

Volunteer opportunities in Gainesville

- Alachua County Humane Society: Help with animal care (grooming, walking, holding), Gardening (mowing grass, planting flowers), Administrative support (typing letters, filing, posting flyers). Contact:
<http://www.alachuahumane.org/volunteer> (352) 373-5855x 11
volunteer@AlachuaHumane.org. Online Volunteer Application:
<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=743018318>
- Alachua County library district: Must be at least 12 years old. Need to check-in and re-shelve library books and materials for checkout, help with special events, projects, repair books, and be homework helpers. They homework helpers work 1-2 hours and help with math, reading, spelling, and studying skills. Need to be able to volunteer 2-4 hours every week for 3-6 months. Contact Kerry Dowd, volunteer program specialists, (352) 334-3943, Alachua county library, 401 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.
Website: <http://www.aclib.us/about/support/volunteers>. Volunteers who are 18 can sign up at http://www.aclib.us/files/nodeimages/Volunteer_Application_032009.pdf. If not 18 will need parent permission form
http://www.aclib.us/files/nodeimages/Parental_Permission.pdf
- After school gators: Work with at risk elementary children. Help with homework, organize crafts and sports activities. Help at least 2 hours a week from 12 to 5. Contact
http://www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/programs/mentoring_programs/after_school_gators/volunteer and joinasg@gmail.com
- Habitat for Humanity: Ages 16 and up are needed to build houses and help at construction sites. You can help hang siding and drywall, install windows, doors, baseboards, trim. You can help on Saturday or during the week day. Week day s Tuesday through Friday 9am - 2pm. Need to schedule 3 weeks in advance. Saturday builds are from 8:30am -2:30 pm, need to book weeks in

advance. Contact: 352 378-4663 and fdesk@alachuahabitat.org. Website <http://alachuahabitat.org/volunteer/volunteer-with-us/>

- Baby Gator: Provides care for children from 6 weeks old to five years. Volunteers can play, read, talk, and assist in the classroom. Help with meal and snack time, rest time, and playground time. You must be able to commit to volunteering 2 hours a week for 10 weeks. Need to download volunteer packet, record of volunteer service form, attestation of good moral character, have to go by Alachua county sheriff's office to have background screen completed, will need to do an orientation. Contact (352) 392-2330, babygator@admin.ufl.edu, Building 293 village drive, Gainesville, FL, 32611. <http://www.babygator.ufl.edu/about/volunteer.htm>
- Best buddies: UF student service that college students can become friend with people who have mild to moderate mental retardation. Contact Tommie Lovato, ufbestbuddies@gmail.com (912) 585-7052. Need to be available 3 days every month to socialize with your buddy. <https://ufl.collegiatelink.net/organization/bestbuddies>
- Big brothers and big sisters of mid-Florida: 18+ Bigs inspiring scholastic success must be able to do 1 hour each week for at least a year meet with kids to encourage socially and academically. Read, working on computers, crafts, tutoring, playing sports, and sharing lunch. Contact (352) 375-2525, info@bbbsmidflorida.org. <http://www.bbbsmidflorida.org/index.php/volunteers/volunteer-opportunities/>. *Volunteer Application Instructions:* <http://www.bbbsmidflorida.org/index.php/volunteers/application-instructions/>
- Boys and Girls Club: Allows youth to learn and play in fun, educational, and safe environment. They need assistants in day to day activities. Contact Keith Blanchard, (352) 372-5342, contact@myboysandgirlsclub.com, : <http://www.myboysandgirlsclub.com/volunteer/>
- Gainesville Sports Commission: Uses sports to promote tourism in Gainesville and county of Alachua. Volunteers needed to help move sports equipment,

ticket taking, scoring, and timing. Contact Alex Alston (352) 338-9300.
aalston@gainesvillesportscommission.com.
<http://www.gainesvillesportscommission.com/volunteering-and-internships-with-the-gainesville-sports-commission.html>

- Gator Teens Mentors: Pairs a university of Florida student with high school students in the community. Mentors act as positive role models and influences for the high school students and help them develop skills for further education and life-long skills. Contact Jacob Cunningham, gatormentors@gmail.com.
<https://ufl.collegiatelink.net/organization/gatormentors>
- Haile's Angels pet rescue: Helps animals find caring homes. Rescues unwanted animals. Contact 352 262-4232, keppenstein65@gmail.com,
http://www.hailesangels.org/home/index.php?option=com_form&form_id=2
- Puppy hill farm animal rescue: provides shelter for animals then facilitates pet adoptions. Volunteers are needed to help wash and brush the animals, and walk the pets. Contact (352) 473-3605, puppyhill@hotmail.com.
<http://www.puppyhillfarm.com/content/volunteer>
- Ronald McDonald house charities of north central Florida: Provides temporary housing, basic amenities, and support to families with critically ill children being treated at area medical facilities. Volunteers are needed to answer phones, interact with the public and the families, requires 8-16 hours of training and 8 hours of volunteer time each month. Can also volunteer to help with maintenance around the house of volunteer in the family room. In the family room provide books and games for kids, answer phones, and monitor activities. Volunteer options list:
http://www.rmhcncf.org/RMH_WEBSITE/how/docs/Group_Volunteer_Opportunities.pdf.
Contact Hanan Bilal (352) 374-4404 ext 225. hbilal@rmhcncf.org.
http://www.rmhcncf.org/RMH_WEBSITE/how/docs/FORM_Volunteer_App.pdf

- Shands arts in medicine: Involved volunteers and artists engaging staff, families, and patients with drama, music, dance, visual arts, and writing. Allow patients and families to participate in activities that enhance the hospital experience and to personalize their area to make it more inspiring. Can contact the AIM volunteer contact (352) 265-0151, arcelb@shands.ufl.edu, sulkm@shands.ufl.edu.
<http://shands.org/hospitals/uf/public/volunteer/applyvolunteer.asp>
- Shands at the university of Florida: There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities at the hospital. Contact (352) 265-0360.
<https://ufhealth.org/volunteering>
- Streetlight: support program for young adults and adolescents who live with cystic fibrosis, sickle cell, cancer and other chronic illnesses. UF students can become companions with teens in the hospital. Need to be able to commit to 3 hours a week for 2 years. Will need to read the information on the website. Contact Rebecca Brown, (352) 273-9596, rebadb@peds.ufl.edu.
<http://www.shands.org/public/programs/streetlight/directormessage.asp>
- Haven hospice: focuses on managing pain and other symptoms and caring for emotional, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of patients and their loved ones. Can volunteer at the thrift store or doing administrative tasks. Contact Pat Bellis (352) 379-6244, pjbellis@havenhospice.org.
<http://www.havenhospice.org/volunteer-opportunities.aspx>
- Gator pals: UF students that go to Gainesville schools to work with children who have mental and physical handicaps during their physical education period. Contact: ufgatorpals@gmail.com.
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