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# Strike Out Hunger

## Community-Wide Food Drive

# Recognitions

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Honorable Rodney J. Long, Champion

December 13, 2011

# Strike Out Hunger Initiative

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## Mission

To collaborate with local Businesses, Faith Based Organizations, Education, Government, Law Enforcement agencies, Private, Not-For-Profit agencies, City and County Residents, to develop an all encompassing food drive to help feed the hungry right here in our community.

## Goal

To build a safety net for those in need of food, increase the availability of food to those who are nutritional challenge, bring awareness of the ever growing issue of hunger, and develop a work plan to unite community food collections, to support our local food pantries.



# Strike Out Hunger Initiative

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- Food Drive Collection Week
  - November 1, 2011 through November 7, 2011
- Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway
  - November 9, 2011 at the Fairgrounds
  - November 21, 2011 at the Southwest Preservation and Enhancement District

# Beneficiaries

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- Bread of the Mighty Food Bank
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Charities/United Way Backpack Program
- Eldercare/Senior Recreation Center
- Food 4 Kids Backpack Program
- Gainesville Community Ministries
- Gainesville Harvest
- Lazarus Restoration
- Newberry United Methodist Church
- Salvation Army



# Total Monetary Donations

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**\$7,358**

# Monetary Donations

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- Waste Corporation for America - \$5,000
  - Josh Robinson
- Spirit of Faith Christian Center - \$1,000
  - Pastor Ken Claytor
- Bank of America - \$525
  - Laura Gunter
- Publix's Super Market - \$500
  - Dwaine Stevens, Media-Community Relations
- United States Postal Services - \$360
  - Bill Logeson, Post Master



# Volunteer Support In-Kind Donations

- AvMed Health Plan
- Faith Missionary Baptist Church
- Gator's Domino Pizza, Freddie Wehbe
- Regions Bank, Ronda Roberts



# Champions

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- Business Community
  - Ronda Roberts, Regions Bank
- Government Agencies
  - Steve White, Department of Children and Families
  - Kathleen Pagan, Alachua County Growth Management
- Civic and Education Groups
  - Rebecca Thompson, United Way
- Faith-Based Community
  - Judy Helling, First Lutheran Church
  - Dr Shirley Watts, Community Praise Center
- Food Banks
  - Jim Hencin, Alachua County Nutrition Alliance

# Total Pounds of Food Collected

Nearly

67,000 lbs!



# Benefactors

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- Business Community – Nearly 20,000 lbs collected
  - Advance Auto
  - AvMed Health Plans
  - Bank of America
  - Cox Cable
  - Dollar General Distribution Center
  - Publix Supermarket
  - Regions Bank
  - Village Retirement Community
  - Wal-Mart

# Benefactors (continued)

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- Civic and Education Groups – 34,550 lbs
  - Alachua County Public Schools
  - Girl Scouts Troup #259
  - Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc
  - Santa Fe College
  - Swallowtail Farm – Earth Scouts Circle #1
  - University of Florida – George A Smathers Library



# Benefactors (continued)

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- Faith-Based Community – 5,500 lbs
  - Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School
  - Community Christ Church
  - Community Praise Center
  - Faith Missionary Baptist Church
  - Gainesville Family Worship Center
  - Hope to the World Church
  - Ignite Life Center
  - Johnson Chapel Baptist Church
  - Open Door Ministries
  - Spirit of Faith Christian Center
  - Victory Temple Church of God in Christ

# Benefactors (continued)

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- Government Agencies – Approximately 6,000 lbs
  - Alachua County
  - Alachua County Fair Association
  - City of Gainesville
  - North Florida S George Veteran Employee Association
  - Office of the State Attorney
  - United States Postal Services
- Personal Donations – Nearly 750 lbs



# Volunteer Recognition

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- AvMed
- Bank of America
- Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc
- Alachua County Community Services Workers
- Kristen Benedini, Alachua County Sheriff's Office
- Dr Karon Cole-Smith, Santa Fe College
- Jim Hencin, Alachua County Nutrition Alliance
- Lynn Max, Florida Organic Growers
- Lillie McGee, Hope to the World Church
- Fred Murry, City of Gainesville
- Prentiss Nelson, Lazarus Restoration
- Dominique Phillips, Santa Fe College
- Ronda Roberts, Regions Bank
- James L. Smith, Citizen
- Special Thanks to Rob Avery and Milton Towns



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# Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway 2011

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Making a difference



# Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away Kickoff

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- Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 11am at the Alachua County Fairgrounds
  - Over 450 individuals and families were referred for a basket
  - 423 Households received a turkey and basket at the Kickoff
  - 30 turkeys were distributed to the faith community and organizations to help feed the homeless at Thanksgiving Day Community Feeding Programs

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway

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- Monday, November 21, 2011
  - Collaborated with Bank of America and Southwest Preservation and Enhancement District
  - 112 Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed to individuals and families who reside in Southwest Gainesville



# Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Totals

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- Overall
  - 562 Turkeys
  - 532 Baskets
- An estimated 1,700 citizens benefited from the Give-Away

**SUCCESS!!!**



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# Staff Appreciation

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Alachua County



# Staff Volunteers

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- Richard Adams, Alachua County Facilities
- Michelle Banfield, Alachua County Social Services
- Mathew Bengel, Alachua County Cooperative Extension
- Latoya Hester, Alachua County Social Services Intern
- Lorrie Smith, Alachua County Community Support Services
- Raneen Soohoo, Alachua County Social Services
- Brent Waible, Alachua County Community Support Services

# Team

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- **Honorable Rodney J. Long, Alachua County Commissioner, Champion**
- **Marie Small, Alachua County Partners for a Productive Community, Team Leader**
- Minnie Rolark, Alachua County Community Support Services
- Candie Nixon, Alachua County Social Services
- Megan Lang, Alachua County Social Services
- Sandra Barton, Alachua County CHOICES
- Latoya Gainey, Alachua County Manager's Office
- George Kleckley, Alachua County Facilities
- Sally Palmi, Alachua County Waste Management
- Patrick Irby, Alachua County Waste Alternatives



# Team Staff Support

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Latoya Gainey

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Megan Lang

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# Team Leader

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Marie Small

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