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Donation Drive for Ronald McDonald House Charities

To kick off a year of service, the Toombs County High School FCCLA chapter organized a Supplies Donation Drive at the beginning of the school year, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Savannah and Macon, Georgia. Partnering with schools across our district, we created a friendly competition to see which school could collect the most items. The winning school was rewarded with a popsicle party, sponsored by our FCCLA chapter.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of students and families, we raised over \$1,000 worth of essential supplies to donate between the two Ronald McDonald House locations. A few dedicated FCCLA members spent a Saturday delivering the collected items, personally witnessing the impact our contributions will have on families in need. This effort marks the start of many service projects planned for the year as we strive to make a difference in our community.

SEC Scoop

This fall, the SEC is proud to celebrate the incredible dedication of our 23,981 members across Georgia. From impactful service projects to dynamic conferences like the Fall Leadership Conference, where we “Tuned into Success,” your passion and leadership continue to inspire us every day!

Perry High FCCLA Officers Attend Local Officer Training

The Perry High FCCLA chapter officers participated in a local officer training day alongside their advisers. The team traveled to Columbus, Georgia, to kick off their day. They enjoyed a delicious lunch together at Red Robin



(yummm!) before heading to Exodus Escape Rooms. At the escape room, the officers worked together to solve puzzles. The team used communication, leadership, and teamwork to successfully "break out" of their themed escape room with 8 minutes to spare. They then visited the upcoming state leadership conference site to plan for the event. Back at school, they reflected on the day and participated in personality assessments to understand each other's strengths and foster collaboration. This training day strengthened their bond and prepared them to better serve their chapter members.



Paint the Town Red

The "Paint the Town Red" campaign had a tremendous impact on our FCCLA chapter at Toombs County High School. Through the support of over 40 local sponsors and raising more than \$5,500, we were able to

provide scholarships for conferences and events, ensuring that all students had the opportunity to participate. The funds also helped us purchase supplies for competitive events, provide snacks for meetings, and cover other essential chapter needs. This campaign not only strengthened our chapter but also fostered valuable partnerships within the community, empowering our students to succeed.

FCCLA STAR Events Project Sparks Real Change in Healthcare Curriculum at Trion High School



Cami Burrage and Emily Hegwood successfully advocated for a curriculum change in Health Education at Trion High School through their FCCLA STAR Event Professional Presentation. Their project highlighted flaws in the current ASPIRE curriculum, which focused solely on abstinence, and proposed a more comprehensive, informative alternative. To support their case, they conducted peer polls, analyzed research, and identified the FLASH program as a replacement that aligns with their goals. Cami and Emily emphasized the need for a curriculum that is “up-to-date, medically accurate, inclusive, and appropriate.” Unlike the previous curriculum, FLASH incorporates lessons on safe-sex practices and provides valuable resources for students.

The pair presented their findings and solutions to the school counselor, Vice Principal, and Principal before being invited to share their proposal with board members and a parent group. Their efforts convinced the Board to adopt the FLASH curriculum, replacing ASPIRE. For their work, Cami and Emily earned gold medals for their STAR Event presentation at both the Georgia State Leadership Conference and the National FCCLA Leadership Conference in 2023. Recently, Trion City Schools Superintendent Dr. Williams outlined the process and timeline for fully implementing the FLASH curriculum, including its expanded sex education lessons.

Building Relationships at Ice Cream Socials!

Our chapter has successfully recruited members through fun and engaging events, starting with a Member Recruitment Ice Cream Social in August. Promoted school-wide, the event drew 45 students, leading to 71 affiliated members by mid-September—an increase of 10 from last year. The social featured interactive activities, an inspiring presentation by our chapter president on upcoming events, and personal introductions from officers to connect with new members. A highlight was a cup tic-tac-toe game, led by our Community Service Officer. Afterward, members enjoyed ice cream and toppings in a relaxed setting, fostering connections and building a strong sense of community. By focusing on personal engagement and meaningful interaction, we've strengthened our chapter and attracted even more members eager to join. Making things personal has been key to our success!



Feagin Mill Middle Hosts Heartwarming Grandbaby Shower for Memory Care Residents

The Grandbaby Project is a non-profit offering in-house dementia doll therapy. Inspired by this initiative, Feagin Mill Middle FCCLA hosted a heartwarming "grandbaby shower" for memory care residents at a local assisted living facility. The chapter provided food, shared the



specially made therapy dolls with residents, and collaborated with Abigail Cook's grandmother to make blankets so each resident could wrap their doll. This touching project brought joy to the residents and left a lasting impact on everyone involved.

FCCLA Teams up with Other CTSOs to Help Our Community!

Hurricane Helene deeply impacted our community and many others nearby. In response, our FCCLA chapter teamed up with other CTSOs at our school to prepare a meal for those in need. This effort brought us together, replacing tears from the devastation with the healing sounds of laughter. With support from HOSA, FBLA, TSA, FFA, and Bacon County Young Farmers, we served over 400 BBQ sandwich meals to our community. This event showcased the strength of unity and our ability to make a difference, even in the face of adversity.



Franklin County High School Community Trunk or Treat

Franklin County High School's FCCLA chapter had a magical time connecting with their community at the school's Trunk-or-Treat event. Officers and members dressed as Disney Princesses, created a castle-themed backdrop, and added Disney music to enhance the experience. The event drew a large crowd, and the chapter handed out all the donated candy, bringing smiles to countless children. It was a memorable event that brought joy to the entire community!

