



GAINESVILLE
ARTS & PARKS
FOUNDATION

2016 Annual Report



President's Message



The Gainesville Arts & Parks (GAP) Foundation has had an incredible year since its inception in June 2015. The founding Board of Directors has spent countless volunteer hours to ensure the annual goals and objectives of GAP are being met. The Foundation serves as the advocacy and fundraising arm for the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department (PRCA). Parks, recreation and cultural agencies nationally have a problem with shrinking budgets and increasing constituent demands.

The GAP Foundation exists to help support the department's Vision 2020 Master Plan. The plan calls for dozens of improvements to athletic facilities, additional programs, new and improved parks, a new outdoor amphitheater and indoor cultural center, nature education programs, environmental appreciation and ethical stewardship of natural resources, just to name a few.

I hope the work of the GAP Foundation continues to merit your interest and support in the coming year. If you are not yet a Champion of GAP, please consider joining us today!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Augi Lye".

Agapitus "Augi" Lye, President

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

KICK-OFF Showcase

The GAP Foundation held a coming out celebration at the Historic Thomas Center on January 8, 2016, which showcased the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. Nearly four hundred children and adults attended the event that highlighted the arts, parks and recreational activities that make Gainesville a great place to live, work and play. Chef Bert Gil signed copies of his new book, *Pickled, Fried and Fresh*. Music was provided by the Weeds of Eden and the Expressions Learning Academy Orchestra. A silent auction, a tree giveaway and bike helmets were provided by the City of Gainesville. The event raised over \$3,000 for the GAP Foundation.





Inaugural Golf Scramble

The First GAP Golf Scramble was a complete success, with over \$7,000 raised for youth scholarships that allowed children to attend summer camps! As a result, 59 low-income children were able to attend summer camp for free! Your support directly impacted 32 families in our community. Many thanks to GAP Foundation Board member, Susan Bottcher, who graciously chaired this wonderful event. Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual GAP Golf Scramble on Friday, March 10, 2017.



Fundraising Dinner

A Special Friends and Food Dinner was held at the home of GAP President, Augi Lye, on June 25, 2016. The dinner hosted forty five guests and included an exhibit by one of Gainesville's many notable artists, Eleanor Blair. The dinner included a six course meal with wine pairings from around the globe, presented by Sommelier Marjorie Speer. Classical music was played by Dr. Mark Tanner and Augi Lye. The dinner raised \$2,000 for the GAP Foundation.



Touch-a-Truck

GAP had the honor of being a beneficiary of Fun4GatorKids's Annual Touch-A-Truck event. This family-friendly event offers children a hands-on experience with trucks and heavy equipment from local utilities, construction companies and other businesses and institutions. The event raised \$4,000 for the GAP Foundation, which will be available this coming year for youth scholarships to summer camp.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Agapitus "Augi" Lye, President
Steven Yucht, Vice President
Albert White, Treasurer
Susan Bottcher

Stephanie Mickle
John Montague
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DONOR SUMMARY

Cash Contributions

\$99.00 & Under

Total Donations **\$976.00**

Bethany Bates, William Cervone, Jacqueline Davison, Jennifer Gelfand, Eakta Jain, Debra Kinman-Ford, Lucinda Lavelle, Virginia McCort, Jane Myers, Gregory Nikoli, Parrish Family, Carol Poucher, Thomas Pyche, Ronald Shorr, Doris Stein, Michele Thomas, Dennis & Elizabeth Tracy, P.J. van Blokland, Michelle Weydert, Albert White, Greg Young, Ralph & Marichris Zahnie

\$100.00 – \$499.99

Total Donations **\$3,820.00**

Patricia Bartlett, Mai & Cooper Dean, Carl Faria, Holly Franklin, Adrian Hayes-Santos, Michael Jaffee, Clay Kallman, John Montague, Michelle Park, Charles Pedersen, Silicone Benders, Anita Spring, Carol Squitieri, Jody Stowers, Mary Ann Thurmond, Gina van Blokland on behalf of the Hogtown Brewers, Thomas Vanassee, Helen Warren

\$500.00 – \$999.00

Total Donations **\$5,900.00**

Black on Black Crime Task Force, Dick's Sporting Goods, EDA Engineers, Florida Farm Bureau, Janna Lower, Soil & Water Engineering, Solar Impact, David Whitney

\$1000.00 - \$5000.00

Total Donations **\$25,060.00**

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, William & Celia Burger, Collier Companies, Emergency Physicians, Fun4GatorKids Community Giving, Inc., Anne Koterba, Agapitus Lye, McDonalds of Gainesville, Oelrich Construction, Michael Singer, Tolbert Environmental

Anonymous

Total Donations **\$6,468.69**

Grand Total

\$42,224.69