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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. 2. Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful

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

If not, have you ever received funding from the Trust? 2023

Name of the program you received funding for previously. N/A

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

If you answered yes above please enter date. Mon, 01/01/2024

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

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.

Gainesville For All is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which advocates for racial and socioeconomic inequities in the Gainesville area. The need for advocacy was affirmed with the release of the damning report, "Understanding Racial Inequity in Alachua County, 2018." The study revealed that African American students have lower graduation rates in Alachua County than any other race. More than half of high school dropouts in Alachua County are Black. Gainesville For All is addressing this disparity by launching the Gainesville Empowerment Zone (GEZ) Family Learning Center. The center serves children six weeks to 5 years old with quality education and care. The center also connects families to resources such as jobs, drug counseling, health care, transportation, housing, assistance with emergency utilities, food and clothing as well as a Fatherhood Initiative. Parents may be asked to participate in a parent leadership training program. Located in a targeted geographic zone, the center confronts challenges that face Black and low-income families. The zone contains two of the district's lowest-performing elementary schools. The GEZFCLC is located within one of these elementary schools, Metcalfe Elementary school. We support the children's families so that when the students graduate to Kindergarten they are confident, lifelong learners who can thrive in the public school system emotionally and academically. Our goal is for parents to become stronger advocates for their children, and have the resources they need to increase their economic and educational status.

By attending classes at the GEZFCLC, the children have the opportunity to develop cognitive, social, emotional, language

and school readiness skills. The children learn what a daily routine looks like, how to self-regulate, and how to develop meaningful relationships with others. Attending classes at the center provides opportunities for the children to interact with peers and develop important social skills like cooperation, sharing, and conflict resolution. Children also learn to manage their emotions and develop resilience in dealing with challenges. Lastly, the children gain self-confidence through positive interactions with teachers and peers in a supportive environment.

In regards to academic development, the children have the opportunity to grow in language development, literacy skills, early math skills, and school readiness. The children participate in The Creative Curriculum® through our partner Teaching Strategies, LLC. Gainesville for All paid \$23,000 for this comprehensive and powerful curriculum. The Creative Curriculum® provides a whole-child curriculum and includes assessments in order to individualize learning. As students work through the course work, data and reporting is provided in order to inform instruction and drive program efficacy. The curriculum also incorporates all essentials for transformative family engagement, and intentional support for professional development for teachers. By taking part in this curriculum and attending classes, children boost their vocabulary development, which is crucial for reading comprehension and communication skills. The print rich environment of the GEZFLC allows children to get familiar with the alphabet and new vocabulary. The children are encouraged to express themselves verbally, improving their ability to communicate effectively. The classes ensure that children are ready for the formal learning environment of elementary school. This includes being familiar with routines, following instructions, and having basic academic skills. Overall these skills will help children bridge the achievement gap, as they are coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and may not have access to the same learning opportunities at home.

The children's emotional and physical well being is impacted positively as well. We provide support to parents to help strengthen their relationship with their child. This will impact the children's emotional and mental health long term. Additionally, our program provides a nutritious breakfast and lunch to students daily, which benefits their physical health. Through our quality care and programming we hope to close the achievement gap in Alachua County. 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.

Since opening the Gainesville for All Family Learning Center on August 10th this year, we are seeing an increasing number of families who simply can't afford services, even after being approved for funds through the Early Learning Coalition (ELC). We need additional funds to assist these families who need a boost. Recently we interacted with a parent who was living in a shelter for abused women and was seeking our help. She had placed her child with a private provider she found on Facebook and had to then withdraw her child after only two days because she felt her child had been traumatized. Given that she is staying at a shelter, quality childcare for her child is of utmost importance as this is not a safe environment for a child. We have also encountered numerous cases of working parents who are ineligible for assistance. These parents are in desperate need of childcare as they cannot keep their employment without care for their children. We don't want to turn away any of these parents and want to meet their needs! We currently have 21 students enrolled and have capacity for 80 students. This means that we have spots open for 59 more students. The cost per family varies but on average the cost to enroll each student per month is: \$1,064.

Operationally, we need help to pay for necessities such as personnel salaries, fringe benefits, administrative services, utilities, consumables, school breakfast and lunches which we provide to students free of charge, and a dependable office copier. Currently we use a copier purchased at Office Depot that is not dependable, thus reducing staff productivity. Paper work is mounting in our organization. We need to purchase or lease a copier as soon as possible so that classroom productivity is not impacted. A copier machine starts out at \$250 a month to lease. For a year this would cost \$3,000. All of these operational costs are the basics of keeping the GEZFLC operating. This is an emergent need because if we are not able to stay in operation then the families we serve would not be able to utilize us as a resource for childcare and education, potentially putting the parents' employment at risk. By not having the full funds needed to operate next year we also put our staff employment at risk as well.

What dollar amount are you requesting? \$50,000

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

Our organization has hired a Fundraising Coordinator to continue applying for more grants and to help develop Gainesville for All's donor relations. Our goal is to build stronger relationships with our donors so that they are familiar

with the work we are doing and want to invest more in our work. We are also working on strategies to increase the number of monthly donors so we have a consistent and sustainable amount of incoming donations each month. Gainesville for all also took part in Give 8/28 a National Day of Giving in an effort to raise funds to cover our operational expenses. We created a fundraising strategy and promoted Give 8/28. Gainesville for All will also take part in Giving Tuesday in November and other fundraising initiatives and events to encourage donations to our organization. We have been working on growing our social media presence by posting regular updates and valuable content twice a week to our social media platforms. We keep our donors updated with regular email newsletters. We plan to host private tours of the GEZFLC for our top donors so they can see the impact of their donations. We would like to plan a larger event at the GEZFLC so that those in the community can see the impact we are having and want to sow into the work we are doing. We also plan to grow our presence in the business community.

How has the emergent need impacted your service delivery?

There is no shortage of families needing our services. We have the professional staff and facilities to meet their needs but too many families find us unaffordable. We need CTAC assistance to help these families get the childcare and education their children need. We are equipped to take in more students, however we cannot deliver our services because families need help funding these services.

Not having complete funding for operation costs for the coming year has impacted our service delivery in that we cannot confidently communicate to parents that our services will be available for the next school year. Additionally, not having a properly functioning copier has slowed down our productivity and has caused frustration amongst staff members. Overall this impacts the quality of education in the classroom, ability to create reports, assignments and communications to parents.

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