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**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 4:04 PM  
**To:** Blackburn, Russ D.  
**Cc:** Murry, Fredrick J.; Folkers, Paul E.; Park, Michelle A.; Jackson, Dwright J; Wachtel, John S.; Richardson, Jacquelin S.; citycomm; Phillips, Steven R.  
**Subject:** REVISED: 2014 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive Outcomes Report & 2015 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive Proposal  
**Attachments:** 2014 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive & Basket Outcomes & Recognition 2.23.15. Revised.ppt; 2015 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive Proposal. City of Gainesville Government. Final Revised 2.23.15.doc

*Good Afternoon Russ,*

*I pray that this email finds you well. Attached please find a revised 2014 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program Outcomes Report to be presented on tomorrow at the February 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Board of County Commission meeting. Also attached is the revised 2015 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive Proposal for the upcoming year. We are pleased to report that last year's event was a huge success. The Highlights of the report are as follows:*

**2014 Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program Outcomes:**

- *Over 70 organizations and individuals participated in the Strike out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.*
- *Private monetary donations and in-kind contributions in the amount \$20,600.00 was received for the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.*
- *875 Thanksgiving Baskets with turkeys were distributed to families.*
- *11,372 pounds of turkeys were distributed to needy families,*
- *A total of 2,636 Adults were impacted by the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.*
- *A total of 2,603 Children were impacted by the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.*
- *A total of 842 Teens were impacted by the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.*
- *A total of 470 Seniors were impacted by the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program.*
- *A total of 6,551 Individuals were impacted from the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program*
- *800 Families were served through the Alachua County School District Partnership.*
- *Nearly 84,000 pounds of non- perishable food items were collected through the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive, Alachua County School District Winter Break Food Drive and food drives sponsored by other organizations and delivered directly to food banks, pantries or back pack programs.*

*The City of Gainesville has been a committed partner in the effort to reduce poverty in Gainesville/Alachua County. Under the leadership of former Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, and Assistant City Manager Fred Murry, the City has been a major partner in the creation of the Hunger Abatement Plan (HAP) and a major player in the 2014 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program. It is our desire to continue this much needed outreach effort for our food banks, pantries and citizens in need with the City of Gainesville*

by offering them the opportunity to continue its partnership in the 2014 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive as a co-sponsor.

**The City of Gainesville** donates the use of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center and the Thomas Center for planning meetings/workshops. We are requesting use of the above facilities on the dates and times listed in the attached 2015 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive Proposal. Our first preference is the Thomas Center. In addition, we are asking that the City consider providing again as a part of its co-sponsorship those items listed in the attached proposal.

In closing, please advise as to when this item will be placed on the City Commission's agenda for approval. It is hope that you or a representative will be in attendance at the meeting to receive recognition for your partnership in last year's event. I look forward to hearing back from someone regarding this most worthwhile community event. As always, I am

Keeping the dream alive,



Honorable Rodney J. Long

Founder & President, Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Fl., Inc.