

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in honor of Albert "Ray" Massey's distinguished and dedicated service to this community and his tireless effort to promote the benefits of parks and recreation services to the citizens of Gainesville, the City of Gainesville Public Recreation and Parks Board officially established the Albert "Ray" Massey Citizen Volunteer Award in the year 2000 and recognizes the 2015 recipients today; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Russell has been a volunteer team mom for the City of Gainesville Football Program for the past two years. She has given her time and money to ensure the children have items needed for practice and games. Ms. Russell went above and beyond by helping to prepare certification books, collecting forms and communicating with other parents; and

WHEREAS, Fredrick Doby has been a volunteer Football and Basketball Coach for the past two years spending about 20 hours a week working with the youth for the City of Gainesville. Mr. Doby is an active role model for our youth. His good character and positive attitude has enhanced the quality of learning for youth, not only on the playing field but in the biggest game of all, life; and

WHEREAS, Barbara, Steve, Nathan and Sage Denahan have been enlivening the first-person historical interpretation of our Lying History Program at Morningside Nature Center since the spring of 2014. Barbara's love of textiles returned knowledge and skills to the program. She has entertained and educated many with the art of working with wool. Steve has shown his dedication and generosity by reproducing pieces that enhance the interpretation and help bring history to life for our visitors. Nathan's abilities in the wood shop has introduced many to a made-by-hand time. He inspires the youth to try their skills at woodworking. Sage is an outgoing child ambassador, inviting young visitors to open up and experience fun and educational activities at the Farm; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Albert "Ray" Massey Volunteer Award recipients truly epitomize the spirit of Mr. Massey by giving back to the community, by being active leaders, role models and mentors to promote Recreation in Gainesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2016 as

2015 Albert "Ray" Massey Citizen Volunteer Award Recipients Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing Carrie Russell, Fredrick Doby, Barbara Denahan, Steve Denahan, Nathan Denahan and Sage Denahan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 9th day of February, A.D., 2016.



Edward B. Braddy
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Mayor