



# Harper

"Dance Marathon at FSU has become an integral part of my college experience and it has **truly changed my life** in more ways than one. Throughout the years, I have fallen in love with our miracle children and have grown a passion for our cause. I am currently a nursing student and hope to obtain a job in pediatric nursing and continue my fight against pediatric illness and injury after graduation."

