

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gainesville, Florida stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs because they provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills; support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, families and adults and engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County, has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Gainesville Community Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County, the Mentor Center was created to support diverse local tutoring/mentoring organizations, programs and initiatives through advocacy and promotion to strengthen and expand quality services for children, teenagers and adults in the Gainesville community; and

WHEREAS, the Mentor Center will be housed out of the SE Rotary Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, the Mentor Center will increase the number of children and young adults who have access to quality, evidence-based programs, tutors and mentors, improve the quality and capacity of mentoring programs by identifying and building upon their strengths, addressing their needs through recruitment of tutors/mentors, comprehensive training, technical assistance, research, evidenced-based programming and resource development and implementation of a system that will allow organizations to access data to better manage their programs, track and manage tutor/mentor relationships and evaluate program outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2012 as

The SE Rotary Mentor Center Boys & Girls Club Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating the reopening of the SE Rotary Mentor Center and enthusiastically endorsing the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County and their commitment to the City of Gainesville in engaging innovative afterschool programs and activities for children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 16th day of August, C.E., 2012.



Craig Lowe
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Mayor