Buford High School Clubs Raise Over $8,000 for CHOA

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**January 28, 2020** – On Saturday, January 25, 2020, the Buford High School (BHS) Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) hosted the Cookies and Cocoa 5K to benefit Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). At the beginning of the school year, the CTSO students partnered with UGA Miracle, a philanthropic student-run organization at the University of Georgia, whose mission is to raise money for CHOA. BHS students have raised over $12,000 so far this school year with other fundraising events planned.

“Every day, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta relies on the generosity of the surrounding community to care for the more than 400,000 patients they treat annually. Events like Buford High School’s Cookies & Cocoa 5k are so important because they offer each participating individual the opportunity to make an incredible difference in the lives of sick and injured kids across the state and southeast,” Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation’s Program Coordinator, Avery Fiveash, said. “I was truly blown away by the support and leadership of the Buford High School students as they executed a very successful event!”

Though this was the first 5K the CTSO students organized it was they brought in over 250 runners which raised more than $8,000.

“I am so thankful for the support of Buford High School! The Buford community was well represented at the Cookies and Cocoa 5K,” stated Cole Williams, UGA Miracle’s High School Outreach Co-chair and Executive Board Member. “They are truly making miracles happen for the kids at Children’s and are doing such great things!”

Julia Lanza, UGA Miracle’s High School Outreach Co-Chair Assistant Program Director, remarked, “Growing up my high school did not have a UGA miracle program and being able to see a community rally around their high
school the way Buford has for this cause is amazing. These students go above and beyond and they don’t even know how much of an impact they are really making. I cannot wait to see what they can do in the future.”

Callie McBride, UGA Miracle’s High School Outreach Co-Chair, and Executive Board Member added, “UGA Miracle has been a highlight of my college career and has given me some of the best opportunities these past few years. The Buford High School students and teachers are absolutely incredible and I am blown away by their impact on this hospital and the families that are a part of it.”

“Working with Buford High School students through UGA Miracle has been one of the highlights of my college career, UGA Miracle’s High School Outreach Assistant Chair Program Director,” Emma Noble, said. “It is so exciting to see what these amazing students can do and to see the unbelievable community support for not only the students but our wonderful hospitals!”

Jacob Schauer, UGA Miracle’s High School Outreach Assistant Chairman shared, “I am seriously in awe that this is Buford’s first year! They have gone above and beyond for us and, more importantly, the kids! I just want to thank all of them for their hard work and we look forward to many more years partnering with them!”