



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

At the WELLness Network, Inc.

Request Date:	2/27/2026
Requesting Organization:	At the WELLness Network, Inc.
Contact Name:	Pamela Marshall-Koons
Event Name:	Tea Cakes with Zora Neale Hurston
Event Date:	4/18/2026
Event Summary:	<p>At The WELLness Network and The University of Florida Driveway Theatre Project Presents: Tea Cakes with Zora Neale Hurston: An intimate cultural literacy and healing arts experience centered on the life, voice, and legacy of Zora Neale Hurston. Through storytelling, performance, and shared cultural ritual, students are invited into a living encounter with African American literature, history, and identity.</p> <p>This project will serve Alachua County youth by providing fully sponsored tickets to attend a live, interactive performance experience on April 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Technology & Entrepreneurship Building.</p> <p>Students will engage with embodied storytelling that brings Zora Neale Hurston's work to life, followed by reflection and discussion designed to support literacy, self-expression, and social-emotional learning. The inclusion of traditional homemade tea cakes reflects the role of food as cultural memory and community connection. This project is designed as a pilot experience, with the goal of demonstrating an impact that can be expanded to schools, afterschool programs, and summer camps throughout Alachua County.</p>
Number of Attendees:	45
Expenses Summary:	Student Performance Tickets (incl. book) \$1,574.55, Artist & Program Facilitation Fee \$500.00, Educational Materials \$150.00, Tea Cakes & Cultural Supplies \$125.00, Light Refreshments \$100.00, Outreach & Coordination \$50.45
Requested Amount:	\$2,500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$850
Authorized By:	