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Typically for the IlliniThon Dance Marathon, over 1,000 University of Illinois students go to the Armory to dance for 12 hours straight.

The dancing benefits St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield.

This year, students will log in to Zoom for 12 hours to fundraise and dance with the kids undergoing treatments.

Maddie Diluia (Dil-u-ya) is the director of corporate relations for the marathon and organizes all partnerships for the event.

She says transferring the fun, in-person atmosphere will be one of the challenges.

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**OC: "DESERVE TOO"**

*"We're going to try and like show everybody the morale dance still and make sure that everybody gets the credit they deserve and all of the miracle kids get the recognition that they deserve too."*

To learn more about the dance marathon, visit [illinithon.org](http://illinithon.org).