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TLC HITS THE DANCE FLOOR WITH “DANCER WITH TINY LEGS”

"Dancer with Tiny Legs" Premieres on August 22 at 10 PM ET/PT

When 34-year-old JoAnne Fluke was born premature, doctors thought she would only live for 72 hours. But she defied the doctor’s prognoses and two weeks later, was home. Born with a rare birth defect in which the bottom half of the spine is missing, JoAnne has tiny webbed legs that she can’t use or control and is shorter than a ten-month-old child. A tremendous obstacle to some, JoAnne has a ferociously independent spirit with a full-time career and a passion for dance. On Sunday, August 22, TLC invites viewers to witness the inspiring story of JoAnne Fluke with the premiere of the one-hour special, **DANCER WITH TINY LEGS at 10 PM ET/PT.**

JoAnne is fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming a professional dancer. In just four weeks, she will compete in her first “able-bodied” dance competition. But first, she must audition for a new dance partner. Will she have the physical and emotional stamina to make her dreams come true?

The tiny dancer has born with caudal regression syndrome and spent the first few weeks of her life in the intensive care unit. As a result of her birth defect, her heart is rotated, her liver is where her stomach should be, and she has 1/10 of the intestines that a normal person should have. Although she was once confined to a wheelchair, JoAnne’s optimistic outlook has allowed her to live a normal life.

DANCER WITH TINY LEGS is produced by Nine Lives Media for TLC.

About TLC

TLC's innovative docu-series and reality-based programming include favorites Kate Plus 8, Little People, Big World, What Not to Wear, 19 Kids and Counting, Say Yes to the Dress, and LA Ink. TLC added to its menu of programming with Cake Boss and continues to expand into the food genre. TLC's daytime lineup includes the Emmy Award-winning A Baby Story. The channel is available in more than 99 million homes in the US, nearly 8 million homes in Canada and through the website at www.tlc.com. TLC is part of Discovery Communications (NASDAQ: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's number one nonfiction media company reaching more than 1.5 billion cumulative subscribers in over 170 countries.