

## **Executive Summary**

I'm Blake Hakimian and I'm a senior Political Science major at the University of Florida. I serve as the President of UF Habitat for Humanity and President of UF Boys and Girls Club. I also serve on both the Alachua Habitat and Alachua B&G board of directors. At UF I have over 500 Habitat volunteers, but only use 25 per home build on Saturday and therefore have a massive surplus of motivated and essentially free labor. My ambition is use these volunteers coupled with UF Alumni and City of Gainesville support to renovate all three Boys and Girls Clubs in Alachua County.

I propose that the City of Gainesville create a permanent partnership with the University of Florida via a student liaison. This liaison would be responsible for directing and mobilizing UF volunteers in an effective and strategic manner towards long-term community investments goals. University of Florida has over 50,000 students, many of which received acceptance partly based upon their exceptional volunteer work. These students are hungry to make a difference. All we need is the right organizational structure and we can begin to see significant and sustainable impact in this community.