



Highlands Regional Ministry Center

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We are thrilled that the building renovations are complete, which means we have expanded the use of the building to include the sanctuary space and fellowship hall area for weddings, training events, and meetings. We also welcomed two NA groups to our programming.

Our existing user groups continue to provide an ever-flowing stream of healing, hope, and encouragement locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Days for Girls continues to produce about 200 kits per month to be disbursed locally, nationally, and internationally. They produced a total of 7000 masks. They collected “Panties for Chad” (the country in Africa) which resulted in 21,000 kits being sent to girls in Chad. They held their first sew-a-thon in over a year at which their volunteers produced 480 hygiene kits, which surpassed their previous record of 200 kits in a day.

Enduring Faith continues to celebrate worship virtually and is eagerly anticipating the completion of the sanctuary renovations. They continue to be good stewards of the property and provide lawncare services and cleaning services on a regular basis.

Gainesville Community Counseling Center welcomed three new clinical staff members who focus on specific client bases: Spanish speaking clients, LGBTQIA+ clients, and children between the ages of 4-12. They have contracted with Peaceful Paths, the local domestic violence agency, to provide mental health services for their clients as well as EAP services for their staff. In addition to that, they contracted with Rural Women’s Health (Project Salud) to provide Spanish-language mental health services to their undocumented clients. The Center was awarded a grant allowing them to begin providing free mental health services one day per week on the Mobile Mental Health Unit, and they welcomed two new additional part-time staff members. Finally, they are now official members of the System of Care for the School Board of Alachua. So far this year, the GCCC has provided a total of 4,000 sessions and is averaging about 650 sessions per month.

Unspoken Treasure Society continues to provide support to transgender youth and adults throughout Georgia and Florida. They host weekly educational events on Facebook live as well as monthly support groups for youth and adults. They hosted a free HIV testing day in February and most recently celebrated National Women's Month.

UF Mobile Outreach Clinic continues to partner with the Gainesville Community Counseling Center to provide free medical care to the community. They are present on Tuesdays and Thursdays and see patients from 9 am – 4:30 pm and have extended hours the first Tuesday of the month. In the first two months of the year they saw a total of 250 patients.

Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County has donated a commercial refrigerator to the HRMC.