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**Which Children's Trust Goal or Strategy does your program address? 1. Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships. 2. Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful. 3. Children and youth live in a safe community.**

The program addresses all 3 strategies.

**Are you a current Children's Trust provider? Yes or No**

no

**If not, have you ever received funding from the Trust?**

2024

**Name of the program you received funding for previously.**

no

**Have you applied for Emergent Needs Funds before? Yes or No**

no

**If you answered yes above please enter date.**

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**Is your business currently registered with the Philanthropy Hub? Yes or No**

no

**Are you qualified to conduct business in the State of Florida? Yes or No Please attach your Sunbiz.**

yes

**Describe your program including how your services impact the lives of the Children of Alachua County.**

The Pine Ridge Community Center is a program managed and operated by the Black-on-Black Crime Taskforce of Alachua County the Program operates from a donated two-bedroom apartment at 2507nw 57th place, Gainesville Florida 32609

The pine ridge community center, the stewardship of black-on-black crime taskforce of the Alachua County, stands as a beacon of hope and resilience within the pine ridge community; this program is dedicated to uplifting and empowering the residents of rental housing community, predominantly comprised of single heads of households living at or below the county poverty level.

the pine ridge community, which has in the past grappled with the issues such as violence, youth gangs, and the illicit use of substances, finds a source of solace and support in the center. despite these challenges, a group of determined residents is committed to transforming their neighborhood into a safe and enjoyable space.

At the heart of this initiative are 18 youths in grades one through six grade who faithfully attend the center with enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge. the program offers a multifaceted approach to their development, providing academic assistance, life skills training, Spanish language instruction, and recreational activities. The center goes beyond the confines of its physical space by organizing youth field trips, exposing participants to diverse sites and cultures, broadening their horizons, and fostering a sense of curiosity.

Crucially, the pine ridge community center operates with the invaluable support of dedicated volunteers and parents. These individuals contribute their time and efforts to facilitate the various programs, becoming integral pillars of the center's success. Together, they create an environment that addresses immediate challenges and nurtures the potential for positive transformation within the community.

In the face of adversity, the pine ridge community center stands as a testament to the resilience and determination of pine ridge residents. The black on black on crime taskforce showcase the power of community-led initiatives to impact the lives of its youth and overall well-being of the neighborhood.

**Please Specify your need in as much detail as possible. Include the dollar amount of your request. Explain how your request is an emergent need.**

The needs of the center are.

10 computers (Chromebook)  
Printer ink cartridges / printer paper  
Antivirus software  
3 round tables  
office software  
dishwasher  
stove  
refrigerator  
AC unit  
storage shelves  
part time aid.  
Security cameras x4  
USB expander  
stackable chairs  
printer  
mice for computers  
bathroom sink and cabinet.  
new roof and windows

**What dollar amount are you requesting?**

20,000

**What steps have you taken to resolve the need on your own?**

Ms. Joyce Strawder a crucial role as the director of the pine ridge community center, which the black-on-black crime taskforce hired and managed. The taskforce funds her salary through a grant and engages in various activities to foster a positivity community environment. Here's a breakdown of the key responsibilities and mentioned:

1. Community Center Management: Ms. Strawder manages the Pine Ridge Community Center.
2. Youth Engagement: the taskforce has recruited volunteers to engage with the youth in the community, providing them with limited wholesome activities.
3. Monthly food distribution: the taskforce organizes and pays for a monthly food distribution activity for the residents in the community. Additionally, they partner with the local bread of the mighty food bank for distribution efforts.
4. Ms. Strawder has collaborated with the Chief Dixon of Gainesville Fire and Rescue Department to organize youth activities, including reading sessions and fire service education. Additionally, we have teamed up with Chief Scott of Gainesville Police Department to provide mentorship and transportation support to these youths.
5. Donations and volunteer services: Ms. Strawder has solicited and received donations of holiday gifts for the youth. She also coordinates volunteer services at the site.
6. Youth Meals: The taskforce provides snacks and meals to the youth in attendance.
7. Besides hiring Ms. Strawder, the taskforce sent a letter to the building owners in which we have copied the children's trust. In this letter, we outlined our issues with the facility; we await a response.

The main goal of these programs is to foster community development, prevent crime, and establish a positive supportive environment for the youth residing in the community. The involvement of different organizations, such as the local fire department and food bank, demonstrates a comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of pine ridge community.

**How has the emergent need impacted your service delivery?**

The significance of the challenges in the community center becomes even more pronounced when considering the socioeconomic complications the attending youth faces. Hailing from meager backgrounds, these young individuals depend on the resources provided by the center, specifically the computer facilities and homework assistance, to fulfill their educational requirements. For many, the lack of computing at home impedes the child's pursuit of success at their school.

Given the diverse academic performance levels among the youth, the center plays a crucial role in bridging educational gaps. It becomes a hub where those performing at grade level can reinforce their skills while those facing challenges receive the needed assistance. The center emerges as an educational equalizer, to provide every youth with the opportunity to succeed academically, regardless of their starting point.

Beyond its academic role, the pine ridge community center is a safe haven for these young individuals. In a community where resources, the may be scarce, the center offers more than just educational support; it provides interactions. Here, the youth can engage with caring and positive role model adults, cultivating a sense of community and fostering that contribute to their well- being.

In essence, the pine ridge community center goes beyond being a mere educational facility. It is a sanctuary for these youths, offering academic resources and a refuge where they can receive supervised, positive interaction, guidance, and mentorship. As the only safe space of its kind in the Pineridge neighborhood, the center plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of these young individuals and contributing to the overall resilience and strength of the Pineridge community.

"To summarize, the absence of technology resources in terms of software and hardware for the young students, along with building in need of repair (such as a leaky roof) and poor plumbing, creates challenges for staff and students during rainy weather. Additionally, the furniture used by the student's needs repair, and the absence of computers significantly delays children attempting to complete their homework."

**Please provide your organization's most recent audited Financial Statements if applicable.**

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**Please provide your organization's most recent financial statement to your Board of Directors.**

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