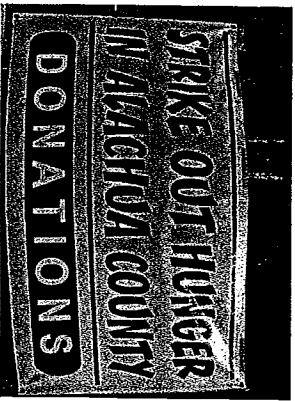


**Where can I pick up my Food Drive Boxes or make a Financial Contribution?**

You can pick up your food drive boxes at The Long Foundation, Inc. 1712 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, Florida (352-374-2245).



To make a donation: please make your checks payable to: **Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc.**

You can drop off or mail your donation to: **Strike Out Hunger, 1712 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, Florida 32609.**

**Who are the sponsors of the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway?**

Sponsors: The Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida, Inc. and The Long Foundation, Inc.

Co-sponsors: Alachua County Government, The City of Gainesville, and The Alachua County Nutrition Alliance (ACNA).

Corporate Sponsors: There are over 75 participating organizations including representation from our business, government, civic, educational, faith community and many volunteers.

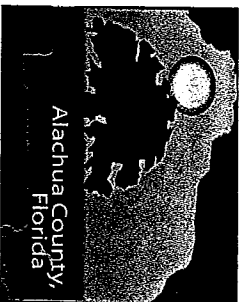
**Who do I contact if I need more information?**

If you need additional information on the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway, please contact The Long Foundation or the MLK Commission at (352) 374-2245 or email [rodneylong@gmail.com](mailto:rodneylong@gmail.com) or [mlkcommissionoffla@gmail.com](mailto:mlkcommissionoffla@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/thelongfoundation,inc](http://www.facebook.com/thelongfoundation,inc)

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## 2015 STRIKE OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE AND THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY

### *What is the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway?*

The Month of November is recognized as National Hunger Month in America. In 2008 to bring awareness to hunger in Alachua County, former County Commissioner Rodney Long, Alachua County Government and the City of Gainesville sponsored its first Hunger Summit and Food Drive to benefit our local food bank and pantries that assist the county's neediest citizens.

### *What is the Goal of the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Basket Giveaway?*

To build a safety net for those in need of food, increase the availability of food to those who are nutritionally challenged, bring awareness of the ever growing issue of hunger in Alachua County, and develop a comprehensive community wide plan to collect food to support our local food banks and food pantries.

### *Who will receive the Non-perishable food Items and Thanksgiving Baskets?*

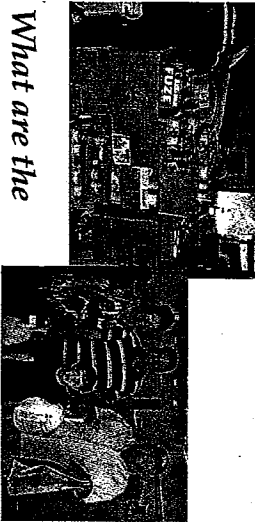
The beneficiaries of the non-perishable food items will be our nonprofit food banks and pantries including Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, Catholic Charities, United Way Backpack Program, Eldercare/Senior Recreation Center, Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, Gainesville Community Ministries, Gainesville Harvest, Lazarus Restoration, Newberry United Methodist Church Salvation Army, The Upper Room COGIC and Showers of Blessings Harvest Center Food Pantry. Screening for Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families through Alachua County Social Services and The Long Foundation, Inc.

### *How can I, my Business, Educational or Governmental Institutions, Church or Civic Groups Get Involved?*

- 1) Appoint an Ambassador to coordinate your organizations efforts to help us achieve our goal of collecting 100,000 pounds of non-perishable



- food items for our food banks and pantries.
- 2) Contact us to get your collection boxes and deliver the collected items to the Alachua County Fairgrounds on Monday, November 16th between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm
  - 3) Provide a monetary contribution to assist in the purchase of turkeys and other items for the Thanksgiving



### *What are the dates of the Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway?*

Monday, November 16th  
Community Drop off Food Day at the Alachua County Fairgrounds (8am-7pm)

Tuesday, November 17th,  
Distribution of Food to Food Banks and Pantries at the Alachua County Fairgrounds

Thursday, November 19th,  
Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets to needy Families at the Alachua County Fairgrounds.