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## Another Year of Success for the Largest Five K in North Georgia

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherokee County Chick-fil-A Five K

**CANTON, GEORGIA, August 12, 2023** – On Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Cherokee County Chick-fil-A Five K took place, gathering the Cherokee County community together to raise funds for the Cherokee County Educational Foundation (CCEF) and the Cherokee County Special Olympics (CCSO).

This year, more than 2,000 participants attended the Cherokee County Chick-fil-A Five K, making the event as the largest five kilometer race in North Georgia for another consecutive year. Race sponsors and participants were able to raise nearly \$100,000 to benefit CCEF and CCSO.

Lisa-Marie Haygood, CCEF Executive Director, said that CCEF is truly fortunate to have such committed and caring partners. "They have really put their hearts into creating this community event, and it is unique only to Cherokee County to have every store work together to create such a fun and successful event," Haygood said.

Over the past decade, the Cherokee County Chick-fil-A Five K, also known as the "Chick-fil-A Moo've It 5K," has donated well over \$200,000 to CCEF and the Cherokee County Special Olympics. These contributions towards CCEF go towards making several programs, like Impact Grants and Rapid Grants, a possibility.

CCEF is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the students and staff of the Cherokee County School District (CCSD) by promoting teaching, learning, and celebrating achievements. CCEF seeks funding and resources to enrich CCSD schools in areas not fully funded in the regular school program.

CCEF strives to create inclusive and exciting opportunities for supporters of CCSD educators and students to get involved. It runs several programs throughout the year to supply funds to the faculty and schools for impactful educational projects, including their annual Celebration of Education Gala, sporting tournaments, and much more. Community members are encouraged to follow CCEF on social media to stay up to date on upcoming events.