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Event Coverage Story

NEW HAVEN, CT – Participants gathered at the Jess Dow Field at Southern Connecticut State University to take part in the All In Team Impact 5k fundraiser. A national non-profit that connects children with chronic illnesses to various collegiate athletic teams.

Sarah Johnson, a Southern graduate student and Team Impact fellow since 2023, introduced an in-person walk and run option this year in an effort to encourage greater campus involvement in what is typically a virtual event.

“I think it went well,” Johnson shared, “I would have loved for more people to have come, but I understand that it was an early Sunday morning and know that some people had conflicting schedules.”

Roughly 15 individuals from various athletic teams and organizations came out to show their support for the organization’s cause, and about 10 participated or donated virtually through Johnson’s fundraising page. Nationwide, the fundraising event gained tens of thousands of participants.

University President, Sandra Bulmer attended the event after receiving a personal invitation from Johnson and said she was impressed by the programs mission.

“Southern’s athletic teams have a long tradition of service. Our athletes represent the best of our university when they engage in community service and volunteer for programs such as Team Impact.” Said Bulmer.

The president added that Team Impact’s overall mission closely aligns with Southern’s institutional values, sharing how the university is committed to service for the public good and Team Impact strives to mobilize athletes to provide meaningful service and support.

Johnson shared that, “I think that this displayed SCSU’s gratitude for Team Impact, as many of the participants were from teams that have an active match currently.”

Johnson encouraged the Southern community to stay connected and support Team Impact’s organization by following their social media, reading their newsletters, and participating in medical outreach to share the message and purpose of the organization to get more kids involved in its programs and to strengthen its presence around campus.