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Children's Trust of Alachua County Sponsorship Application, March 11, 2021

The historically African-American Greater Duval Neighborhood has been identified as one of the most economically challenged neighborhoods in Gainesville, FL. A lack of businesses and services in the area has impeded economic growth in the community, an issue further hampered by the lack of attention and assistance given to the Greater Duval neighborhood over the past several decades. Despite such hardships, being one of the longest-standing neighborhoods in Gainesville and among the first predominately minority neighborhoods in the city, Greater Duval is a tightly bonded community with generational ties and a sense of togetherness. Since 2017 the Greater Duval Neighborhood Association has carried out successful programs focused on supporting children and youth, including the Out East Youth Tutoring Support program during the school year, an after-school science club and community garden, and a summer program to prepare youth for future employment.

The Greater Duval Neighborhood Association is pleased to submit this proposal for sponsorship of our Annual Summer Sling event. We will be combining a Writing and Arts contest with a preview and recruiting activity for our Summer program. The event will address the CTAC strategic funding plan priority of "Children learning what they need to be successful" which is the specific goal of the GDNA's Summer program. We are requesting \$2,495.00 for our Summer Sling Event.

The objectives of the end-of-year event are to encourage creative writing and artistic activities by students, Grades K through 12, as well as to recruit students for our Summer program. This will be GNDNA's second annual Summer Sling Event, which includes a Writing Arts Contest with cash prizes for winning students and our 1st three-hour Summer Sling event for recruitment for our Summer Program, with previews of activities that will be offered as part GDNA's Summer program. The events are broken down into 2 phases.

Phase 1. The Writing and Arts contest has eight categories to include grades 1 through 12 grades. Each category will have specific question(s) topics to answer in written or by using an artistic expression. Each participant can either write (i.e., paragraph, a poem/rap/song written or videotaped) or submit an art illustration. If there are not participants for each grade level, the remaining prize monies will be distributed equally among the winners. The Contest will run from June 7, 2021 to June 18, 2021. Announcements will be on June 25, 2021.

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The cost for the event is broken down below.

- **K - 1st Grades:** To Enter: Have your child submit a drawing or video answering the following question: Prize \$25 per grade.
- **2nd - 3rd Grades:** To Enter: Have your child submit a drawing or video answering the following question: Prize \$35 per grade.
- **4th - 5th Grades:** To Enter: Have your child submit a drawing, video or writing of 200 words or more answering the following question: Prize \$50 per grade.
- **6th - 7th Grades:** To Enter: Have your child submit in writing (200 words or more), video description/song/Rap/Poem or video of your child's views or a descriptive drawing illustrating both of these topics below: Prize \$75 per grade.
- **8th Grade:** To Enter: Have your child submit in writing (200 words or more; typed or handwritten), video description/song/Rap/Poem or video of your child's views or a descriptive drawing illustrating both of these topics below: Prize \$75 per grade.
- **9th-10th :** To Enter: Submit an Essay of at least (1) page (350 words or more; typed or handwritten) or a video description/song/Rap/Poem discussing all these topics below: Prize \$100 per grade,
- **11th Grade:** To Enter: Submit an Essay of at least 1-1/2 pages (650 words or more; typed or handwritten) or a video description/song/Rap/Poem discussing all the topics below: Prize \$150.
- **12th Grade:** To Enter: Submit an Essay of at least 2 pages (1000 words or more; typed or written) or a video description/song/Rap/Poem discussing all the topics below: Prize \$200.

Phase 2. Our recruitment event for our Summer program will be held on June 26, 2021. The recruitment event will consist of a day of highlights targeting youth grades 7-12. This activity will either take place in person at the Greater Duval Garden 2424 NE 12th Street Gainesville Fla. or over Zoom if we are under quarantine. We will invite parents to come, along with potential youth who are interested in our Summer Program. We will set up at the Garden and have tables for the parents and youth to view our slide show and receive information about our Summer Program. After completing the previews and getting info and or signing up we will provide Lunch for each.



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Our Summer Program, also called Summer Sling 2021, is a College, Career, Social Enrichment & Information Exploration program for youths in grades 7 to 12. For five weeks they explore college & career opportunities that would guide them to a career with a livable wage. They get a chance to role play and experience being an employee and a supervisor, and practice budgeting by earning a stipend to use for an end-of-the summer working vacation. Each week we target different careers, by having presentations at the site or Zoomed into the sites. Examples of careers they will explore are judicial jobs, food & nutritionist, zookeeping, plumbing, business, medical, management, truck driving, and many others, and we take guided tours at a variety of college campuses and vocational training programs as well as a trip that exposes them to the lifestyle they can have when planning their career in the future.

The event's information will include the following activities over the course of about three hours as participants arrive:

- Show a slide presentation of what Summer Sling is about and answer any questions.
- Have a question-and-answer activity about "Where will I be in 20 years," a fun activity that will give them a chance to think about their adult future. We will break them up into small groups to discuss with each other and answer such questions as: (1) Will I look for a job right out of high school? (2) will I go to college? (3) Will I work, day or night? (as well as other possible questions). They will then come back to share their thoughts with the larger group.
- Request their answers (2 choices) to the question: what will I be when I finish school?
- Fill out a career interest Inventory (middle and high school age), and have each participant share with the group what their score suggests for possible occupations, which of the choices interests them most, and why.
- Lunch will be served (either in-person or by given participants pre-paid food card) and we will distribute applications for the Summer Sling signup.

Expected Outcomes

- Opportunity to increase youth expressional interpretive skills.
- Give the youth an outlet to express their experiences and or feelings about current events, their academic year, their outlook on the future and an outlet for their general feelings.
- Introduce youth to our Summer programs and the expansion to include STEM activities opportunities, and to increase our enrollment.

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- Increase cognitive thought of their future success through education and training to prepare for adulthood.
- Create community opportunities for youth to earn some summer spending monies.
- Increase opportunity for low-income families to have their kids participate in a free Summer Program.

Costs of Summer Sling Event:

Cost for Writing, Essay and Arts Contest	\$995.00 (prizes for participants as outlined above)
Cost for Summer Sling Event	\$600.00 (cost for Catering and set up 40 guest equal \$15 per guest)
Cost for Slideshow, Advertising and Printing & other materials.	\$900.00 (making commercial & airing, Flyer's printing, T-shirts, and Decoration)
Total Cost of Summer Sling Event	\$2,495.00



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