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Changing For Good



The Gainesville Opportunity Center Is Excited To Welcome Alana Grier As Our New Executive Director

Alana Grier: “Being part of the GOC community means so much to me. From my first days here, I have felt the heart, resilience, and potential of this Clubhouse. Each day, I am reminded that healing and growth happen through connection, meaningful work, and being part of something larger than ourselves. I feel honored to walk alongside our Members, staff, board, families, and community partners as we strengthen GOC together. This community gives me hope, and I am deeply grateful to be part of it.”

Alana Grier's appointment as Executive Director marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the organization. Bringing a passion for leadership, a collaborative spirit, and a clear vision for the future, Alana is poised to lead with integrity, innovation, and purpose. She is committed to building on the organization's strong foundation while introducing fresh ideas that will strengthen programs, empower staff, and deepen relationships with the community.

Her leadership style emphasizes teamwork, open communication, and creating opportunities for everyone to contribute and grow.

Bringing It Home: Alana Grier, Executive Director, and Member Joevan Jenkins Bring International Training to Gainesville

When Executive Director, Alana Grier and Joevan Jenkins attended International Clubhouse Training, they embraced the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the evidence-based Clubhouse Model and strengthen her commitment to the values that make Clubhouses transformative communities. Returning from training, they brought back a renewed sense of purpose, fresh perspectives, how to efficiently run Unit Meetings with practical knowledge that continues to enhance every aspect of our Clubhouse. That experience reinforced that the Clubhouse Model is far more than a program. It is a community built on mutual respect, meaningful relationships, shared responsibility, work-ordered days, and the belief that every Member has strengths, talents, and the capacity to contribute.

They returned inspired to strengthen Member engagement, expand opportunities for meaningful work, and ensure that every interaction reflects the core Clubhouse principles of choice, dignity, respect, and belonging.



Gratitude and Growth: GOC Board Changes

A Legacy of Innovation & Growth: The GOC Board extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. Mike Conlon for his 8 years of service. Mike truly raised the bar, revolutionizing our operations with a custom database that elevated our record-keeping. He attended Clubhouse training, served as Board President, helped build our website, and was instrumental in our accreditation. He also transformed our fundraising to reach new heights. Thank you, Mike, for leaving us stronger and positioned for growth.



Honoring Years of Service: On July 1st, we bid farewell to Board Member Reid Schreiber due to term limits. Reid has served as our dedicated newsletter editor and helped tremendously with our website. Fortunately, Reid will remain a vital community member and maintain a leadership role in our Media Unit. He is currently taking advanced website design courses at Santa Fe College to further improve our public image. Thank you, Reid, for your continued leadership!



Service Above Self: Welcome, Bree Guiterman, as our newest Board Member! A familiar face at GOC, Bree has championed our mission for years through local Rotary Clubs, from sponsoring events to maintaining our property. As a U.S. Navy Commander and owner of Associates Realty Services, she recently led a hurricane workshop and helped Members secure housing. Bree perfectly embodies the Clubhouse Model, and we look forward to her leadership guiding GOC toward exciting growth..



Tearing Down Walls: Building Our Community



We have removed another barrier between our Members and the community in which we live. We removed a wall at the reception that was difficult for our Members to see over.

Now, when Members greet visitors, they do so from a place of equal footing, confidence, and connection, reinforcing the core Clubhouse philosophy that every individual is seen, valued, and essential to our community.



A special thank you to Board President Mercy Quiroga, GOC Ambassador Gail Childs and her husband Bill, and Board Member Manny Quiroga for their hard work and dedication in bringing this important project to completion. Your time, effort, and commitment to the GOC help make our Clubhouse an even better place for Members, staff, and visitors alike.

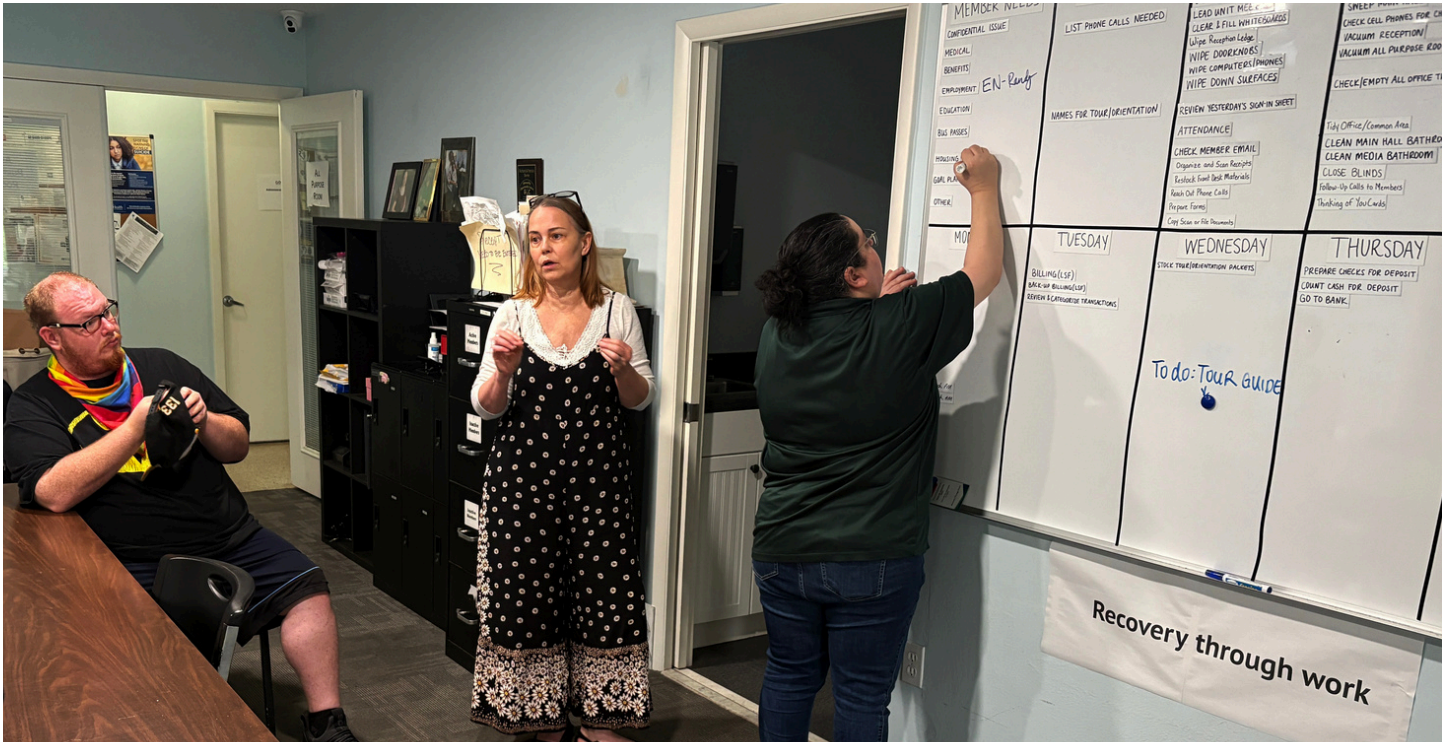


Greeting visitors is one of our Members' favorite tasks. This redesign equips our Members with an accessible, modern workspace, stripping away barriers to ensure success.

Month in Pictures



There is nothing more powerful than a community coming together to support one another on the journey of recovery and growth.



Teamwork in action! Members and staff are mapping out the week's goals during the Office/Media Unit meeting at the Gainesville Opportunity Center.

Month in Pictures



When our vacuum broke, Joel used his personal vacuum to get the job done.



Scott grilling up sausage dogs.



Kyana cooking with our new InstaPots, donated by a very special family.



Harry working in the Media Unit updating our social media platforms

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