



*Preserving the Past,  
Building the Future*

**The Cotton Club Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.**  
501(c)(3)





# *Background*

## **The Site: 837 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (1.84 acres)**

- There are six buildings on the site:
  - Cotton Club/Blue Note Hall (approx. 3700 sq.ft.)
  - Perryman's Grocery Store (approx. 660 sq.ft.)
  - 4 Shotgun Houses (approx. 400-600 sq.ft. each)

## **The History:**

- Moved from Camp Blanding after WWII
- Opened as The Perryman Theatre (1947-1949)
- Reopened as The Cotton Club (1950-1952) and brought B.B. King, James Brown, Ray Charles, and others to Gainesville as part of the Chitlin' Circuit
- The Blue Note Club (1957-1959)



# *Building the Future*

- The six buildings will be adapted for diverse purposes:
  - The Cotton Club as a museum & cultural center
  - Perryman's Grocery Store as a sandwich shop/ice cream parlor/restaurant featuring ethnic foods
  - The Shotgun Houses:
    - 1: Community Meeting Hall
    - 2: Maintain as historic structure for tours
    - 3-4: Lease to incubator businesses
- Goal: To combine Historic Preservation and Green Building to rehabilitate the structure for use as a multipurpose assembly hall and meeting place
  - Performing Arts & Youth-Focused Programs
  - Multigenerational Educational Opportunities
  - Enhance Cultural Tourism in Alachua County
  - Promote Growth & Development in East Gainesville

# Funding



- Phase 1: Stabilization of Cotton Club
  - \$450,000 Phase 1
    - \$350,000 from State Historic Preservation
    - \$100,000+ in cash and other donations
  - Phase 2: Finish Cotton Club & Rehabilitate Perryman's Grocery Store
    - \$350,000 from State Historic Preservation
    - \$122,000 CRA –Local Cost Share
- Pending Grant Initiatives
  - Tourism Cares: \$100,000
  - Preserve America: \$150,000
  - Museum Leadership Grants
  - Cultural Tourism Grants
  - Green Building & Capital Improvement Grant



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