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## AHS to host DanceBlue Mini-Marathon

Apollo High School will host its sixth annual eight-hour mini-marathon to support the University of Kentucky's DanceBlue Hematology/Oncology Clinic at the Kentucky Children's Hospital in Lexington. The mini-marathon will be from 3 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, the AHS gymnasium. The school is located at 2280 Tamarack Road.

Students will be on their feet and active throughout the evening with a "no-sitting, no-sleeping" rule. The event will feature dancing, games and activities to support kids and families in the DanceBlue clinic. Each hour is dedicated to a specific theme with special music and games. This year's themes include military, Olympics and Pixar movies. A service tent will be set up where students can fill out cards or make gifts to send to the patients at local cancer offices and the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center in Owensboro.

Apollo High School is the first high school on the western side of the state to host a mini-marathon in conjunction with UK. Apollo graduates and current UK students will be on hand to help out on Sunday night.

Apollo's DanceBlue Club works throughout the year to spread the information and mission of DanceBlue to students at Apollo, College View Middle School, and Audubon, Burns, Deer Park, Sorgho and Southern Oaks elementary schools. DanceBlue has grown to become not only an Apollo event, but also a community event. Students from Owensboro Catholic High School and the Academy of Young Leaders will also participate in the marathon.

Community sponsors and supporters have donated dinner and snacks for participants. Sponsors include Domino's, Olive Garden, Ritzy's, Beef O'Brady's, Little Caesars and Moonlite Bar-B-Que. Local businesses that have donated to the cause include German American Bank, Gardner Engineering, Greenwell Chisholm Printing, Drs. Durall & Wedding, Century Aluminum and Independence Bank.

**Note to media** – Our media partners are invited to attend DanceBlue on Jan. 20 and share this story about local students who donate their time and energy to support pediatric cancer research. For more information about the Apollo High School DanceBlue mini-marathon, contact Melissa Jarboe at 270-852-7100 or [Melissa.jarboe@daviess.kyschools.us](mailto:Melissa.jarboe@daviess.kyschools.us)

### UK's DanceBlue marathon fundraiser

All of the money raised by DanceBlue goes to the Golden Matrix Fund, which works to support cancer research at the Markey Cancer Center and social support at the DanceBlue KCH (Kentucky Children's Hospital) Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic. In 12 years, DanceBlue has raised more than \$11 million. Every year, more than 100 campus organizations and 800 dancers help raise money to support the Golden Matrix Fund. For more information, visit [www.danceblue.org](http://www.danceblue.org)