

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
- The Chalmers Center

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
- Anew Florida
- 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: \$8-12 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 unhoused 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



**GREENHOUSE
CHURCH**

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

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. GNV City Ord., Sec. 26-47(b)

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

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

**Need Housing
or Support?**
Scan to find local services in
Alachua County



taskforcefl.org

ALACHUA COUNTY STREET CARD

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

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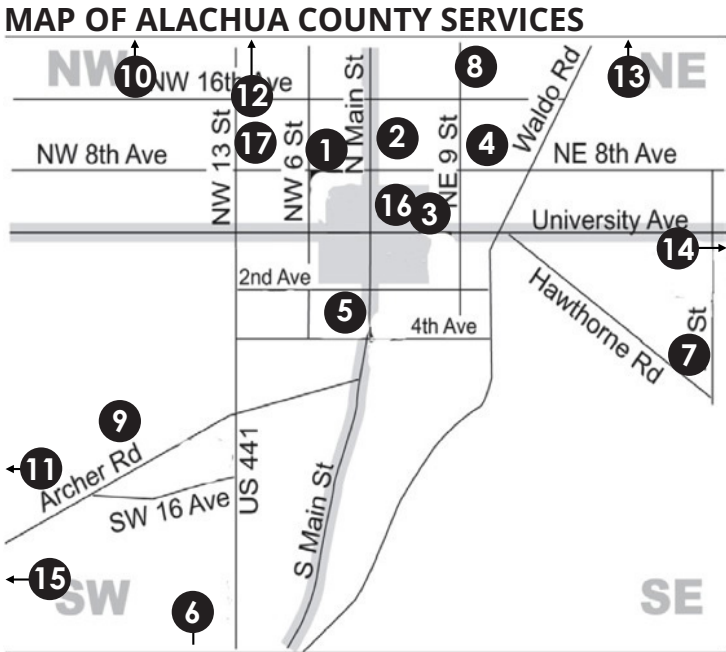
**ARE YOU HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF
BECOMING HOMELESS?**

Call Us At: 352-505-7770 Ext. 203

OR

Visit Us At: taskforcefl.org

For street outreach services, call 352-672-0640



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| 1. Gainesville Police Dept. | 545 NW 8 th Ave. | 10. Social Security Adm. | 4562 NW 13 th St. |
| 2. CareerSource | 1112 N Main St. | 11. Center for Independent Living | 222 SW 36 th Terr. |
| 3. Alachua Co. Housing Authority | 703 NE 1 st St. | 12. Pride Community Center | 3131 NW 13 th St. |
| 4. Catholic Charities Three Rivers Library Partnership Resource Center | 1701 NE 9 th St. | 13. Grace | 3005 NE 28 th Dr. |
| 5. Gainesville Community Ministries | 1000 NE Ave, Bldg. J | 14. Cone Park Library | 2801 E University Ave. |
| 6. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare | 912 NE 16 th Ave. | 15. Florida Dept. of Health Dental Home Program | 816 SW 64 th Terr. |
| 7. Alachua County Health Dept./Social | 238 SW 4 th Ave. | 16. Helping Hands Clinic | 509 NE 1 st St. |
| 8. DCF | 4300 SW 13 th St. | 17. Meridian SSVF | 1405 NW 13 th St., Ste. E |
| 9. UF Health Shands | 224 SE 24 th St. | | |
| | 1000 NE 16 th Ave. | | |
| | 600 SW Archer Rd. | | |

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS (area code 352)	
United Way NCFL...	2-1-1 or 332-4636 or text zip code to 998-211
Alachua County Crisies Center Hotline	264-6789
Alachua County Housing Authority	372-2549
Alachua County Social Services	264-6750
Alachua County Victim Services	264-6760
Catholic Charities	372-0294
CareerSource	955-2245
Center for Independent Living	378-7474
Central Florida Community Action Agency	378-7667
DCF (Food Stamps/TANF/Medicaid eligibility)	(886) 762-2237
Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 393-7233
Elder Options (Elder helpline)	(800) 963-5337
Gainesville Community Ministry	372-8162
Gainesville Housing Authority	872-5500
Gainesville Opportunity Center	224-5523
Gainesville Police non-emergency	955-1818
Goodwill Job Junction	335-1311
Holy Trinity Episcopal Ministry	372-4721
Home Van Pet Care Project	246-2727
Lazarus Restoration Ministries	213-8970
Meridian (Mental health services)	374-5600
Meridian Homeless Recovery Program	374-5600
Pride Community Center	377-8915
Social Security Administation (Local office)	(877) 219-8323
Three Rivers legal Services	372-0519
Vocational Rehab	955-3200

MEALS

GRACE	3055 NE 28 th Drive
• Breakfast: M-F 7am-8am; Sat/Sun 10am-11am	
• Lunch: M-F 11:30am-12:30pm; Sat/Sun no lunch served	
• Dinner: M-F 5:30pm-6:30pm; Sat/Sun 4:30-5:30pm	
PROJECT DOWNTOWN	200 E. University Ave
• Lunch: 1:00pm Sat/Sun	
FIRST UNITED METHODIST	419 NE 1 st Street
• Dinner: 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.

CDS INTERFACE YOUTH SHELTER (Youth 10-17) open 24/7	3456 NE 39 th Ave.	244-0618
GRACE (Adults, age 18+)	3055 NE 28 th Drive	792-0800
FAMILY PROMISE (families w/children)		378-2030
PEACEFUL PATHS (victims of intimate partner violence)	727-0948 or 377-8255	

PETS (area code 352)

GRACE - Co-sheltering & Animal Welfare	792-0800 Ext.135
• Pet food and supplies:	Monday-Friday
• Veterinary Services:	3rd Sun. each month, 2pm-4pm
HOME VAN PET CARE PROJECT	246-2727
St. Francis Veterinary Care	372-4959
• info@stfrancisvetcare.org	2025 SW 75th St. Ste.20
• free vet care for pets of homeless:	Tues. 8am-12pm

VETERAN’S SERVICES & SHELTERS (area code 352)

Healthcare For Homeless Vets/Honor Center	548-1800
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	381-0152
Meridian	374-5600

FREE HEALTH CARE (area code 352)

AAMRC General Medical Clinic at GRACE	792-0800 Ext.159
• Monday & Friday 10am-2pm, 3055 NE 28 th Dr.	
AAMRC Women's (Only) Clinic at GRACE	792-0800 Ext.159
• 2nd & 4th Monday, at GRACE	
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.	
FL DEPT OF HEALTH DENTAL HOME PROGRAM	225-4320
Call for appointments & information	
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	505-9101
• 1 st & 3 rd Thurs., 6pm-8pm, 1029 NE 9 th St.	
RAHMA MERCY CLINIC	792-8324
• Sat. 9am-1pm, 5220 SW 13 th St.	
UF MOBILE OUTREACH CLINIC	273-5329
Mon. Virtual Care (Telehealth) appointments, call to schedule.	
Tues. 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm, Gainesville Community Ministry	
238 SW 4 th Ave.	
Wed. 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm, Gainesville Community Ministry	
238 SW 4 th Ave.	
Thurs. 8am-12pm GRACE Marketplace 3055 NE 28 th Dr.	
Fri. 8am-12pm, 1pm-4pm, Gainesville Community Ministry	
238 SW 4 th Ave.	

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. If you have questions about these laws or your rights, please contact Southern Legal Counsel for help, call 352-271-8890.

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. GNV City Ord., Sec. 18-20.

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. GNV City Ord., Sec. 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

PANHANDLING: It is generally legal to panhandle on public sidewalks within the city limits of Gainesville as well as unincorporated Alachua County. You CAN'T panhandle from medians/traffic separators less than 6-feet-wide within Alachua County. You CAN'T obstruct traffic or block the sidewalk. You CAN'T touch or threaten people.