

POVERTY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Books

- [When Helping Hurts](#) by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert
- [Toxic Charity](#) by Bob Lupton
- [With Justice for All: A Strategy For Community Development](#) by John Perkins

Articles and Videos

- [What Does the Lord's Supper Have to Do with Poverty Alleviation?](#), Article
- [Evangelism: The Leading Partner](#), Article by Samuel Moffett
- [Talks at Google: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence](#) Video

Courses and Organizations

- Helping Without Hurting: The Basics Course
- P4H Global-Sustainable Development Master Class
- The Chalmers Center
- The Lupton Center Resources

JUSTICE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION

Books

- [Generous Justice](#) by Timothy Keller
- [Just Mercy](#), the book & the movie by Bryan Stevenson
- [Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger](#) by Ronald Sider
- [Be the Bridge](#) by Latasha Morrison

Videos and Podcasts

- The Bible Project Podcast, [Biblical Justice Series](#)
- [Reading While Black](#), Essau McCaulley & The Bible Project Podcast
- [Roadmap to Reconciliation](#), Seminary Now video with Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil

Organizations

- International Justice Mission
- Created Gainesville
- Equal Justice Initiative

BIBLICAL APPLICATIONS OF LOCAL MISSIONS

Scriptural Resources

- Genesis 18:18-19
- Leviticus 24:22
- Deuteronomy 27:19
- Isaiah 42:1-7
- Isaiah 58-59
- Jeremiah 22
- Psalm 68:4-5
- Psalm 146:7-9
- Psalm 89:14
- Proverbs 14:31
- Proverbs 31:9
- Micah 6:6-8
- Zechariah 7:9-10
- Matthew 9:35-38
- Luke 4:17-18
- Romans 1
- James 2

Topical Study

- The Bible Project Podcast, [Biblical Justice Series](#)
- [God's Heart for the Foreigner](#), Article & Video

A LIGHT, TIGHT KIT

Here is an example of a care bag that packs the most amount of useful items in the smallest amount of space. This also balances costs so you can afford to give out more.

For Each Kit:

- Gallon plastic bag with zipper (1 × \$0.20)
- Hand-written note card
- Printout of local resources
- Nice wool socks (1x \$4-6)
- Water bottle (1x \$0.35)
- Tuna cracker pack (1 x\$1)
- Nail clippers (1x \$0.50)
- Large Bandages (5x \$0.15)
- Individually wrapped wet wipes (5 × \$0.05)

Total Cost: \$7-12 per care bag

TIPS FOR GREAT CARE BAGS

Keep care bags small

Aim for fewer but more useful items.

Write a personal note

In your handwriting, include a card that says their welfare is important to you, that they are loved, that you are praying for them, that they are valued, etc.

Include a list of resources

Provide a list of local resources in your care bag. There are two lists available under resources on Greenhouse's Local Missions & Justice page.

Take your time

When distributing your care bags, if you have time and someone with you, pull your car over and get out to talk with the community member you're giving the care bag to (be wise & discerning). A genuine smile and kind eye contact go a long way to imparting dignity, value, and love.

Pray

Pray beforehand and ask to pray with the individual you're giving your care bag.

Be safe

Most individuals in the homeless community are not dangerous. We still encourage you to be wise and discerning in all your interactions.

MISSIONS

10 BEST ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN A HOMELESS COMMUNITY CARE BAG

EASY REFERENCE

Here are some of the most requested* items, a "top ten" if you will, so that you can create care bags with your friends, family, or microchurch:

1. Wool Socks (this is the #1 most asked-for item)
2. Gloves
3. Water Bottle
4. Bandages
5. Wet Wipes
6. Toothbrush/Toothpaste
7. Sunscreen
8. Tuna & Cracker Packs
9. Single-serving Snacks (nuts, crackers, trail mix)
10. Nail Clippers

*This "top ten" list was provided to us by GRACE Marketplace

GREENHOUSE VISION AND MISSION

At Greenhouse, we embrace a holistic approach to missions.

Justice without Jesus is never true liberation. We desire to reach out to the whole person, meeting both spiritual and physical needs, and then connect that person to the local church and other resources so they can continue to grow as a disciple and get the help they need.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed"

-Proverbs 19:17



SUSTAINABILITY

Here are the questions we ask when doing ministry:

- Does this "remember the poor"?
- Is this work sustainable and reproducible?

What to Avoid in Homeless Community Care Bags:

- Clothing items except for socks & gloves, any previously used clothing items
- Fragrance items, due to personal preferences, beliefs, and sensitivities
- Items with alcoholic content (mouthwash, hand sanitizer, etc)
- Certain hard food items that are not easy on the teeth such as gum, candy, etc.
- Food items that can easily melt on a warm day

LOCAL RESOURCES FOR OUR AREA

We know when times get difficult or overwhelming, a helping hand can be hard to find. The good news is there are many options in our area, whether you're a little down on your luck or in desperate need, we hope this helps. - Greenhouse Church.

This is a list of just a few of the places around Gainesville that can help you.

Clothing:

- Salvation Army - (352) 376-1743
- Hospice Attic Thrift Store - (352) 378-7484

Crisis Counseling:

- UF and Shands Family Medicine- Equal Access Clinic - (352) 273-9425 (Primary Medical care, therapy..etc)
- Helping Hands Clinic - (352) 519-5542

Domestic Violence/Abuse:

- Peaceful Paths - (352) 377-8255

Education:

- Library Partnership Neighborhood Resource Center - (352) 334-0161
- Gainesville Community Ministry - (352) 372-8162

Elder Services:

- Altrusa International of Gainesville - (352) 377-7708
- Elder Options - 1(800) 262-2243 (60+ population)

Employment/Job Training:

- Goodwill-Job Junction - (352) 335-1311 (This is a no cost Career Center)
- CareerSource North Central FL - (352) 955-2245

Food Assistance:

- Salvation Army - (352) 376-1743
- St. Francis House - (352) 378-9079

Families In Need:

- myfloridamyfamily.com (click "I need help")

Housing:

- Gainesville Housing Authority - (352) 872-5500
- Grace Marketplace - (352) 792-0800

Legal Services:

- Three Rivers Legal Services, Lnc - (352) 372-0519

Medical:

- Alachua County Health Department - (386) 462-2542
- Alachua County Department of Social Services - (352) 264-6750
- Malcolm Randall Veterans Medical Center - (352) 376-1611
- Mobile Outreach Clinic - (352) 273-5329
- Equal Access Clinics Network - (352) 273-9425

Mental Health:

- Alachua County Crisis Center - (352) 264-6789

Photo Identification:

- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church - (352) 372-4721

Veterans:

- VETSPACE - (352) 222-2256

Voter Registration:

- Alachua County Supervisor or Elections - (352) 374-5252

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS (area code 352)

United Way.....	2-1-1 or 332-4636 or text zip code to 898-211
Alachua County Crisis Center Hotline.....	264-6789
Alachua County Housing Authority.....	372-2549
Alachua County Social Services.....	264-6750
Alachua County Victim Services/Rape Crisis Center Hotline....	264-6760
Catholic Charities (Emergency food).....	372-0294
CareerSource.....	955-2245
Center for Independent Living.....	378-7474
DCF (Food stamps/TANF/Medicaid eligibility).....	(866)762-2237
Domestic Violence Hotline.....	(800)393-7233
Elder Options (Elder helpline).....	(800)963-5337
Gainesville Community Ministries.....	372-8162
Gainesville Housing Authority.....	872-5500
Gainesville Police non-emergency.....	955-1818
Goodwill Job Junction.....	335-1311
Holy Trinity Episcopal Ministry (Identification).....	372-4721
Home Van Pet Care Project.....	246-2727
Lazarus Restoration Ministries.....	213-8970
Meridian Behavioral (Mental health services).....	374-5600
Meridian Homeless Recovery Program.....	647-1915
Pride Community Center.....	377-8915
Social Security Administration (Local office).....	(877)219-8323
St. Vincent de Paul.....	222-0588
Three Rivers Legal Services.....	372-0519
Vocational Rehab.....	955-3200

ALACHUA COUNTY STREET CARD

Resources for people without housing
in Alachua County, FL and an overview
of civil rights on the street.

Produced and distributed by:



United Way
of North Central Florida

ARE YOU HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS?

Phone: 352-333-0866

211 Helpline: 2-1-1 or 352-332-4636

Text: zip code to 898-211

Email: help@ncfalliance.org

MEALS

GRACE.....	3055 NE 28 th Drive
<u>Breakfast:</u> M-F 7am-8am; Sat/Sun 10am-11am	
<u>Lunch:</u> M-F 11:30am-12:30pm; Sat/Sun no lunch served	
<u>Dinner:</u> M-F 5:30pm-6:30pm; Sat/Sun 4:30-5:30pm	
ST FRANCIS HOUSE.....	413 S. Main Street
<u>Breakfast & Lunch:</u> 9am-12pm daily	
PROJECT DOWNTOWN.....	200 E University Avenue (City Hall)
<u>Lunch:</u> 1:00pm Sat/Sun	
FIRST UNITED METHODIST.....	419 NE 1 st Street
<u>Dinner:</u> 4:00pm Monday	

SHELTERS (area code 352)

Some shelters require guests to be screened for outstanding warrants prior to entry. A police clearance can be obtained from GPD, 545 NW 8th Ave. Photo ID is required.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE.....	413 S. Main Street.....	378-9079
<i>(Families w/children, others based on space,cold nights)</i>		
CDS INTERFACE YOUTH SHELTER.....	1400 NW 29 th Rd.....	244-0618
<i>(Youth 10-17) open 24/7</i>		
PEACEFUL PATHS.....	727-0948 or 377-8255	
<i>(victims of intimate partner violence)</i>		
FAMILY PROMISE.....	378-2030	
<i>(families w/children)</i>		
GRACE.....	3055 NE 28 th Drive.....	792-0800
<i>(Adults, age 18+)</i>		

SHELTERS Cont. (area code 352)

GAINESVILLE PEER RESPITE..... 728 E. University Avenue..... 278-0529

PETS (area code 352)

GRACE - Co-sheltering & Animal Welfare.....	792-0800 x135
<u>Pet food and supplies:</u> Mon-Fri	
<u>Veterinary Services:</u> GRACE, 3rd Sun. of each month, 2pm - 4pm	
HOME VAN PET CARE PROJECT.....	246-2727
ST FRANCIS PET CARE.....	372-4959
<u>Free vet care for pets of homeless:</u> Tues. 8am-12pm	

VETERAN'S SERVICES & SHELTERS (area code 352)

Healthcare For Homeless Vets/Honor Center.....	548-1800
Meridian SSVF.....	244-9827
VETSPACE.....	225-3995
Volunteers Of America SSVF.....	240-1340
Volunteers Of America GPD.....	642-8313
Alachua County Veterans Services.....	264-6740
VA Hospital.....	376-1611

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/DETOX HELP (area code 352)

Alcoholics Anonymous.....	372-8091
Narcotics Anonymous.....	376-8008
Bridge House Detox.....	374-5600
VA Treatment Program.....	376-1611
Metamorphosis.....	955-2450

MAP OF ALACHUA COUNTY SERVICES



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| 1. St. Francis House..... 413 S Main St. | 10. DCF..... 1000 NE 16 th Ave. |
| 2. VETSPACE..... 1220 NE 8 th Ave. | 11. UF Health Shands... 600 SW Archer Rd. |
| 3. Gainesville Police Dept. 545 NW 8 th Ave. | 12. Social Security Adm.. 4562 NW 13 th St. |
| 4. CareerSource..... 1112 N Main St. | 13. Center for Independent Living..... |
| 5. Alachua Co. Housing Authority..... |222 SW 36 th Terr. |
| 703 NE 1 st St. | 14. Pride Community Center..... |
| 6. Catholic Charities..... 1701 NE 9 th St. |3131 NW 13 th St. |
| Three Rivers... 1000 NE 16 th Ave., Bldg. J | 15. GRACE..... 3055 NE 28 th Dr. |
| Library Partnership Resource Center | 16. Cone Park Library..... |
| 912 NE 16 th Ave. |2801 E University Ave. |
| 7. Gainesville Community Ministries..... | 17. Florida Dept. of Health Dental Home |
|238 SW 4 th Ave. | Program..... 816 SW 64 th Terr. |
| 8. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare..... | 18. Helping Hands Clinic..... 509 NE 1 st St. |
| 4300 SW 13 th St. | |
| 9. Alachua County Health Dept./Social | |
| Services..... 224 SE 24 th St. | |

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: STREET LAWS

The information on this card is meant for educational purposes only and should not be taken as legal advice. These guidelines cover the basics.

CAMPING IN PARKS: It is illegal to camp in public parks. You can sleep in a park during the day but you CANNOT BE THERE AFTER THE PARK IS CLOSED. City Ord. 18-20(2)

PARK CURFEW: It is illegal to be in a park when it is closed. Parks are generally open from 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Check posted signs at each park. Hours are enforced even if there is not a posted sign. City Ord. 18-19(a)

TRESPASSING: It is illegal to be on private property if (1) you were not invited and there is a posted "No Trespassing" sign, or (2) the property owner has filed a written request with police to keep people off of his/her property. Just because you don't see a "No Trespassing" sign, does NOT mean that you are not trespassing. Fla Stat. 810.09

CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC: It is illegal to drink alcohol or to possess any type of open container with alcohol in it in any public place (if the seal on a bottle or can is broken, you are breaking the law) It is legal to drink on private property (unless you are trespassing) City Ord. 4-4; 76.3(e)

DISORDERLY INTOXICATION: It is illegal to be intoxicated in public to the point that you are a danger to yourself, other people, or property. FL Stat. 856.011

URINATING OR DEFECATING IN PUBLIC: It is illegal to go to the bathroom in, or in view of, public areas. City Ord. 17-8

OCCUPYING A PARKED CAR: It is NOT illegal to sit in or sleep in a parked car if you are following driving and parking rules. You CANNOT leave your car on a public street for more than 72 consecutive hours. You must also comply with parking rules on private property. City Ord. 26-47(b)

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: It is illegal to block the movement of people or cars on public streets or sidewalks. City Ord. 17-4

PANHANDLING: It is generally legal to panhandle on public sidewalks and streets in the city limits of Gainesville. You CAN'T obstruct traffic or block the sidewalk. You CAN'T touch or threaten people. If you are outside Gainesville within Alachua County, you CAN'T panhandle from persons traveling in cars on public streets, even if they are stopped at an intersection. If you have questions about these laws or your rights, please contact Southern Legal Counsel for help, 352-271-8890.

POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A PERSON UNDER 21: No one under the age of 21 is allowed to possess alcohol. FL Stat. 562.111(1)

FREE HEALTH CARE (area code 352)

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| HELPING HANDS CLINIC..... | 519-5542 |
| Mon. 4pm-7pm, 509 NE 1 st St. | |
| Wed. 3pm-5pm, GRACE, 3055 NE 28 th Dr. | |
| Thurs. (women only) 1:30pm-7pm, 509 NE 1 st St. | |
| SAMARITANS CLINIC..... | 1029 NE 9 th St..... 505-9101 |
| 1 st & 3 rd Thurs., 6pm-8pm | |
| EQUAL ACCESS CLINIC..... | 273-9425 |
| Mon. 5:30pm, Anthem Church, 2902 SW 75 th St. | |
| Tues. 5:30pm, Eastside Clinic, 410 NE Waldo Rd. | |
| Wed. 6pm, Bartley Temple, 1936 NE 8 th Ave. | |
| Thurs. 5:30pm, 1707 N Main St. | |
| RAHMA MERCY CLINIC..... | 792-8324 |
| Sat. 9am-1pm, 5220 SW 13 th St | |
| UF MOBILE CLINIC..... | 273-5329 |
| Mon. (evening), Anthem Church, 2902 SW 75 th St. | |
| Tues. 11am-4pm, Library Partnership, 912 NE 16 th Ave. | |
| Wed. 11am-4pm, Downtown Library, 401 E Univ. Ave. | |
| Wed. (evening), Bartley Temple, 1936 NE 8 th Ave | |
| Thurs. 11am-4pm, TB McPherson Center, 1717 SE 15 th St. | |
| Fri. 11am-4pm, GRACE, 3055 NE 28 th Dr. | |
| FL DEPT OF HEALTH DENTAL HOME PROGRAM..... | 225-4320 |
| Call for appointments & information | |