

# 2010 Charity Directory

**ACORN Clinic**

23320 N State Road 235  
Brooker, FL 32622  
(352) 485-1133

www.acornclinic.org

The Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs Inc. provides low-cost medical and dental care to qualifying low-income families in North Central Florida.

**Alachua Conservation Trust**

12 W University Ave Suite 201  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 373-1078

www.alachuaconservationtrust.org

The mission of Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) is to protect the natural, historic, scenic and recreational resources in and around Alachua County, Fla. ACT protects land through purchase, donation and conservation easements.

**Alachua County Humane Society**

2029 NW 6th St  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 373-5855

www.alachuahumane.org

The Alachua County Humane Society works to end animal abuse, neglect and cruelty by educating, advocating and enforcing sensible public policies.

**Alachua County Public Schools Foundation**

1725 SE 1st Ave,  
Gainesville, FL 32651  
(352) 955-7003

www.acpsf.org

The Alachua County Public Schools Foundation's primary mission is investing in the future of Alachua County's students and is comprised of community leaders working in partnership with our school system since 1986.

**Altrusa House of Gainesville**

P.O. Box 142811  
Gainesville, FL 32614  
(352) 377-7708

www.altrusahouse.org

Easter Seals Florida at Altrusa House of Gainesville provides an adult day health-care facility for frail, elderly and disabled adults ages 18 and up. It helps its clients be able to continue living at home with chronic illness or disability.

**Alz Place**

3411 NW 83rd St  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 375-3000

www.alz.org/cnfl

Alz Place provides services for people with Alzheimer's disease or a severe memory impairment.

**Alzheimers Association, North Central Florida**

378 Center Pointe Circle, Suite 1280  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
(407) 951-7992

www.alz.org/cnfl

The Alzheimers Association visualizes a world without Alzheimers disease. It is working toward that goal through research, and care and support for those with the disease in our local community.

**American Cancer Society**

2119 SW 16th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 376-6866

www.cancer.org

The American Cancer Society is a national organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem.

**American Heart Association**

3801 NW 40th Terrace Suite B  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 505-8150

www.americanheart.org

The American Heart Association works to end cardiovascular diseases and stroke as a problem in the nation.

**American Legion**

4701 NW 6th St  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 372-8802

www.legion.org

The American Legion is a veterans association dedicated to mutual helpfulness. It is committed to mentoring and sponsoring youth programs and devotion to service members and veterans.

**American Lung Association of Florida-North Area**

5526 Arlington Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32211  
(800) 940-2933

www.lungusa.org

The American Lung Association of Florida-North Area chapter is a leading organization in improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

**American Red Cross North Central Florida Chapter**

1724 NE 2St  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 376-4669

www.redcrossncfc.org/

Led by volunteers, the American Red Cross is working to help prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies in North Central Florida.

**AMIkids**

100 SE 134 Ave  
Micanopy, FL 32667  
(352) 466-0543

www.amikids.org

AMIkids is a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing a promising future to troubled youth who have been adjudicated or have failed in conventional school settings. AMIkids focuses on family values, education, character building and experiential learning.

**Another Way**

PO Box 1028  
Lake City, FL 32056  
(800) 500-1119

www.anotherwayinc.net

Another Way aids domestic violence victims and their minor children by providing counseling services and shelter.

**Arbor House**

PO Box 12363  
Gainesville, FL 32604  
(352) 371-2229

www.arborhouse.org

Arbor House is dedicated to helping single and expectant mothers make successful choices for their lives.

**Arc of Alachua County**

3303 NW 83 St  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 334-4060

www.arcalachua.org

The Arc of Alachua County provides a wide array of services to developmentally disabled children and adults.

**Arnette House, Inc**

2310 NE 24th St  
Ocala, FL 34470  
(352) 622-6135

www.arnettehouse.org

The mission of the Arnette House is to protect the public by preventing juvenile delinquency and child abuse by strengthening youth and families in the community.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida**

1155 NW 13th St  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 375-2525

www.bbbsmidflorida.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida establishes mentoring relationships with children in order to better their education and help them reach their fullest potential, in order to improve the community as a whole.

**Boys and Girls Club-NW Unit**

2700 NW 51St  
PO BOX 532  
Gainesville, FL 32602  
(352) 373-6639

www.myboysandgirlsclub.com

Boys and Girls Club strives to encourage and inspire young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to reach their fullest potential.

**Bread of the Mighty Food Bank**

325 NW 10th Ave  
PO BOX 5086  
Gainesville, FL 32627  
(352) 336-0839

www.breadofthemighty.org

The Bread of the Mighty Food Bank coordinates the acquisition and distribution of food and other essential items to organizations that provide them to those in need.

**Builders Association of North Central Florida**

2217 NW 66 Ct  
Gainesville, FL 32653  
(352) 372-5649

www.banconf.com

The Builders Association of North Central Florida represents the residential and commercial building industry, provides services for all members and supports the freedom to operate as entrepreneurs in an open and competitive environment. BANCF is committed to maintaining the highest standards of quality, integrity and professionalism within the building industry, while promoting the creation of desirable communities and the American Dream of home ownership.

**Caribbean Conservation Corporation**

4424 NW 13th St Suite B-11  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 373-6441

www.cccturtle.org

The oldest and most accomplished sea turtle foundation in the world, the CCC works to ensure the survival of sea turtles through research, education, training, advocacy and protection.

**Catholic Charities Bureau**

1717 NE 9th St Bldg A Suite 126  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 372-0294

www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org

The mission of the Catholic Charities Bureau is to provide a variety of services to anyone in need, to advocate justice, human dignity and quality of life; and to call all people of goodwill to join in these efforts; thereby reflecting the compassion and love of God in Christ.

**CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc**

1300 NW 6th Street,  
Gainesville FL 32601  
(352) 244-0628

www.cdsfl.org

The CDS mission is "Strengthening Communities by Building Strong Families." CDS runs the Interface Youth Program Shelters for homeless, runaway, truant and ungovernable youth; a variety of free counseling programs for both youth and parents; prevention, intervention and diversion programs for youth; and substance abuse classes that fulfill court requirements for adults.

**Central Florida Blood Bank**

1051 SW 1st Ave Ocala,  
FL 34471  
(352) 732-0175

www.floridasbloodcenters.com

Serving 21 counties, Flood Blood Centers collect, process and distribute blood to those in need. The center also supports research into the prevention and treatment of disease.

**Center for Independent Living**

222 SW 36th Ter  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 378-7474

www.cilncf.org

The Center for Independent Living works to empower those with disabilities to exert their individual right to live as independently as possible and make personal life choices.

**Child Abuse Prevention Project**

1701 SW 16th Ave Bldg A  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 334-1330

capp.peds.ufl.edu/nuturing.html

The Child Abuse Prevention Project serves the families of North Central Florida with family support and parent education and strives to end child abuse and neglect.

**Child Advocacy Center**

PO BOX 1128  
Gainesville, FL 32602  
(352) 376-9161

www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org

The Child Advocacy Center is an organization committed to improving the lives of abused children in the community, focusing on a multi-faceted approach to ending child abuse consisting of prevention, identification, investigation, prosecution and treatment.

**Children's Home Society**

605 NE 1st St  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 334-0955

www.chsfl.org

One of the oldest private not-for-profit organizations providing services to children and families, Children's Home Society is dedicated to strengthening families by protecting children from abuse or neglect and by providing kids with loving homes. The organization touches the lives of about 100,000 children and family members each year.

**Christians Concerned for the Community**

1903 NW 35th Ave PO BOX 14582  
Gainesville, FL 32604  
(352) 371-1768

www.cccgainesville.org/

The mission of Christians Concerned for the Community is to express the love of God by equipping the Church to help people. It strives to do this through the guiding principles of faith, community, discipleship, outreach and neighbors.

**Climb for Cancer**

5745 SW 75 St #317  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 333-9663

www.cfc-foundation.org

Climb for Cancer Foundation's mission is to fund leading research for cancer treatment, while supporting and encouraging those who need treatment now.

**Compassionate Friends**

4040 Newberry Road Suite 1350  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 373-1129

www.compassionatefriends.org

Founded more than 40 years ago, Compassionate Friends assists families following the death of a child by helping them find a positive solution.

**Dignity Project**

1125 SE 4th St  
Gainesville FL 32601  
(352) 371-6792

www.dignityproject.com

The Dignity Project provides job skill training, youth programs, refurbished cars and refurbished computers to those in need in our community.

**Disabled American Veterans**

2015 SW 75th St  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 331-0945

www.dav.org

Enhancing the lives of America's disabled veterans and their families, the DAV provides advocacy, morale and rides to VA medical facilities as well representing veterans with claims for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense.

**Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County**

4424 NW 13th St A-5  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 375-4110

www.elcalachua.org

The Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County serves as a resource for families and early childhood educators by giving learning opportunities for children birth to five to ensure they will begin school ready to learn.

**Elder Options**

5700 SW 34th St Suite 222  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 378-6649

www.agingresources.org/

Elder Options empowers elders, their families and caregivers to make informed choices about aging in place with dignity, security and purpose.

**ElderCare of Alachua County**

4026 NW 22nd Dr  
Gainesville FL 32605  
(352) 265-9040

www.shands.org/public/programs/eldercare/

An advocate on behalf of the elderly, ElderCare of Alachua County provides services to build independent and fulfilled lives for seniors in North Central Florida.

**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida-NCF Region**

1000 NW 8th Ave Suite A  
Gainesville FL 32601  
(352) 378-4324

www.epilepsyfla.org

The Epilepsy Foundation ensures that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences, as well as prevent, control and cure epilepsy through comprehensive services, education, advocacy and research. The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida works to improve how people with epilepsy are perceived, accepted and valued in society.

**Five Points of Life**

4039 Newberry Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 224-1728

www.fivepointsoflife.org

Five Points of Life raises awareness for the five ways to share life with others through the donation of blood, marrow, cord blood, organ and tissue. The program works with blood centers, organ procurement organizations, marrow registries and community organizations to educate citizens about donation. The goal of the program is to encourage every eligible donor to give blood, join the marrow registry, talk to their family about organ donation and learn more about cord blood donation. In addition, the program strives to educate youth on the importance of donation so when they are eligible, they will donate and become the "Donation Generation."

**Florida Center for the Blind**

7634 SW 60th Ave  
Ocala, FL 34476  
(352) 873-4700

www.flblind.org

The Florida Center for the Blind endeavors to help each client be successful regardless of visual impairment. It provides classes, counseling to the blind and their families, as well as information to the public.

**Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice**

10665 SW 89th Ave  
Hampton, FL 32044  
(352) 468-3295

www.fcpj.org

The Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice is a diverse group of individual advocating for a peaceful means to social change.

**Florida Diabetes Camp**

PO Box 14136  
Gainesville FL 32604  
(352) 334-1321

www.floridiabetescamp.org

The Florida Diabetes Camp brings together children of various ages coping with diabetes through multiple summer and weekend camp programs.

**Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System**

3881 NW 155th St  
Reddick FL 32686  
(800) 533-0326

www.fdlrssystem.org

The FDLRS provides services to educators, parents and other professionals who with students who have disabilities.

**Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**

PO BOX 2000 Live  
Oak, FL 32060  
(386) 842-5501

www.youthranches.org

The Mission of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is to prevent delinquency and develop strong, lawful, resilient and productive citizens who will make a positive contribution to our communities for years to come.

**Florida Works One Stop Center**

4800 SW 13th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 955-2245

www.floridaworksonline.com

Florida Works seeks to improve businesses by growing a skilled workforce through teaching the core values of customer focus, effectiveness, professionalism, collaboration, inclusion, integrity, accountability, innovation and leadership.

**Foster Grandparent Program**

218 SE 24th St  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 264-6731

http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/seniorserv/fostergrand.aspx

The Foster Gransparents Program assigns volunteers age 60 and older to special needs children. Volunteers donate 15-40 hours per week to the service of children with emotional, physical, social or medical challenges.

**Fraternal Order of Eagles**

7118 W University Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 332-4454

www.foe.com

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international, nonprofit organization seeking to promote peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. The Eagles help those affected by illness, injury or catasphrophy. The organization has done this through funding medical re

**Friends of the Library**

430-B North Main St  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 375-1676

folacld.org/index.html

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which sells books to the community in support of county libraries, literacy programs and scholarships.

**Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce**

300 E University Ave,  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 334-7100

www.gainesvillechamber.com

The Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce serves as an advocate for its members and the area's business and professional community, dealing with critical issues and initiatives that aid growth and prosperity.

**Gainesville Area Innovation Network**

PO Box 141556  
Gainesville, FL 32614  
(352) 213-2386

www.gain-net.org

GAIN's mission is to encourage technology enterprises to start up and develop in the Gainesville area by providing them with support through networking and educational opportunities.

**Gainesville Area Women's Network**

PO Box 90386  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 215-1621

www.gawn.org

GAWN's purpose is to promote a spirit of cooperation and support among women and those who support or target women in business.

**Gainesville Community Foundation GCF**

5214 SW 91st Dr, Suite A Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 367-0060

www.gnvcf.org

The Gainesville Community Foundation serves Gainesville and the surrounding areas in North Central Florida by promoting and facilitating philanthropy. The organization is dedicated to strengthening relationships among charitable organizations, donors and concerned citizens who want to invest in our region's future.

**Gainesville Community Ministry**

238 SW 4th Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 372-8162

www.betterday.org

Gainesville Community Ministries seeks to provide emergency assistance to families and individuals in times of crisis and seeks to provide, through education and support, the kind of assistance that will encourage those who can be helped to end a cycle of poverty and despair.

**Gainesville Harvest**

7257 NW 4th Blvd PMB 114  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 378-3663

www.gainesvilleharvest.com

Gainesville Harvest is dedicated to feeding the hungry of Alachua County area, reaching those in need. It provides the means necessary to deliver fresh and nutritious food to the hungry.

**Gainesville Opportunity Center**

1717 NE 9th St # 140,  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 224-5523

www.goclubhouse.org

Gainesville Opportunity Center helps to rebuild the lives of those who have been interrupted by mental illness. The center provides access to housing, work and educational opportunities, service and support.

**Gainesville Pet Rescue**

5403 SW Archer Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 692-4773

www.gainesvillepetrescue.org

Gainesville Pet Rescue is a not-for-profit organization that strives to match pets and people for a lifetime. All animals that are rescued and taken into the program are guaranteed a home regardless of the length of time they may have to stay in the foster-care program.

**Girl Scouts of Gateway Council**

810 NW 8th St  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 376-3004

www.girlscouts-gateway.org

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council Inc. provides an accepting and nurturing environment where girls develop assets that will serve them all their lives; leadership, decision-making skills, and social conscience. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

**Girls Place, Inc.**

2101 NW 39th Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 373-4475

www.girlsplaceinc.com

Girls Place is an organization dedicated to empowering girls of all backgrounds toward becoming becoming confident, strong and independent individuals.

**Girls to Young Ladies**

1141 NE 21st Court  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 745-6200

www.girlstoyoungladies.org

Girls to Young Ladies provides educational, cultural, social and recreational opportunities to young women in order assist them overcoming the negative challenges posed in life.

**Goodwill Industries**

3520 SW 34th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 376-9041

www.goodwill.org

Goodwill enhances the dignity and quality of life of individuals, families and communities by eliminating barriers to opportunity and helping people in need reach their fullest potential through the power of work.

**Guardian Ad Litem Program**

105 SE 1st St Suite 7  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 374-3656

www.gal.fl.gov

The Guardian Ad Litem program gives a voice to abused and neglected children in Florida through the work of community advocates and a staff of professionals on their side.

**Habitat for Humanity**

2317 SW 13th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 378-4663

www.alachuahabitat.org

Habitat for Humanity provides safe and affordable homes to families in need, enabling them to have a place to live and thrive.

**Harvest of Hope Foundation**

5809 NW 67th Ct  
Gainesville, FL 32653  
(352) 372-1312

www.harvestofhope.net

Harvest of Hope provides emergency assistance aid and assistance to migrant farmworkers and their families as well as supporting their plight. The foundation coordinates with agencies to help provide workers and their children with education, immunizations, medical needs and social services.

**Haven Hospice**

4200 NW 90th Blvd  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(800) 727-1889

www.havenhospice.org

For more than 30 years, Haven Hospice has provided quality hospice and palliative care through a holistic approach to care that includes pain management as well as emotional and spiritual support. It serves people and their communities affected by life-limiting illnesses and loss by providing comprehensive, compassionate care, while respecting each person's needs, beliefs and wishes.

**Healthy Families**

5009 NW 34th St  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 392-4491 x 246

www.healthyfamiliesfla.org

Health Families provides home-visitation services to families in order to strengthen parent-child relationships and promote health and development of children.

**HOPE-Horses helping People**

9814 SW 153rd Ave  
Archer, FL 32618  
(352) 214-8715

www.horseshelpingpeople.org

HOPE offers a safe and enjoyable environment where individuals with special needs benefit from developmental, therapeutic and educational equine-oriented activities.

**House of Hope**

29 SE 21st St  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 376-3964

[www.hoinfo.com](http://www.hoinfo.com)

A faith-based organization supporting Christians recently released from incarceration, House of Hope currently provides housing and services for 27 men and eight women.

**India Cultural & Education Center**

1115 SW 13th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 379-2911

[www.icec-florida.org](http://www.icec-florida.org)

The India Cultural & Educational Center assists students of Indian heritage with their cultural and educational goals by providing financial assistance, scholarships, academic guidance and support as well as a support group of students.

**Interface Youth Program**

1400 NW 29th Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 244-0618

<http://www.cdsfl.org/IYPProg.htm>

A temporary shelter for youths ages 10-17 who are truant, ungovernable or runaway, Interface Youth Program provides crisis stabilization, counseling and the development of a plan to meet short- and long- term goals.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Gainesville**

PO BOX 880  
Gainesville, FL 32602  
(352) 378-2030

[www.ihngvl.org](http://www.ihngvl.org)

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Gainesville is a collaborative effort of volunteers from all faiths that provide shelter and food to homeless families. These families are housed in local houses of worship and provided meals, transportation and companionship.

**Job Junction**

3520 SW 34th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 335-1311

[www.goodwilljax.org](http://www.goodwilljax.org)

Goodwill of North Central Florida Job Junctions offers services and support to any person looking for a job by providing resources and skill training free of charge.

**Junior Achievement**

PO BOX 141284  
Gainesville, FL 32614  
(800) 619-2191

[www.jaalachua.org](http://www.jaalachua.org)

A volunteer-based organization, which seeks to give children positive adult role models, Junior Achievement has more than 2,000 business professionals, parents, retirees and college students who teach programs to build self-confidence and develop skills.

**Junior League**

430-A North Main Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601

(352) 376-3805

[www.gainesvillejrleague.org](http://www.gainesvillejrleague.org)

The Junior League focuses on women building better communities with active volunteerism, effective action and leadership. The JLG reaches out to all women of all races, religions and national origins, who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism. Our Junior League Thrift Shop is the main source of funding our community projects. Community donations of gently used clothing and housewares are always welcomed.

**Leadership Gainesville Alumni Association**

PO Box 1581  
Gainesville, FL 32602  
(352) 334-7100

[www.lgalum.com](http://www.lgalum.com)

The Leadership Gainesville Alumni Association aims to build a better community for everyone in Gainesville and Alachua County by imparting to its members what makes Gainesville unique and by inspiring them to take on and exercise real leadership committed to serving the common good.

**Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Northern Florida**

7077 Bonneval Road Suite 160  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
(800) 868-0072

[www.lls.org/nfl](http://www.lls.org/nfl)

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society seeks to build on its mission of curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improving the quality of life of patients and their families.

**Lifesouth Community Blood Center**

4039 Newberry Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 224-1600

[www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org)

LifeSouth strives to meet the community's needs by providing a safe blood supply for emerging blood and transfusion needs in our community hospitals.

**Lions Clubs International**

3315 North Main Terrace  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 331-3599

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Lions Club seeks to be the help where help is needed. Through regional clubs, it strives to encourage peace and understanding through the basic foundation of volunteerism and humanitarianism.

**Little Bits of Honey**

7257 NW 4th Blvd #317,  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 236-4381

[www.littlebitsofhoney.com](http://www.littlebitsofhoney.com)

The Little Bits of Honey Memorial Fund was created to help parents, whose babies fall victim to SIDS, afford funeral, burial and grave site costs. No parent is prepared to bury their infant and in many cases such a large expense is very difficult or even impossible.

**March of Dimes**

1831 NW 13th St Suite 3  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 378-9522

[www.marchofdimes.com/florida](http://www.marchofdimes.com/florida)

March of Dimes is committed to improving the lives of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. MOD continues to do this through research, advocacy, education and community services.

**Meals on Wheels**

4026 NW 22nd Dr  
Gainesville FL 32605  
(352) 265-9040

<http://www.shands.org/public/programs/eldercare/services.asp>

Through ElderCare of Alachua County, Meals on Wheels offers meal sites and home-delivered meals to senior citizens. Activities such as arts and crafts, sewing, recreation and education are also provided at the meal sites. There are seven meal sites in Alachua County providing hot lunch.

**Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**

4300 SW 13th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 374-5600

[www.mbhci.org](http://www.mbhci.org)

Meridian visualizes a community where choice, hope and recovery are within everyone's reach. It offers affordable solutions to those posed with mental illness, addiction and other healthcare-related services.

**North Central Florida Safety Council**

3710 NW 51st St Suite A  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 377-2566

[www.ncfsc.net](http://www.ncfsc.net)

North Central Florida Safety Council promotes safety and health through programs, resources and education to reduce the personal and economic losses associated with injuries and accidents. The NCFSC provides of a variety of opportunities such as traffic safety classes, school bus driver coaching and a professional safety certification program.

**Pace Center for Girls of Alachua**

1010 SE 4th Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 374-8799

www.pacecenter.org

PACE Alachua is a non-residential, gender-specific program for girls ages 12-18 who are experiencing difficulty or conflict in school and at home. PACE's purpose is to intervene and prevent high school drop-outs, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol addiction and welfare dependency. PACE promotes and enables these young women to complete their education, build self-esteem, and develop personal, social and family relationship skills.

**Partnership for Strong Families**

515 N Main St  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 393-2740

www.pfsf.org

PSF oversees the management and development of foster-care services in the North Central Florida area. As the lead agency for community-based care, it works to enhance the community's ability to protect and nurture children.

**Peace Corps Recruiting Office**

170 HUB, International Center PO  
BOX 113225  
Gainesville, FL 32611  
(352) 273-1530

www.peacecorps.gov

Established by President John F. Kennedy, the Peace Corps encourages world peace and friendship.

**Peaceful Paths**

PO BOX 5099  
Gainesville, FL 32627  
(352) 377-5690

www.peacefulpaths.org

Peaceful Paths is dedicated to ending domestic violence in our community. It offers a wide range of services including emergency shelter, transitional housing, crisis hotline, victim advocacy, children's programming, education, counseling, intervention and support groups.

**Pleasant Place**

408 W University Ave 6th  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 373-6993

www.pleasantplace.net

Pleasant Place is a special home for young women, pregnant and parenting teens who are victims of abuse, neglect or may be homeless. It provides a safe environment for these women as they finish their education.

**Rebuilding Together**

4550 SW 41st Blvd Suite 2  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 692-4973

www.rebuildingtogetherncf.org

Repairing Together is a home-repair organization which dedicates itself to addressing the substandard housing needs of North Central Florida. It works to increase safety, security and well-being for low-income residents by training volunteers to help meet housing requirements.

**Reichert House**

1704 SE 2nd Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 334-2320

www.reicherthouse.org

Centered on the ideals of respect, restraint and responsibility, Reichert House is a program designed to assist young men in becoming a positive influence on society. It provides opportunities to learn and avoid a life of substance abuse, crime and incarceration.

**Retirement Home for Horses**

PO Box 2100  
Alachua, FL 32616  
(386) 462-1001

www.millcreekfarm.org

Retirement Home for horses gives lifetime care to horses seized by law enforcement, rescued by the SPCA or Humane Societies, horses retired from government services, circus horses, those used in handicapped riding programs or in experiments.

**Rodeheaver Boys Ranch**

380 Boys Ranch Rd  
Palatka, FL 32177  
(386) 328-1281

www.rbr.org

Giving a second chance to young men with no home due to parental death, desertion, divorce, disability or disfunction, Rodeheaver Boys Ranch welcomes these young men to a safe environment with religious, educational and vocational training.

**Ronald McDonald House of Gainesville**

1600 SW 14th St  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 374-4404

www.rmhgainesville.org

Ronald McDonald House was established to provide temporary housing and support to families with critically ill children being treated at local medical facilities.

**Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville**

Tapas 12 West 12 West University Ave  
PO Box 24051 Gainesville, FL 32602

www.downtowngainesvillerotary.org

The Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville meets in the heart of downtown Gainesville, and focuses on doing good in the community and the world, in a spirit of friendship and goodwill.

**Safe Kids North Central Florida**

1329 SW 16th St Suite 1210  
PO BOX 100386  
Gainesville, FL 32610  
(352) 265-0543

www.shandssafekids.org

Safe Kids aims to eliminate the accidental death and injury of children through education, advocating for effective laws and creating safe environments for kids.

**Salvation Army**

639 E University Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 376-1743

www.salvationarmygainesville.com

Based on the teachings of the Christian Church, the Salvation Army seeks to spread the ideals of Christ by meeting basic human needs without discrimination.

**Salvation Army Family Store**

55 NW 23rd Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 373-7597

www.salvationarmygainesville.com

One of the several programs offered by the Salvation Army is the thrift store. Items are donated by people throughout the community and sold at affordable prices. Profits go to the support of various social programs.

**Sebastian Ferrero Foundation**

105 SW 128th St Suite 200  
Jonesville, FL 32669  
(352) 333-2579

www.sebastianferrerofoundation.org

The mission of the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation is to advocate and fundraise for a full service, state-of-the-art children's hospital in Gainesville, while promoting excellence in patient safety and insuring that all families are treated with compassion.

**Special Olympics**

711 NW 23rd Ave,  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
386-462-2441

www.specialolympicsflorida.org

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition to people with intellectual disabilities. The program allows participants to develop physical fitness, courage, skills and friendship.

**St Francis House**

413 S Main St PO BOX 12491  
Gainesville, FL 32604  
(352) 378-9079

[www.stfrancishousegnv.org](http://www.stfrancishousegnv.org)

St. Francis House provides emergency food and temporary shelter services in a safe environment to those in Alachua County.

**STOP! Children's Cancer**

2622 NW 43rd St Suite B3  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 377-2622

[www.stopchildrenscancer.org](http://www.stopchildrenscancer.org)

STOP! Children's Cancer is a local organization committed to the prevention, control and cure of cancer in children through the funding of pediatric research. All funding goes to research at the Divisions of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Pediatric Neuro-Oncology at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

**Suwannee River Area Health Education Center**

14646 NW 151st Blvd  
Alachua, FL 32615  
(386) 462-1551

[www.srahec.org](http://www.srahec.org)

Promoting health and wellness in 12 counties around North Central Florida, the Suwannee River AHEC provides education programs, works to enhance access to health care in rural areas and exposes students to health careers.

**Take Stock in Children**

2303 SE 17th St  
Ocala, FL 34471  
(352) 369-2173

[www.takestockinchildren.com](http://www.takestockinchildren.com)

Addressing the issue of the increasing high school dropout and youth crime rates, Take Stock in Children helps low-income children succeed by providing college and vocational scholarships, mentors, student advocates, tutoring and long-term support.

**Three Rivers Legal Services**

901 NW 8th Ave Suite D-5 Gainesville,  
FL 32601

(352) 372-0519

[www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

Three Rivers Legal Services provides free civil legal services to low-income eligible citizens in 17 surrounding counties. It specializes in assisting the poor, abused, disabled and elderly citizens to empower them to take legal action.

**Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure**

13351 Progress Blvd  
Alachua, FL 32615

[www.tylershope.org](http://www.tylershope.org)

Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure is committed to funding neurology research to prevent and cure DYT1 Dystonia, while creating awareness of this disorder.

**United Way 2-1-1 For North Central Florida**

6031 NW 1st Pl  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
2-1-1 or (352) 332-4636

[www.unitedwayncfl.org](http://www.unitedwayncfl.org)

United Way of North Central Florida is a confidential community resource with information on human service agencies, community clubs, interest groups, support groups, government services, health resources and more reached just by calling 211.

**United Way of North Central Florida**

6031 NW 1st Pl  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 331-2800

[www.unitedwayncfl.org](http://www.unitedwayncfl.org)

The United Way strives to make an impact through a mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**

1150 NE Waldo Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 376-7660

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

Veterans of Foreign Wars works to honor the dead by helping the living through veterans' and community service as well as work to improve veteran benefits.

**Vetspace**

PO BOX 452  
Gainesville, FL 32602  
(352) 244-5106

[www.vetspace.org](http://www.vetspace.org)

Vetspace provides shelter and resources to homeless veterans to facilitate independent financial and residential stability.

**Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center**

218 SE 24th St  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 264-6760 or  
(866) 252-5439 for toll free

<http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/vicserv/>

Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center is a 24-hour phone-call service to survivors of interpersonal violence, sexual violence and personal injury crimes.

**Volunteers of America of Florida**

1301 NW 6th St  
PO BOX 5055  
Gainesville, FL 32627  
(352) 377-9440

[www.voa-fla.org](http://www.voa-fla.org)

One of the oldest, largest and most comprehensive human service organizations in the nation, the mission of the Volunteers of America of Florida is to foster life-long learning and inspire people to become contributing members of society.

**We Care Network**

224 SE 24th St  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 334-7926

<http://wecarenetwork.goiwx.net/index.html>

The We Care Network works with parents, congregations and student ministries to build a spiritual foundation in youth and to rescue those young people who are hurt or confused in the community.

**WellFlorida Council**

1785 NW 80th Blvd  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 313-6500

[www.wellflorida.org](http://www.wellflorida.org)

WellFlorida works with 16 counties to improve pressing health issues and build healthier communities. It is dedicated to strengthening and expanding access to healthcare.

**WIC- Family Services Center**

3600 NE 15th St  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 392-6911 x 221

[www.wic.ufl.edu](http://www.wic.ufl.edu)

A special nutrition program for women, infants and children, WIC provides a variety of tools and information to help adults and their children eat better and save money on food.

**Women of Influence**

9818 SW 24th Avenue,  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 332-2618

[www.womenofinfluence.info](http://www.womenofinfluence.info)

WOI is committed to encouraging, empowering and equipping women to live a life of passion, purpose and excellence in their relationships, career, health and communities. Luncheons with guest speakers are held the second Monday of every month.

**Women's Resource and Medical Clinic**

912 NW 13th St  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 377-4947


[www.yourwrc.org](http://www.yourwrc.org)

Women's Resource and Medical Clinic assists women who may be facing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases or other similar situations by providing support and information on their options.

**YMCA- North Central Florida**

5201 NW 34th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 374-YMCA

[www.ncfymca.org](http://www.ncfymca.org)

YMCA promotes lasting development for children, adults and families in the community by working to build a healthy body, spirit and mind. The YMCA provides a broad range of activities including childcare, recreation, aquatics, camps, teen and senior programs. 

**Wycliffe Associates**

4920 NE 9th St  
Ocala, FL 34470  
(352) 236-4000

[www.wycliffeassociates.org](http://www.wycliffeassociates.org)

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# Charity Event Directory

2010 Charity Event Directory compiled by Emily Davis

*This directory lists many of the events that benefit the community. For a continuing, comprehensive list, please check our online calendar regularly at [livingintheheartofflorida.com](http://livingintheheartofflorida.com).*

*Some dates are tentative and subject to change. Please contact the individual charity to verify date and time or to obtain more information.*

## Ongoing event Jay's Hands

Benefitting the Child Advocacy Center  
Every Tuesday and Thursday at Do Art Studios, Jay's Hands ornaments created by the community to raise awareness and funds for the Child Advocacy Center. Once crafted, Jay's Hands will be hung in various locations throughout Alachua County to help gain awareness for the Child Advocacy Center's mission and availability as a resource for families in the community.

[www.jayshands.com](http://www.jayshands.com)



## Saturday and Sunday, February 13-14 LifeSouth Five Points of Life Marathon Weekend

Benefitting the Five Points of Life program  
A weekend of races with a 5K, marathon, kids marathon, half marathon and expo.  
[www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org)



## Friday and Saturday, February 19-20 Urban Meyer: Scramble for Kids

Benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua, Children's Home Society of Florida, the Girls Club of Alachua.

An annual golf tournament hosted by the national championship football coach, Urban Meyer.

[www.urbanmeyerscramble.com/](http://www.urbanmeyerscramble.com/)



## Saturday, February 20 Gainesville Heart Ball

Benefitting the American Heart Association  
6:30 p.m. Hilton University of Florida Conference Center  
Gala event featuring fine dining, dancing, silent and live auctions.

[www.heart.org/gainesvilleflheartball](http://www.heart.org/gainesvilleflheartball)



## March

### March

#### Annual Friend Raiser

Child Advocacy Center

2010's Friend Raiser is a particularly special event to thank the Child Advocacy Center's Founding Friends. The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center is an auxiliary to the Board of Directors who focus on the various needs of the center to help sustain and grow the CAC's efforts to serve abused children. This annual event invites the community to join the Friends of the Child Advocacy Center.

[www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org](http://www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org)



## January



## Saturday, January 30 Yesterdays Festival

Gold Head Branch State Park  
The seventh-annual event will feature historic demonstrations, guided hikes, live music, dancing, antique cars, food, drinks and more.

## February

### February Kuisine for Kids

Benefitting the Child Advocacy Center  
An exclusive sit-down dinner featuring a wine auction and brief presentation about the center.

[www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org](http://www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org)



## Saturday, March 6 11<sup>th</sup> annual Spotlight on Youth

Benefitting CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc.  
7 pm at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts.  
A talent show of local high school students from North Central Florida. They sing, dance, play musical instruments, etc.  
There is also a display of visual arts by students, and some of their original poetry is contained within our program booklet. A silent auction will be held.

[www.cdsfl.org/SOY.htm](http://www.cdsfl.org/SOY.htm)

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[www.gvlculturalaffairs.org](http://www.gvlculturalaffairs.org)  
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**Friday, March 19**  
**Alachua County Summer Games**  
Special Olympics of Florida  
The event will include a variety of sports for the intellectually disabled including track and field, bocce and cycling as a part of the Special Olympics program. Games will be held at Challenge Park in Gainesville.  
[www.specialolympicsflorida.org/calendar-of-events/2027.html](http://www.specialolympicsflorida.org/calendar-of-events/2027.html)

**Saturday, March 20**  
**Tour of Kitchens- Inside & Out**  
Junior League of Gainesville  
Take a look into Gainesville's residential kitchens and outdoor living areas. The event includes cooking demonstrations, food and drink samples and chefs at various locations throughout the tour.  
[www.gainesvillejrleague.org](http://www.gainesvillejrleague.org)



**Saturday, March 27**  
**Blondes vs. Brunettes Powder Puff Football Game**  
Supports the Alzheimer's Association, Central & North Florida Chapter Powder Puff Football Game for young professionals in the Gainesville area. All are invited to attend.  
[www.bvbgainesville.org](http://www.bvbgainesville.org)

**Saturday, March 27**  
**March for Babies**  
In support of the March of Dimes  
The annual 5K walk supporting research and programs to ensure moms have full-term pregnancies and babies lead healthy lives.  
[www.marchforbabies.org/](http://www.marchforbabies.org/)



**Sunday, March 28**  
**Puttin' on the Ritz - A Spectacular Safari**  
Benefitting the Children's Home Society of Florida  
A formal event, at the Florida Museum of Natural History, featuring samples from the area's best restaurants and bars, live entertainment and a silent auction.  
[www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org)

### April

**April 1 and 15**  
To support Uncle Dick's Home Hosted by Tim Tebow, the event includes a dinner and powder-puff football tournament for University of Florida student teams. More information on this year's event will be announced closer to the date.



**Saturday, April 10**  
**Viva! Goes Polynesian**  
 Benefits Haven Hospice  
 Hosted at Rembert Farm in Alachua, Viva! Goes Polynesian is a fun filled evening of music, food and silent auction. 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit patients and families served in this community.  
[www.vivameanslife.com](http://www.vivameanslife.com)



**Friday, April 23**  
**Mary Wise "Scramble for PACE"**  
 In support of the PACE Center for Girls of Alachua  
 Come play in the morning or afternoon flight on the Mark Bostick Golf Course. on the University of Florida campus.  
[www.marywisescramble.com](http://www.marywisescramble.com)



**Friday, April 16**  
**7th annual Twilight Round Golf Tournament**  
 Benefitting the Alzheimer's Association, Central & North Florida Chapter Scramble at Haile Plantation Golf & Country Club. Registration: 12 p.m., Shotgun Start: 1 p.m. Lunch and Dinner included.  
[www.alz.org/cnfl](http://www.alz.org/cnfl)



**Friday, April 23**  
**Hats, Hearts and Handbags**  
 To benefit Girls Place, Inc.  
 An annual luncheon in which members of the community gather to celebrate the success of the Girls Place  
[www.girlsplaceinc.com/fundraising.html](http://www.girlsplaceinc.com/fundraising.html)

**Saturday, April 17**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fantasy Event**  
 Benefiting STOP! Children's Cancer  
 The annual theme-based event held at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on the University of Florida campus presents spectacular live music, dancing and food all reflecting the year's theme. The event raises funds for pediatric cancer research.  
[www.stopchildrenscancer.org/index.cfm/Fantasy\\_Event](http://www.stopchildrenscancer.org/index.cfm/Fantasy_Event)



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**Saturday, April 24**  
**Auction of the World**  
 Rotary Foundation  
 Enjoy food, fun, and spirits, with proceeds benefitting the Rotary Foundation's local and international projects. Event will start at 6 p.m.  
 Location to be announced  
[www.downtowngainesvillerotary.org](http://www.downtowngainesvillerotary.org)

**Friday and Saturday, May 7-8**  
**Pro-Am Golf Tournament and Auction**  
 Proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Gainesville  
 Hosted by Amanda Butler, the event will take place at Haile Plantation Golf & Country Club with a reception and auction on Friday at University of Florida Touchdown Terrace.  
[www.rmhgainesville.org](http://www.rmhgainesville.org)



May

**May 5**  
**Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon**  
 Girl Scouts of Gateway Council  
 A luncheon hosted each year to honor women who have impacted the community through their careers and community service. Proceeds from the event go to area Girl Scout programs  
 Visit [www.girlscouts-gateway.org](http://www.girlscouts-gateway.org) closer to the event for details



**Friday and Saturday, May 14-15**  
**Doug Johnson and Donnie Young Reeling for Kids Fishing Tournament**  
 Proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County  
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## June

### June 2010

#### Urban Meyer Football Camp

For the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County The annual event allows children to experience the sensation of playing football in The Swamp. Urban Meyer and the football coaching staff give these lucky kids receive a tour of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, run practice drills on the field and a talk from Meyer about the importance of school in their future.

Visit [www.myboysandgirlsclub.com](http://www.myboysandgirlsclub.com) closer to the event for more details.



### Tuesday, October 21 Gainesville Gone Nashville

Child Advocacy Center  
Dust off your boots and join us October 21, 2010 for the second-annual Gainesville Gone Nashville. This Western-themed fundraiser will feature a saloon, live and silent auction; dancing and good old fashioned BBQ.

[www.gainesvillegonenashville.com](http://www.gainesvillegonenashville.com)



## November

### November 2010 Child Abuse Awareness Run in memory of Kaedyn Short

Child Advocacy Center  
Held in memory of Kaedyn Short, a child abuse victim, this motorcycle Poker Run raises awareness for child abuse and funds for the Child Advocacy Center.

For more information or to donate in Kaedyn's memory visit

[www.chidadvocacycentergainesville.org](http://www.chidadvocacycentergainesville.org)



### June 10-13 Florida Volleyball Cruise With Mary Wise

All proceeds go to PACE Center for Girls of Alachua  
Three-night cruise on the Carnival Sensation to the Bahamas including a "Welcome On-Board" reception with Mary, volleyball clinic and lots of sun and fun.

[www.pacecenter.org](http://www.pacecenter.org)

## August

### Saturday, August 21 Gala for Kids

Benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County  
The 18<sup>th</sup> annual event features an exotic dinner, live entertainment, dancing, zumba and salsa dance lessons and more.

[www.galaforkids.com](http://www.galaforkids.com)



## September

### September 2010 Kids 4 Kids Triathlon

Benefitting Child Advocacy Center, Cure Dale's Duchenne and Shands Children's Hospital  
Organized by O2B Kids, Haile Plantation Golf and Country Club and UF&Shands Sports Performance Center, the goal of the Kids 4 Kids is to arrange fun and healthy events for children who may be less fortunate.

[www.kids4kidsflorida.org](http://www.kids4kidsflorida.org)



## October



### October 2010 Noche de Gala

Supporting the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation  
A spectacular formal event featuring live entertainment fine dining and silent auction. All proceeds go to establishing a full-service, state-of-the-art children's hospital in Gainesville.

[www.nochedegala.org](http://www.nochedegala.org)