

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
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 2012 recipients today; and

WHEREAS, Gigi Simmons has been a volunteer coach for the Summer Heatwave Basketball Program for the past several years. Ms. Simmons has instilled into the boys the fundamental concepts of helping and giving back to the community, and has actively taught the boys how to have fun doing it. As President of the Porters Community Neighborhood Organization, Ms. Simmons has also been a very active role model for the community; and

WHEREAS, Sara Emmanuel, President of the Gainesville Fast Pitch Booster Club has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Program. Ms. Emmanuel and her Board were very instrumental in sending the first ever Softball Team from the City of Gainesville to the Babe Ruth World Series. Their commitment and ability to partner with independent travel and AAU softball teams, to share field space and work together as a unified group to advance the sport of girls' fast-pitch softball has made Gainesville Fast Pitch the best in North Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Cook has been a volunteer with the City's Environmental Education Program since 2011, providing more than 190 hours of service to the City. Ms. Cook's dedication, dependability, selflessness and patience have enhanced the quality of the City's programming. Ms. Cook takes time to encourage others to volunteer and promotes Environmental programs to increase community awareness and share the benefits of participation; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 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, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 7, 2013 as

2012 Albert "Ray" Massey Citizen Volunteer Award Recipients Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing Gigi Simmons, Sara Emmanuel and Margaret Cook, by expressing our appreciation for their many hours of service and dedication to Recreation in Gainesville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 24th day of January, C.E., 2013.



Craig Lowe

Craig Lowe
Mayor