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Atlanta DC Supports Team’s Quest For Gridiron Glory

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The DC’s Sports Matter grant will help local state football champions find home field advantage

In only a few short years, the Hapeville Charter Career Academy high school football program has earned the right to call themselves state champions. Yet they don't have a field to call home.

After receiving a $10,000 donation from our Atlanta DC through Sports Matter, the Hornets are closer than ever to gaining some homefield advantage.

Our Atlanta DC recently had the pleasure of presenting a DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation Sports Matter grant to the Hapeville Charter Career Academy football program. The funds will help the Hornets work on the completion of a football field and weight room. The team currently practices on a patch of grass and plays “home" games at the facilities of neighboring schools. That hasn't stopped the Hornets from winning a state championship, becoming a perennial playoff contender or seeing former players move on to big-time college football programs and even the NFL. The school also boasts a graduation rate of 94% and has graduated two Gates Millennium Scholars. The school motto? Do more with less.

The Atlanta DC donation embodies how the annual grants contribute to their communities, the places where our own teammates live and work. The Hapeville Charter Career Academy principal, athletic director and several players were on had to accept the donation. They also toured the DC and took home swag bags courtesy of the DC.

We are proud not only to support such a deserving program, but also to be able to personally connect with the

players and leaders who make the team great. When the day comes for the Hornets to step on a home field of their own, believe that the DICK'S team will be cheering them on.