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Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Padua Football Player Kicks It for a Cause

PARMA, Ohio – (December 12, 2017) Football season took on a new meaning for the kicker at Padua Franciscan High School. With each kick, senior Dominic Buttazzoni raised money for childhood cancer research.

"For every point I scored during the game, a pledged amount of money was donated to the Kick-It Foundation, thanks to dozens of family members, friends, and people in the Padua community," Buttazzoni said.

Throughout the season, the 17-year-old scored 81 points and raised more than \$5,200.

"Cancer affects almost every family at some point, so it is important to find a cure," Buttazzoni said.

The money raised will be presented to a representative from Kick-It on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at Padua. Dozens of additional checks and donations will be distributed to local charities and non-profits as part of Padua's *Christmas For Others* effort.

Last year, Padua students raised more than \$36,000 for the less fortunate in December. For 46 years, the Padua community has come together in the Franciscan spirit of giving. Since its inception in 1971, CFO has raised \$500,000 for charity. CFO is the largest student-run outreach program in Northeast Ohio. It is sponsored, organized and operated by the students, under the direction of Padua's Key (Kiwanis) Club.

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School Background: Padua Franciscan High School is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is a college-preparatory, co-educational school with 800 students. Padua was founded by Franciscans in 1961 and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. The school's mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.
