

The Diane Herbert Dance Studio Raises \$1300 Through their Wear Pink Dance-A-Thon for Breast Cancer Research

The Diane Herbert Dance Studio (DHDS) hosted a Wear Pink Dance-A-Thon on October 30, 2018 at its Prince Frederick, MD studio to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. DHDS hosted this event to do their part in raising awareness and donations towards finding a cure!

Every DHDS student was encouraged to wear pink and obtain sponsors from family and friends. During the event, local businesses and home-based organizations happily donated items to raffle off for such a worthy cause. "It was truly a wonderful event where everyone at the DHDS studio and community came together to raise money for a cause that is near and dear to my heart," stated Alana VanHorn, DHDS Instructor. She added, "My niece was recently diagnosed with breast cancer at the very young age of 32. It makes me think about every little girl that we teach at DHDS and you never know who could be affected at some point in their life. We need to do something to stop this awful disease!"

The event was packed with fun! DHDS Instructor's taught their classes dressed in pink and since it was the night before Halloween, students learned Halloween themed dances. DHDS also invited a special guest to the event - Zumba Instructor, Michelle Feidler who teaches at the World Gym in Prince Frederick. Ms. Feidler taught a very energetic routine that got all the students moving and grooving!

Jayvia Holland, a 5-year-old DHDS student of Owings, MD raised over \$450 through her family and friends to contribute to the total amount donated by DHDS to breast cancer research of over \$1300! "We are so grateful for our students and their families," stated Diane Herbert DiCarlo, DHDS Owner and Instructor. "We are all in this together and we appreciate all of the donations and participation from everyone involved to make this event a success," she added.

Val Mayer of Lusby, MD said, "We rise up by lifting others! Did you know Southern Maryland has one of the highest rates of breast cancer in the nation? We need to raise money for research and have fun doing so!" Mayer's daughters, Madison, Karis and Preslee are DHDS students at its Lusby, MD studio.

DHDS was thanked by Robyn Maslan of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation by saying, "That is terrific!! You have raised money to fund 24 hours of research." DHDS hopes to make this an annual event. If you would like to learn more about the Diane Herbert Dance Studio and view pictures from the event, please visit their website at www.dianeherbertdancestudio.com or their Facebook page. DHDS would love for you to join their dance family!