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# DARBY'S DANCERS NEWSLETTER

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## Darby's Dancers National Volunteers

At the heart of every Darby's Dancers group, including the national organization, are the volunteers. As our organization has grown, I realized I needed help. I am so pleased to have enlisted the help of



some of my family and some of Darby's friends. Darby had some very special friends in her life and I am so happy to be able to use their talents and abilities to help support the organization. It means a lot to them and I know it would mean a lot to Darby. *Please see p. 3 for pictures of these sweet girls.*

Pictured above are my nieces who live in Charlotte: Hannah Lewis (Webmaster) and Jessica Dodd (Fundraising and Awareness and new bride).

### Studio of the Month

The fourth studio to join our organization was Edenton Dance Stars in Edenton, North Carolina. Thank you to Linda Brown for opening your heart and your studio to us. Linda has been teaching dance for 20+ years and has been in Edenton 17 years. She loves her Darby's Dancers and makes some little girls very happy every Saturday morning. Keep loving them, Ms. Linda and Happy Dancing!

### Dancer of the Month

Meet 12 year old Zoie Bynum from Edenton, NC. Zoie is in the 4th grade and is home schooled by her mom, Trisha. We had the privilege of seeing Zoie and Trisha last week while visiting Edenton.

Zoie loves to swing, ride horses, swim and play with her big German Shepherd named TINY!! She also loves to dance, of course, and really enjoys her friends in her Darby's Dancers class.

Zoie suffered from meningitis, RSV and a massive seizure all before the age of 5. She has hemiplegic cerebral palsy. You think that slows her down? No way! Zoie is an active, happy and very sweet girl. She has to be tough to be able to hang with her 3 older brothers!!



### Our Special Volunteers

Pictured below in order from left to right:

**Lauren Gray**, freshman at Calhoun Community College, Huntsville, AL, friends with Darby since preschool, classmate, school bus mate (Fundraising and Publicity)

**Abbey Alford**, senior at Dickson High School, Dickson, TN, friends with Darby since beginning dance together in 2008, helped start the Darby's Dancers group in Dickson (Technology and Recruitment)

**Carolyn Snoddy**, 24 years old, employed by Huntsville Hospital and Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center, Huntsville, AL, friends with Darby from dance and “big sister” (Communications and Human Resources)

**Cami Hladky**, senior, Huntsville High School, friends with Darby from dance (Communications and Public Relations)



