

Rakad Dance Camp Annual Report 2022-2023





Mission

To share the love of Jesus and empower girls through the art of joyful movement.

Platinum
Transparency
2023

Candid.



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,

Board of Directors

Starla Simmons
President

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Secretary

David Bell

Paula Suhey

Releia Warren

The smiles on their faces say it all. For first time campers, camp might feel daunting, but for most that second day arrival is all smiles! And for some, crying because it is over on the last day sums up the special impact Rakad Dance Camp has on campers, leaders, and volunteers.

Rakad 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.

In 15 years, Rakad has established a legacy of love and joy 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.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Oxford".

Leslie Oxford
Executive Director & Founder



Happy 15th Birthday Rakad!

This summer marked 15 years of Rakad Dance Camp.

In 2008, the idea of a summer dance intensive started as a dream.

Rakad was only supposed to be a one time program, but the first camp was so successful that we have kept on dancing! Our first summer camp program had 9 campers and 4 teen volunteers.

The movement has continued & the numbers speak for themselves:

- 30 Camps
- 500+ Girls Impacted
- 35 Small Group Leaders
- 125 Dances Taught
- 105 Bible Lessons Shared
- 15 Years of Dancing





#15YearsOfRakad

Year-In-Review: Christmas Camp

In December 2022, we held Rakad Christmas Camp, a mini camp where we were able to celebrate the Christmas story through dance.

At Christmas Camp, our campers got to experience all the love and joy of Rakad. Campers learned about the birth of Jesus and decorated cookies. They also learned an entire dance with an optional church performance on Sunday morning.

Luna and Sophia are sisters who attended Christmas Camp. They both love the whole Rakad experience. “I come to Rakad to dance,” says Sophia, who also loves reuniting with camp friends and appreciates fun camp details.

Luna remembers dancing and singing at Christmas Camp with her friends. “I come to dance and play with my friends and to help people,” says Luna.



Christmas Camp By-the-Numbers

16 Campers

5 Volunteers

6 Leaders

1 Dance Taught

1 Church Performance





Scan here to
watch the
Christmas Dance!



Year-In-Review: Easter Camp



Easter Camp By-the-Numbers

- 8 Campers
- 4 Volunteers
- 4 Leaders
- 1 Dance Taught
- 1 Church Performance

Over Spring Break 2023, we held Rakad Easter Camp, a new mini camp.

At Easter Camp, our campers got to learn about the Easter story through dance. The message was about how God can take sadnesses and transform it to joy and dancing. Campers also learned an entire dance, played games, and hunted for Easter eggs.

Eden is a seven year old camper who attended Easter camp. It is wonderful to see Eden dance with joy and having fun.


“My favorite thing about Rakad is everything,” says Eden.





TEAM AWESOME

B.G.O.O.D.
GO.O.L.F.O.O.D.



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watch the
Easter Dance!



Year-In-Review: Summer Camp

This summer was Rakad's 15th summer, and we definitely celebrated our 15th Birthday!

The theme of this summer's camp was Princesses. Throughout camp, our campers learned about the attributes of princesses; princesses are beautiful, brave, wise, kind, and loved. Campers also learned to move with freedom and joy.

We had so much fun with both new and returning campers. Whether they were competing in a unicorn relay race or decorating the back of their camp shirts, seeing our campers smiling, dancing, and growing is always the best part of the week.

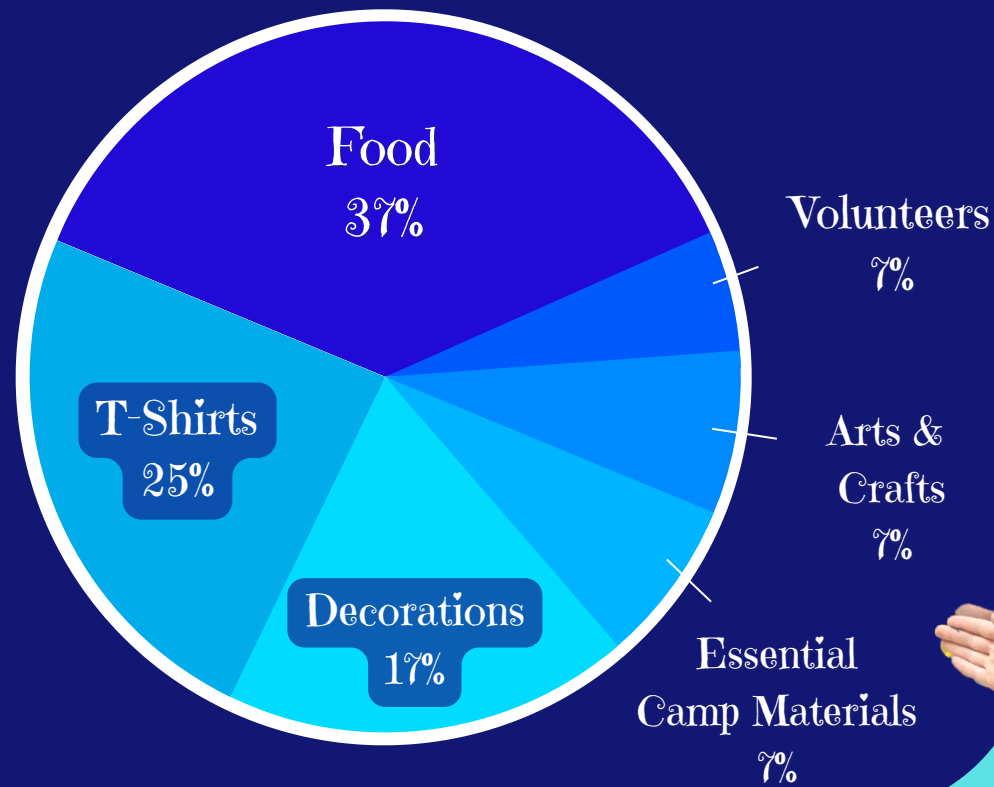
Victoria is a first time camper who caught the spirit of Rakad this past summer. "I came to camp because it was a great opportunity for me and other girls to come together and learn and dance," she says.

"It was my first Rakad and I loved it."



"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Jesus"
Romans 8:17

How Rakad uses the camp fee:



Summer Camp By-the-Numbers

46 Campers
35 Volunteers
8 Leaders
8 Dances Taught
5 Memory Verses





"At Rakad, you never stop moving!
There is always something new
and exciting happening!"



[Scan here to see a recap
of Summer Camp](#)

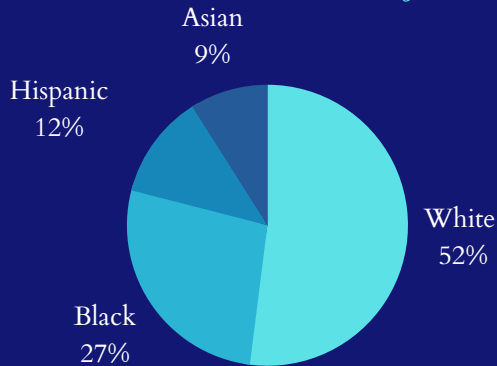
Camp Demographics

73%

of 2023 campers received a Camp Scholarship



Race & Ethnicity



24% individuals with special needs

Including but not limited to: severe allergies, Asthma, ADHD, Down Syndrome, Type 1 Diabetes, & other chronic conditions.



What Campers & Volunteers say about Rakad...

Girls Bible Joy Confidence God Patience
 Faith Spirit Happy Summer Leadership
 Games Smile Dance Jazzercise Kindness
 Community Service Friends Art Laughter
 Fun Peace Love Girl Power Prayer Jesus

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.

Thank you to our
amazing leaders!



Undignified Dance Ministry
2022-2023

Emilia Bell
Heidi Copple
Makayla Fennell
Arianna Howell
Anna Leach

Naomi Leach
Mai Trog
Adisenne Taylor
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 2022-2023

Achan Agwa

David Bell

Gaby Bell

Maria Bell

Nathan Bell

Natalie Blasco

Katharine Boyd

Linda Boyd

Donna Reynolds

Mary Chowenhill

Ingrid Copple

Sarah Copple

Dorothy Fennell

Eddie Haley

Martha Fooshee

Sheryl Green

Angel Kelly

Destiny Kelly

Amber O'Hara

Bettyanne Owens

Shavon Mangala

Marlene Miller

Virginia Pillsbury

Walter Pillsbury

Deborah Pruitt

Starla Simmons

Releia Warren

D.J. Winn

Susan Willis

Jeanne Wright

Year-In-Review: Community Service

At Rakad Dance Camp, we engage our campers in community service projects. In 2022-2023, we were able to partner with some amazing organizations.



During the 2022 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 2023 Summer Camp, our campers learned about Community Health Outreach, a ministry that provides medical, dental, groceries, and family support services. Our campers decorated grocery bags for CHO's clients.



On Friday of 2023 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 dress drive as our weeklong project. These dresses are sent to girls at our sister camp in Antigua, Guatemala. Our campers brought in 350+ dresses for girls in Guatemala!

Upcoming Events



Rakad Christmas Camp

December 16, 2023

\$25 per camper

Registration Now Open!



Rakad Sweet Sixteen Virtual Party

July 6, 2024

Free to attend

Join the party on Facebook!



Rakad's Night with the Stars Gala

March 1, 2024

\$35 per ticket

Tickets On Sale Soon!



Rakad Dance Camp 2024

July 15-19, 2024

\$100-\$150 per camper

Registration Opens 2.3.23



Rakad Easter Camp

March 23, 2024

\$25 per camper

Registration Opens 1.2.23



Rakad Guatemala Mission Trip

July 23-30, 2024

\$1,500 per person (for ages 12+)

Trip Applications Now Open!

For more information visit: www.RakadDanceCamp.com



Year-In-Review: Financial Position

Revenue

Individual Donations.....	\$9,366
Corporate Donations & Grants.....	\$5,125
Camp Registration Fees.....	\$813
Camp Scholarship Fund.....	\$1,710
Merchandise Sales.....	\$78
Fundraisers.....	\$3,763

Total Revenue.....\$20,856

Expenses

Administrative.....	\$7,821	Camp Expenses.....	\$3,462
Legal & Professional Fees...	\$1,416	Summer Camp...	\$2,691
Certifications & Licensure...	\$3,414	Undignified Dance Ministry...	\$225
Insurance...	\$2,841	Christmas Camp...	\$282
Office Supplies...	\$150	Easter Camp...	\$264

Total Expenses.....\$11,283
Net Revenue.....\$9,573

Financial Goals for 2023-2024

1

Diversify the revenue streams

2

Equitably compensate individuals for labor

3

Increase organizational efficiency and effectiveness

Leaping Into The Future

Did you know that the national average cost of a day camp is \$185 per day?!

At Rakad Dance Camp, we work hard to make our programs accessible to all girls. One way we do this is by keeping our cost affordable.

We charge \$25 per day per camper. Still 73% of our campers need financial assistance and attend on scholarship. In order, for Rakad to continue providing our accessible programs, we need people like you to stand in the gap.

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.



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

2 Corinthians 4:19



Thank you for taking a Leap of Faith & Supporting Rakad!

Anonymous

Jennifer & Bill Aiken

Kathi Aultman

David & Maria Bell

Linda & Katharine Boyd

Catherine Bullock

Margie & J.D. Chambers

Mary Chowenhill

Lisa Clinton

Martha Crews

William Darnell

Fran DeHaan

Rosemary Dell

Amy Dimmock

Dawn Elmore

Peggy Elmore

Anthony & Normie Ferguson

Gary Fetters

Martha & Richard Fischer

Sheldon & Rebecca Green

Lisa Harris

Pamela Hastings

Margaret & Mark Huey

Robin Jones

Penny Kamish

Destiny Kelly

Melissa Kurtz

Natalie & Anthony Laquidara

Christie Leach

Raymond Leach

Colleen Linning

Shavon Malanga

Dan McGregor

Maria McGregor

Patricia Mierse

Marlene Miller

Beth Mixson

Jim & Peggy Morgan

Nancy Morgan

Amber O'Hara

Collin & Laverne O'Hara

Bettyanne Owens

Marina Peacock

Trudy & Mike Parker

Crystal Parks

Ann Pillsbury

Walter & Virginia Pillsbury

Deborah Pruitt

Donna Reynolds

JoAnne Rodriguez

Melissa Rodriguez

Melanie Saxon

Beth & Pete Shamburger

Starla & Anthony Simmons

M Stuart

Paula Suhey

Jasmine & Aaron Taylor

Charles Warren

Releia Warren

Ann Weeks

Wendy & Gill Weise

Lark Will

Maggie & Taylor Willets

Susan Willis

Jeanne Wright

Teresa Yancey

Thank you to our Community Partners!



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Ways to Give



Donate Supplies

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