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Sponsored by: The Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Commission of Florida, Inc.

Co- Sponsors:

- The Long Foundation, Inc.
- Alachua County Government (Proposed)
- The City of Gainesville (Proposed)
- Alachua County Nutrition Alliance (ACNA)

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## **Mission**

**To collaborate with local Businesses, Faith Based Organizations, Education, Government, Law Enforcement agencies, Private, Not-For-Profit agencies, City and County Residents, to develop an all encompassing food drive to help feed the hungry in our community.**

## **Goal**

**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, and develop a work plan to unite community food collections, to support our local food banks and pantries.**

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## Proposed Food Drive Collection Week & Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program

- November 13, 2016 through November 17, 2016 at the Alachua County Fairgrounds
- Food Drive Drop Off November 14, 2016
- Thanksgiving Basket Pick Up, November 17, 2016 at the Fairgrounds.

# Strike Out Hunger: Food Drive & Basket Giveaway History



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- **September 16, 2008, Alachua County Initiated the first Strike Out Hunger Food Drive held at Citizens Field in recognition of National Hunger Month and to promote the first Hunger Summit.**
- **In 2008 - 26, 000 pounds of food was collected.**
- **September 18, 2008, the first Hunger Summit sponsored by Alachua County, City of Gainesville, Alachua County Medical Society, Alachua County School Board and United Way to begin the process of developing a Hunger Abatement Plan.**

# **Strike Out Hunger: Food Drive & Basket Giveaway History**

- **July 2009, Alachua County approved the Hunger Abatement Plan.**
- **2009, City of Gainesville adopts the Hunger Abatement Plan.**
- **Alachua County Nutrition Alliance (ACNA) organized to implement the HAP Plan.**
- **2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Community Wide Strike Out Hunger Food Drives were held at The Fairgrounds as a public/private partnership.**

# 2015 Beneficiaries

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- **Bread of the Mighty Food Bank**
- **Eldercare/Senior Recreation Center**
- **Food 4 Kids Backpack Program**
- **Lazarus Restoration**
- **Newberry United Methodist Church**
- **Gainesville Community Ministries**
- **Showers of Blessings Harvest Center Bread Ministry**
- **The Upper Room Church of Christ**
- **Blessed Hope – Newberry, Florida**
- **UF Food Pantry**



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- **Over 80 organizations** and individuals participated in the Strike out Hunger: Food Drive & Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.
- **Private monetary donations and in-kind** contributions in the amount \$18,000.00 was received for the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.
- **925 Thanksgiving Baskets** with turkeys were distributed to families.
- **820 Families were served** through the Alachua County School District Partnership.
- **Over 11,000 pounds of turkeys** were distributed to needy families.

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- **Nearly 94,000 pounds of non-perishable** food items were collected and distributed
- **Over 18, 800 pounds of perishable food** items were donated by the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank and distributed to needy families.
- **Nearly 113,000 pounds of non-perishable and perishable** food items were collected and distributed through the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive including the Alachua County School District, donations of perishable food items by the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, and food drives sponsored by other organizations and delivered directly to food banks, pantries or back pack programs.

# 2016 Strike Out Hunger: Food Drive & Basket Giveaway Proposal



**The City's Participation**

# City of Gainesville Request For Participation

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- City of Gainesville donates the use of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center and the Thomas Center for planning meetings. We are requesting use of the above facilities on the dates and times listed in the below Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Basket Giveaway Timelines and Critical Dates.
- Issue a proclamation at the October 6, 2016 City Commission Meeting in recognition of November, 2016 as National Hunger Month.

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- Appoint a designee from the City of Gainesville to attend the planning meetings and to keep the City Commission informed of the progress of the Strike Out Hunger: Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.
- The Mayor, Manager or his designee attend if possible and participate in the Strike Out Hunger: Food Drive Drop off on Monday, November 14, 2016 from 8:00 am -5:00pm at the Fairgrounds.

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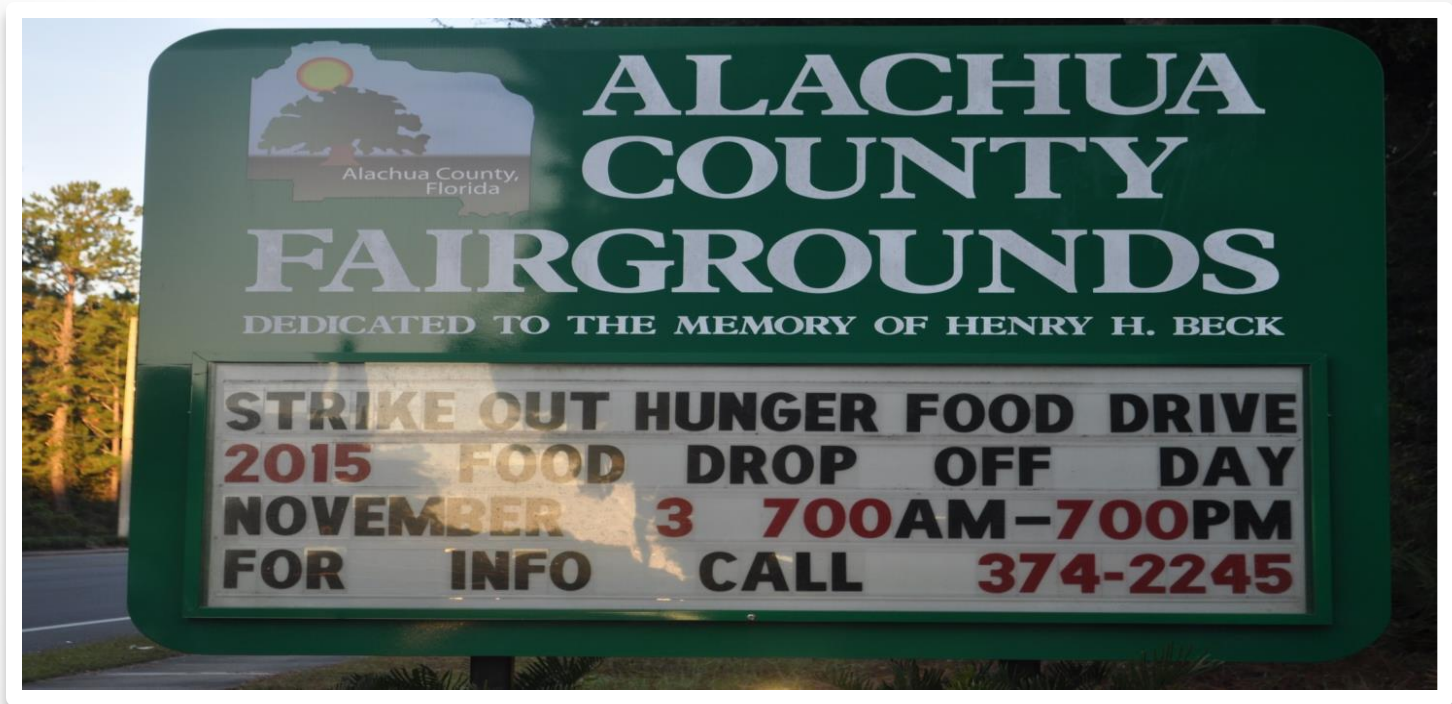
- The Mayor, Manager or his designee participate if possible at the fairgrounds in the pick-up of donated food items by the food banks and pantries on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and, participate if possible in the pick-up of donated food items by needy families on Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 2:00 noon– 6:00 pm.
- City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities Departments and staff to coordinate and participate as one of our government organizations in the collection of non-perishable food items for the food drive.

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- City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities Departments and staff to coordinate and participate as one of our government organizations in the collection of non-perishable food items for the food drive.
- Public Works Department: Provide the use of orange parking cones. Delivery date is November 11, 2016 at the Fairgrounds.
- Communications Department: Provide air time for pre produced public service announcements to be aired on Cox Cable Channel 12.

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**2016 Strike Out Hunger Food  
Drive - November 14th-17<sup>th</sup>.**