Recently, our officer trainer Mrs. Brandy Burnette had given birth to our NC DECA Miracle baby, Mason. Mason Burnette was born very prematurely at 22 weeks and five days. He spent 131 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The fact that he is one of the youngest babies to survive at Maynard Children’s Hospital and required no surgical interventions shows what a true miracle Mason is. This miracle story along with many others from the communities of our DECA members inspired us to challenge our chapters to help give back to an organization that has touched so many in our DECA family. Along with officers raising awareness at chapter visits and district competitions, our chapters conducted numerous community outreach activities:

Cox Mill DECA established a partnership with local business, Abbott's Custard, and established a fundraiser. They also reached out to the local Children's Miracle Network hospital and received Miracle Bands, balloons, and buttons. 10% of the proceeds raised went directly to support the Children's Miracle Network, amounting to $200. Additionally they set up an awareness day at their school where all members wore Miracle Bands.

Apex Friendship DECA and Apex DECA created holiday cards to donate to the Children's Miracle Network. Each chapter donated 230 and 170 cards respectively.

During the weeks leading up to Winter Break, Ardrey Kell DECA sold Holiday Grams to students and teachers. They advertised by sending DECA members on the school's morning announcements, putting up posters, and posting on school social media. DECA members assembled and delivered them during homeroom before break. All of the profits from the Holiday Grams were donated to the Children's Miracle Network, and the total revenue was $291.

NC DECA is proud to pledge a donation to the Children’s Miracle Network in the amount of $1,500 in honor of one of our youngest family members and our little DECA miracle, Mason Burnette.

NC DECA, the above chapters, and many other chapters worked throughout the year to help support future miracles!