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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Greetings!

As we close another year and reflect on the incredible impact our team has had on the lives of so many coaches and athletes, we praise the One who truly brings the victories. God blessed our efforts this year as we continued our work to engage, equip and empower every coach and athlete for Jesus Christ! Thank you for your generous support to help make this ministry happen!

In addition to the Ministry Highlights listed on the back of this letter, following are a few testimonies of how God is working through the FCA ministry in Northwest Ohio:



"Springfield high school and middle school students came together at Sunday's FCA all school huddle in an effort to give back to those less fortunate. Together they frosted 420 cookies to be donated to Mosaic Ministries. This local ministry serves weekly hot meals, and each person that attended the dinner was blessed with a plate of cookies to take home and enjoy. At our huddle the week before, we read Luke 2 together. For some kids, this was their first time hearing the actual story of Jesus' birth."

- Megan, FCA Huddle Leader



"As an FCA Huddle Leader, I've been able to talk to guys on my football team who want to know more about God or just need someone to talk to. In doing so, one of my teammates openly mocked me for my faith. Then during a home game, he got injured on a play and said to me, 'This is why I don't believe in God. I prayed before this game that I wouldn't get hurt.' I asked, 'But who did you pray to? You told me God is not real; you can't pray to something you don't believe in. No matter what you have done or who you are, I am still here for you and will continue to pray for you.' I'm thankful for the opportunity to plant a seed and that my teammate is asking questions about faith."

- Isaac, FCA Student Huddle Leader



"I was accepted into the Junior National Honors Society and was asked to choose a person that has impacted me the most. I chose my FCA Softball Coach, Jeff Hess. He has taught me values I will need throughout life and believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. Coach encouraged me to become closer to God, which is one of the best things anyone has ever done for me."

- Jenna, FCA Softball Player

This is just a sample of how coaches and athletes were engaged, equipped and empowered to be disciple-making disciples because of your support.

Even though Jesus Christ transformed many lives this year, we know there's more work to do to reach every coach and athlete with the Gospel. As you consider your end-of-year financial contributions and giving for 2023, we ask that you keep FCA in your prayers and ask the Lord what He may have you do to partner with FCA in our area. FCA is a non-profit 501-c-3 organization, and your gift is tax deductible under applicable IRS guidelines.

We hope and pray the year 2022 has been one of great blessings for you and your family.

Sincerely,

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

## VISION

To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

## MISSION

To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

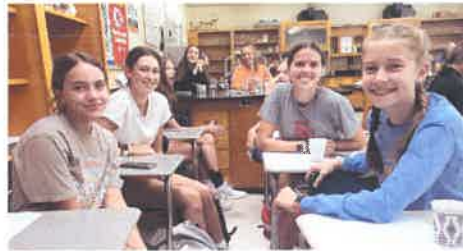
## VALUES

Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence

## HUDDLES

A huddle is an athlete-focused devotional or Bible study where students can learn about Jesus through sport analogies. Because of the generosity of our donors, FCA is able to provide Bibles and other resources to student-athletes and coaches. FCA has active huddles at the following schools:

- Bowling Green High School
- Bowling Green Junior High
- Bowling Green State University
- Eastwood High School
- Elmwood High School
- Elmwood Junior High
- Lake High School
- Northview High School
- Northwest Ohio Classical Academy
- Oak Harbor High School
- Otsego High School
- Rossford High School
- Springfield High School
- Waite High School



Additionally, FCA is diligently working to get huddles going at Anthony Wayne, Clay, Genoa, Ottawa Hills, Perrysburg, and Woodward High Schools, as well as The University of Toledo Rec.

## SPORTS



**SOFTBALL:** Girls ages 7 to 16 make up 7 Club Teams. They practice year-round, with games and tournaments taking place from March through October. We invite opposing teams to "pray at the plate" with us, and all teams have coaches who are aligned with FCA's vision, mission, and values.



**VOLLEYBALL:** This fall, we started hosting volleyball clinics for girls and boys once per month. Not only do they learn the fundamentals of volleyball, but we get the opportunity to share a devotional and pray with them.

3X OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST LEAH AMICO will be in town March 4, 2023, to teach offensive and defensive softball skills, share her testimony, and sign autographs. On March 5, FCA is hosting "Church in the Dirt" with a message from Leah and more! If you would like to sponsor this event, email [nwohiofca@fca.org](mailto:nwohiofca@fca.org) for more info.



For NW Ohio ministry to be sustainable and to provide Bibles and other resources to huddles and coaches, would you prayerfully consider signing up to be an automatic monthly supporter? No amount is too small to have an impact. Please scan the QR code or go to [nwohiofca.org](http://nwohiofca.org) to donate today!

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