

Opportunities to Serve

through St. Augustine Church's *Christian Service Ministries* (staugcsm@yahoo.com)

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

--Matthew 25:35-36

Ministries Combating Hunger, Giving Shelter

The Catholic Charities Weekly Food Collection: *Providing food and services for anyone in need.*
To help, donate non-perishable food items, toiletries, and baby supplies. Place these items in the green wheelbarrow in the vestibule of our church. For more information, to donate funds, or to volunteer at Catholic Charities, call us (**352-372-3157**) or visit our website (www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org).

The Gainesville Catholic Worker Community: *Striving for justice, community, and discipleship.*

- **Breakfast Brigade:** Help us provide breakfast for labor pool workers twice a week.
- **Dorothy's Café:** Help us serve café-style meals dinners in our home.
- **Hospitality:** Help us provide emergency shelter, education, and entertainment.
- **Community Gardening**
- **Prayer, Scripture Study, & Roundtable Discussions**
- **Blue House Pants:** Learn to sew pants from recycled fabrics.
- **Advocacy:** Help us provide a voice for the homeless and marginalized

For more information or to volunteer, contact us (**352-371-4695** or gvillecw@yahoo.com), go to our website (<http://gvillecw.wordpress.com/>), visit the **Gainesville Catholic Worker FaceBook page**, or drop by the house (**218 NW 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601**).

The St. Vincent de Paul Society: *“Serving the Lord one person at a time.”*

- **Food Pantry:** Provide food for the needy, elderly, and disabled. Donate non-perishable food items in the red St. Vincent de Paul tub in the church vestibule.
- **Emergency Assistance:** Help with rent and utilities. Mail your tax-deductible check donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society (**500 NE 16th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601**).
- **The HOME Van (Homeless Outreach Mobile Effort):** We deliver food & clothing to the less fortunate. To volunteer, contact Arupa Freeman (**372-4825** or barupa@atlantic.net). To help financially, mail your tax-deductible check donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society (**307 SE 6th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601**) with “HOME Van” on the memo line.
- **Hats for the Homeless:** Help us knit/crochet hats and blankets for the homeless.

To volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, contact Kris Gillespie (**352-672-6525** or kristine8155@yahoo.com). We especially need a volunteer to help develop a local St.V.deP. website.

The Farmworker Ministry: *Serving the over 5000 migrant farm workers in Alachua County.*

- **The Christmas Gift Drive:** Look for the Angel Tree in the vestibule during Advent. To volunteer with this event or for other volunteer opportunities, contact Lori Williams (**352-335-3956** or **lwoeste@hotmail.com**).

For more information about the School Board's Migrant Education Office, or for further volunteer opportunities, see their website (**www.sbac.edu/~securr/migrant.htm**) or call (**352-955-6855**).

Ministries Serving Children and Youth, the Elderly, and the Disabled

Arbor House: *Offering expectant and single mothers housing and a structured program of education, employment, and life skills.* To learn more or make donations, see our website (**www.arborhouse.org**) or contact Gwen Gadaire (**352-371-2229** or **arborhouse2005@yahoo.com**). To volunteer, see our website or contact Michelle Burton (**352-371-2229** or **arborhousevolunteers@yahoo.com**).

Friends Across the Ages: *Reaching out to residents of nursing homes, especially the lonely and forgotten.*

- **One-on-One Volunteering:** Develop a relationship with a nursing home resident.
- **Group Activities:** Help with parties, singing, arts and crafts, games, or outings.

For more information, to donate funds, to receive our newsletter, or to volunteer, visit our web site (**www.acrosstheages.org**) or contact Steve or Allison Blay (**info@acrosstheages.org** or **381-1117**).

The Tacachale Outreach: *Serving persons with developmental disabilities.*

- **Tee-Shirt Drive:** Bring tee-shirts to the church vestibule from October 15-November 15.
- **Volunteer Chapel Ministers, Musicians, Escorts, and Prayer Partners** are needed.
- **Volunteer Activity Leaders and Party Coordinators** are needed.
- **Office, Garden & Landscape, Maintenance & Custodial volunteers** are needed.

To volunteer, contact Rosa Williams (**352-955-5752**). For more information about Tacachale's Hope Chapel, contact Chaplain Linda Ballard (**352-955-5752** or **tacahopechapel@yahoo.com**).

Catholic Charities' Respite & Friendly Visitors Programs: *Providing disabled or elderly people with friendship and assistance, as well as giving respite (a much needed break) to their care-givers.*

For more information on these services or to volunteer, contact Linda Gardner (**352-372-0294 ext. 49**) or visit our website (**www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org/respites-programs.html**).

The East Alachua County School Program: *Providing resources for students and schools in need.*

- **The School Supply Drive:** See the poster in the vestibule from July 15 through August.
- **The Hawthorne Middle/High School Book Drive:** See our poster in the vestibule after Easter.
- **Tutors/Volunteers** are needed. Contact the Alachua County School Volunteer Program (**352-955-6760** or **starkef@sbac.edu**) or see the website (**www.sbac.edu/~volprog/index.htm**).

Remember: The school most in need might NOT be the one closest to you!

For more information about donations, contact Jenna Nishida (**352-335-2637** or **jbcats@hotmail.com**).