

The Sparkle Effect, Honored in 2009

To date, The Sparkle Effect has generated over 200 inclusive cheer and dance teams in 30 states that have directly involved over 10,000 students with and without disabilities.

The Sparkle Effect continues to provide four primary services to our teams. First, we provide personalized mentorship to school administrators, coaches, and students to ensure that teams are structured for success and sustainability from the start.

Second, we provide new uniforms to our program participants. Students report that the uniforms prove to be transformative. They send the message to the entire school and community: we are all one team.

Third, we offer hands-on support through our free on-site training program. Our trainings allow our staff to guide, inform, and encourage our student leaders as their teams are getting started. Training also helps to establish best practices and ensure sustainability, while providing students with confidence, motivation and a strong sense of responsibility for the wellbeing of their team.

Finally, we work to sustain our programs by engaging in consistent follow-up, ongoing mentorship, and annual refresher trainings. Through the years, our work has been featured in numerous national media outlets. We were also part of a small docuseries called Turning Point, which can be accessed [here](#).

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