

Rakad
Dance Camp
Annual Report
2021-2022





Mission

To teach all girls to dance joyfully
and to share the love of God.



Vision

We see Jesus moving in the young girls
and women throughout the world. We
believe that through praising God with
dance we become part of the
movement.



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Dear Rakad Supporters,

Rakad Dance Camp is so much more than just a summertime activity. It is a community that promotes sisterhood, joy, and love. The heart of Rakad has always been our campers. Every part of camp comes back to them as we endeavor to make Rakad campers feel a spark of joy and love.

Since 2009, Rakad has been teaching girls to dance with joy. In fact, Rakad is the Hebrew word that means “to dance or leap with joy”. Throughout the years Rakad has grown and changed significantly, but one thing has remained the same. At every Rakad Dance Camp, we teach about joyful movement and the love of God.

Despite our long history, this year was also a year of firsts. In 2021, Rakad became an official 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and took a leap of faith. You came alongside us as we continued to serve girls in our community. This is our report that offers an in-depth review of our fiscal year and shares goals for Rakad Dance Camp in 2022-2023.



Leslie Oxford

Leslie Oxford
Executive Director & Founder

Year-In-Review: Christmas Camp

After 5 years, Rakad brought back our Christmas Camp (by popular demand!). In December 2021, we held a one-day Rakad Christmas Camp, where we were able to celebrate the birth of Jesus through dance.

Our campers got to experience all the love and joy of Rakad in one jam-packed day. Campers learned about the true meaning of Christmas and decorated cookies. They also learned an entire dance with an optional church performance the following day.



Lydia loved Christmas camp because she reunited with her summer dance camp friends and loved celebrating Jesus' birth through dance. She also had the special experience of wearing a dance costume that her mother had worn when dancing in church at St. Peter's Church.

Christmas Camp By-the-Numbers

12 Campers

5 Volunteers

4 Leaders

1 Dance Taught

1 Church Performance



"It's so special to spend time dancing at church during the Christmas season!!"

Year-In-Review: Summer Camp



This summer was Rakad's 14th summer. However, it was our first summer as an independently operated nonprofit organization.

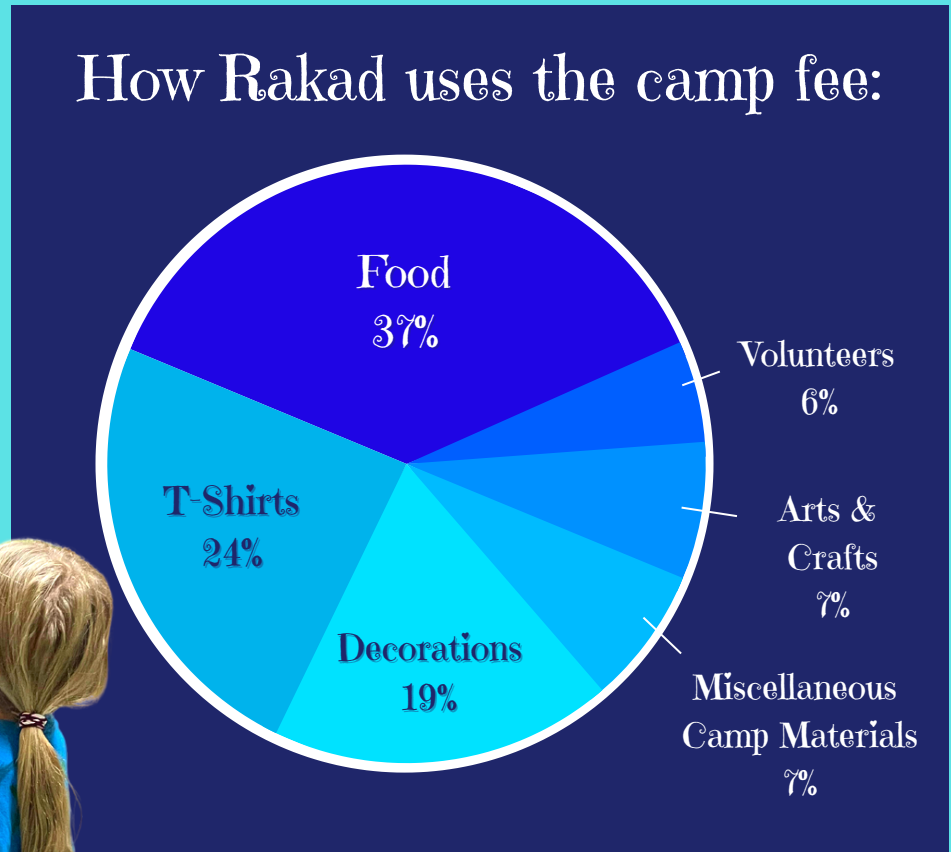
It was definitely a year of growth, which made this year's camp theme of Flowers perfect! We celebrated our first full camp since 2019, due to COVID-19 restrictions. When campers returned, it was clear that the joy at Rakad hadn't changed.

We also had many first time campers that added to the joy of camp week. Nine-year-old Keyani, a first time camper, was delighted with her experience! She is a scholarship camper who gave a rave review. "I like the people the most at Rakad, especially the people that take the time to teach me how to do the dance when I don't get it!" Keyani says,

"Overall, Rakad was AWESOME!"



“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God lasts forever.”
Isaiah 40:8



Summer Camp
By-the-Numbers

- 32 Campers
- 20 Volunteers
- 7 Leaders
- 8 Dances Taught
- 5 Memory Verses

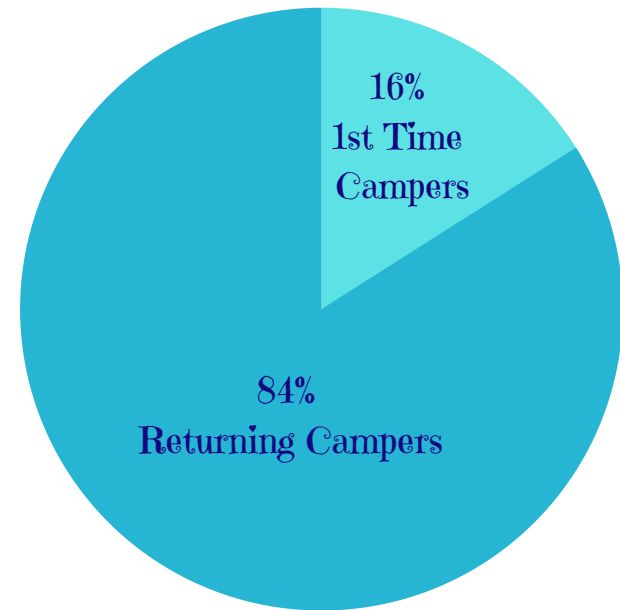


"Rakad is free of judgment.
You can move and dance
with freedom and joy!"





84% of Rakad Campers return after their first summer!



What Campers & Volunteers say about Rakad...



Year-In-Review: Undignified Dance Ministry

"I will become even more undignified
than this before the Lord"
2 Samuel 6:22a

The Undignified Dance Ministry (UDM) is the group that serves as leaders at Rakad Dance Camp. These young leaders are all former campers. They put in a lot of hard work prior to camp. It's not just about dancing. Every member of UDM completes extensive leadership and spiritual training. They learn to work together to uplift and encourage all of our campers. Without these incredible people, Rakad Dance Camp could not happen

Thank you!



Undignified Dance Ministry 2021-2022

Makayla Fennell
Arianna Howell
Anna Leach
Naomi Leach

Mai Trog
Lydia Vincent
Phenix Warren
Elise Wurts



Year-In-Review: Volunteers



At Rakad, there is a lot happening behind the scenes that you may not be aware of. Our volunteers are an essential part of Rakad Dance Camp! From assisting with arts and crafts to providing medical care to preparing lunch, our volunteers work hard to give all of our campers a fun and safe camp experience!

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!

Volunteers 2021-2022

Gaby Bell	Martha Fooshee	Marlene Miller
Maria Bell	Sheryl Green	Virginia Pillsbury
Katharine Boyd	Nathlyn Hemmingway	Walter Pillsbury
Linda Boyd	Angel Kelly	Deborah Pruitt
Donna Reynolds	Destiny Kelly	Starla Simmons
Ingrid Cople	Eva Loewen-Samuels	D.J. Winn
Dorothy Fennell	Bettyanne Owens	Jeanne Wright
Eddie Haley	Shavon Mangala	Lori Wurts



Year-In-Review: Community Service



At Rakad Dance Camp, we engage our campers in community service projects. In 2021-2022, we were able to partner with some amazing organizations.



During the 2021 Christmas Camp, our campers donated baby blankets and diapers to the Diaper Bank for Northeast Florida. They also learned about diaper need in our community.



On Monday of 2022 Summer Camp, our campers learned about Seeds of Love, a ministry that provides needed items to people facing financial hardships. Our campers filled 100 bags for a community outreach event.



On Tuesday of 2022 Summer Camp, our campers learned about Free Flow, a mobile shower ministry. Our campers decorated cards for neighbors experiencing homelessness.



At Summer Camp, we had a school supply drive as our weeklong project. These school supplies are sent to missionaries in Antigua, Guatemala. Our campers brought in 250+ school supplies for kids in Guatemala!

2022-2023 Camps



Rakad Christmas Camp

December 17, 2022

\$25 per camper

Registration Now Open!



Rakad Easter Camp

April 1, 2023

\$25 per camper

Registration Opens 1.1.23

NEW!



Rakad Dance Camp 2023

July 17-21, 2023

\$100-\$150 per camper

Registration Opens 2.3.23

Register at www.RakadDanceCamp.com





Year-In-Review: Financial Position

Revenue

Personal Donations.....	\$4,912
Corporate Donations & Grants.....	\$2,500
Camp Registration Fees.....	\$1,746
Camp Scholarship Fund.....	\$625
Merchandise Sales.....	\$273
Fundraisers.....	\$239

Total Revenue.....\$10,294

Expenses

Administrative.....	\$2,734	Camp Expenses.....	\$4,496
Legal & Professional Fees...	\$1,834	Summer Camp...	\$2,698
Certifications & Licensure...	\$432	Undignified Dance Ministry...	\$1,124
Office Supplies...	\$416	Christmas Camp...	\$675
Marketing...	\$139		

Total Expenses.....\$7,230

Net Revenue.....\$3,064

Financial Goals for 2022-2023

1

Diversify funding by increasing corporate donations & grants.

2

Create more community partnerships.

3

Build & maintain relationships with current donors.

A year of growth & faith!



"For we live by faith,
not by sight."

2 Corinthians 4:19

We didn't let Covid get the best of Rakad Dance Camp though we had to rebuild after canceling camp in the summer of 2020 and returning with a limited camp in 2021.

Instead of believing that Rakad camp days were over, we came back stronger than before. With God leading, we are back to our traditional summer camp week, reintroduced Christmas Camp, and in 2023 will have our first Easter Camp.

When you donate to Rakad Dance Camp, you help sustain this faith based camp designed to serve all girls as they learn to move with joy but also experience the love of God.

Please consider taking a **Leap of Faith** with Rakad Dance Camp by making a donation to support our programs.



Thank you for taking a Leap of Faith!

Anonymous

Kathi Aultman

David & Maria Bell

Linda Boyd

J.D. & Margaret Chambers

Adam & Jessica Deguzman

Peggy Elmore

Lauren Ford

Tina Griffin

Nathlyn Hemmingway

Joshua & Eva Loewen-Samuels

Jania Lowe

Patricia Mierse

Marlene Miller

Amber O'Hara

Bettyanne Owens

Aracelis Parmenter

Harry and Connie Parsons

Marina Peacock

Ann Pillsbury

Walter & Virginia Pillsbury

Deborah Pruitt

Melissa Rodriguez

Melanie Saxon

Anthony & Starla Simmons

Paula Suhey

Aaron & Jasmine Taylor

Ann Weeks

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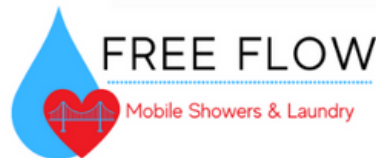


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