

Working Together: City Leaders and GOC Explore Transitional Employment



It is nice to have a spot at the table.

GOC representatives Brett Buell, Scott Hesch, and Rose Ann Walker met with City of Gainesville leadership—including City Manager Andrew Persons, City HR Director Laura Graetz, and Senior Assistant City Attorney Michele Martin—to discuss a new partnership. We are exploring the creation of two Transitional Employment (TE) positions within the City to help our Members re-enter the workforce.

At the GOC, we know that mental illness can significantly interrupt a person’s career and life. But we also know that everyone wants to feel productive. By providing the right support, we can help people overcome those barriers to employment. When working, GOC Members contribute the economy and feel good about themselves.

Thank you to the leaders of our City for helping make a difference!

**Live music by
The Impostors!!**



You're Invited!

Saturday, April 11, 2026 (8:30 AM - 1 PM)

**First Magnitude Brewery
1220 SE Veitch St, Gainesville, FL
32601**

Bike Day is almost here!

We're gearing up for Bike Day at the Gainesville Opportunity Center for a day full of fun, live music, fresh air, and community spirit! Our Members will ride, connect, and celebrate progress on their recovery journeys.

And this year, we're proud to be part of the Amazing Give! Your support helps GOC provide programs that empower people whose lives have been interrupted by mental illness to rejoin the community and workforce.

You can make a difference today! Donate now and help us keep the momentum going.



**SCAN TO
REGISTER
for this fun
event!**

Gainesville Opportunity Center

BIKE DAY



Invest in Our Community, Invest in GOC

THE AMAZING GIVE

April 30, 2026

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

www.TheAmazingGive.org



At the Gainesville Opportunity Center, a donation is an investment in our community. Our Members don't just receive services; they run our Clubhouse—from the kitchen to the office—proving every day that

By giving, you provide the dignity of work and a pathway to employment for neighbors living with mental illness. Support our mission during the Amazing Give window from April 16 through May 7, with a special 12-hour sprint on April 30.

Square Pizza Roundup

We are excited to announce that **Squarehouse Pizza** (located at the 4th Ave Food Park) has chosen the GOC as its Round Up for Charity partner from April through June!

Next time you grab one of their signature square pies, please "round up" your change! Every cent helps keep our vocational and community services 100% free for our Members.



Month In Pictures



What an incredible day at the Gainesville Cycling Festival! We are so grateful to the Gainesville Cycling Club for allowing us to set up a table and chat with everyone.



Wendie and Mercy went shopping for our garden



David's final day in Transitional Employment



GOC Staff and Members spent the day volunteering with the Rotary Foundation of Gainesville to help prepare for their upcoming 41st Annual Wild Game Feast. As a past beneficiary of this incredible event, we were honored to give back.