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TCCC student organization raises funds for Cystic Fibrosis

The Tri-County Community College (TCCC) chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG), a national Business Honor Society, raised more than \$1900 for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation.

The students sponsored a “walkathon” last fall on the TCCC main campus. Participants received donations and pledges for completing the walking course. In addition, they joined forces with the staff of The Home Bank in Murphy, to sell “stuffed” bears. The collectible bears were sold at the bank’s main office on Highway 64 west and also in its Wal-mart location.

In total, ABG raised \$1936.70 that was donated to the North Carolina Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The mission of the CF Foundation is to assure the development of the means to cure and control CF and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. It funds medical research and care programs that are improving the length and quality of life for people with CF.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. More than 10 million Americans are unknowing, symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene. CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,200 live Caucasian births (in one of every 3,900 live births of all Americans). About 1,000 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year. More than 80 percent of patients are diagnosed by age three; however, nearly 10 percent of newly diagnosed cases are age 18 or older.

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ABG was established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students in business curricula. Students must be enrolled in a business related program of study, have at least 12 hours toward a business-related degree and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better to be in the National Honor Society.

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Photo– Expressing thanks to the staff of The Home Bank main office are TCCC students Jenny Mashburn (far left) and Beverly Lindbom (far right). Standing with them (from left) are Sue Graves, Carolyn Mintz, Crystal Hughes, Tina Deal and Teresa O’Blens.

Photo– Expressing thanks to the staff of The Home Bank at Wal-Mart are TCCC students Jenny Mashburn (second from left) and Beverly Lindbom (far right). Standing with them (from left) are Riann Sneed, Julie Murphy, Lougenia Wilson and Mikell Clayton.

