

## **CHARGE!**

It's a new year! FCA has announced a new theme for 2023 – "Greater!" We have a few new resources to share with our Huddles! And behind all of this is a renewed spirit to serve God through the ministry of FCA in our area! Thankful, humbled, excited, and determined are a few words that describe not only how we feel, but how we will approach this new year! As a matter of fact, I'm going to charge into 2023 like a rhino!

I often tell athletes that one of my favorite animals is the rhinoceros. It is big, tough, and unique. A rhino can charge up to 35 mph, that's fast! Something that big, charging that fast...intimidating! But did you know that their vision is impaired? They can only see clearly 10 yards away, anything beyond 10 yards is blurry. Can you imagine driving 35 mph and only being able to see 10 yards clearly in front of you? (That's called a fog day in Northwest Ohio!).

Because the vision of a rhino is unclear, it will not charge without a purpose. But if it has a reason, it will charge forward! God has given us purpose and a mission. I don't know what tomorrow holds, or what is coming my way. Our future is somewhat blurry. But that will not stop us from charging forward into this new year! We look forward to what lies ahead, but we will also intentionally move towards the mission God has given us!

Thank you for supporting us and joining us on this journey! There are thousands of kids who need Jesus! There are coaches who need encouragement and prayer. There are many who need to build and grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. So... here we go! Thank you for charging forward with us into this new year.

Rex Stump, Area Director

# 2023 Buckeye Border FCA Champions Celebration

Join us for an incredible night of fellowship, dinner, celebration and praise as we rejoice in what God is doing in the Buckeye Border FCA area.

We are seeing God work in incredible ways in our local campuses. Come hear what God is doing in the lives of coaches and athletes and how their relationship with God has grown through the ministry of FCA.

Each year at the Champions Celebration, FCA recognizes our student leaders and coaches who have a heart of a "champion." These student leaders and coaches are selected by their adult Huddle leaders/coaches for representing FCA's core values—Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence.

- Sunday, March 26, 2023
  - 6:00 pm 8:00 pm
    - Cost: \$20.00
- Archbold Evangelical Church 705 Lafayette St. Archbold, OH 43502





### 2023 FCA Leadership Camp

FCA Leadership Camp is a five day overnight camp for student-athletes and students who serve as leaders on their local campuses and in their communities. Camp focuses on teaching practical skills for Christian growth, the development as an effective campus leader and the training for spiritual, organizational and motivational tools for use in the FCA Campus Ministry.

Dates: July 15-29, 2023

**Grades: 6-12** 

**Location:** Michindoh Conference Center 4545 E. Bacon Rd. • Hillsdale, MI 49242

Cost: \$350 if registered by May 31, 2023 \$400 after May 31, 2023 (Partial Scholarships Available)

Register online at: bbfca.org/camp

# **Worship With FCA Huddles**

On November 27th, the Pettisville FCA Huddle invited other Huddles to join them in an evening of worship at the Pettisville Missionary Church! We are thankful when students see the need and have the desire to gather and worship God...together!



#### **FCA Huddles - Love In Action**

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

Delta High School participated in raising over \$500 and filled 17 boxes for children! The students invited teachers to be involved, which included costumes for those who met their goals! Evergreen High School (Pictured below) also filled boxes for OCC.



#### **Christmas Cards for Cancer Patients**

The North Central 6th Grade FCA Huddle created Christmas cards for cancer patients.

#### **Generators for FCA Ukraine**

In December, FCA started a big campaign to buy generators for our Ukrainian staff and coaches to help them endure this winter without power and water. With your help and prayers, we reached our goal and were able to purchase and send 10 generators! Praise God! We couldn't be more thankful to all of you who helped us to take care of these people during winter!

North Central High and Middle School FCA Huddles held a bake sale during a basketball game and raised \$337, as well as donations from staff of \$175. Their goal was originally \$100! Other schools, Archbold, Defiance College, Evergreen, and Wauseon, also helped with raising funds for generators.

# thank you

As the 2022 year came to an end, we are so thankful to have raised 99% of our Year-End goal. Thank you to all who financially contributed to the Buckeye Border FCA office in 2022. Praise God that we had many give! Praise God for you – our Home Team! Your monthly and annual giving matters! We ended the 2022 year with a positive financial statement. Thanks again for your continued prayer and support. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to work throughout the Buckeye Border FCA area this next year.