Kayleigh Green is passionate and personally connected to the treatment of pediatric patients, as her sister Peyton was treated for acute lymphoblastic leukemia at Egleston Hospital. The Greene family became a UGA Miracle family shortly after Peyton’s diagnosis, and UGA Miracle provided them with strong community support in addition to the funds raised for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Kayleigh feels that a future in pediatric pharmacy would help her give back to other families in similar situations, and began the fundraiser this year.

Kayleigh is a member of RxPups-SSPA (Society of Student Pediatric Advocates) at the College of Pharmacy, where she presented the idea to her fellow members to begin a fundraiser for UGA Miracle. She has since single-handedly brought the event to fruition, and the 30-day fundraising campaign kicked off Jan. 9 of this year. Specifically, she accomplished:

- Establishment of the leadership role “UGA Miracle Liaison” under RxPups-SSPA, to be written into the organization by-laws in 2019
- Execution of an “Organization Hour” event, lecturing on the basics of pediatric oncology and chemotherapies and presented her idea to involve the college
- Designed and sold t-shirts for CoP students to wear to unify themselves for this cause
- Collaborated with executive members of UGA Miracle on partnership details including the design of a donor-drive
- Recruited seven CoP professional organizations (a total of over 500 students) to participate in this fundraiser to benefit UGA Miracle, with a goal of over $1000.00 to be raised

Kayleigh’s initiative to partner the College of Pharmacy with UGA Miracle not only speaks to her passion for pediatric medicine, but it also fulfills her passion for community outreach. The fundraiser the College of Pharmacy hosts will not only benefitted Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and families affected by childhood illnesses, but began a partnership between the college and the rest of the university. This is an event and partnership that will
hopefully last years after Kayleigh has graduated and will be a great source of pride for the College of Pharmacy.

In addition to founding this event, Kayleigh has taken the initiative to provide the community she serves with education on pediatric medicine. Specifically, she has accomplished the following:

- Instructed a Medication Safety lesson to first graders from two Clarke County schools
- Instructed a Medication Safety lesson to Girl Scout Troop 18140 in Snellville, GA
- Written the article “Measles on the Rise,” discussing the rise in measles cases in relation to decreasing MMR vaccination rates, published in the December 2018 volume of PediaNews (the official newsletter of RxPups-SSPA)

Kayleigh’s passion for the betterment of pediatric care aligns directly with her passion for public health. Kayleigh hopes that through education and philanthropy, children’s safety and care will be improved, starting at the community level.

Congratulations, Kayleigh! You make us PharmDawg proud!