

Fully Staffed

With the hiring of a new generalist, Mark Boreffi, the Gainesville Opportunity Center (GOC) is fully staffed. A full team means more opportunities for connection, collaboration, and meaningful work. Together, we're building a stronger Clubhouse where everyone has the opportunity to contribute, grow, and belong.

GOC's staff and Members work side-by-side to run every aspect of the organization. This shared work helps Members regain confidence, learn new skills, and build a sense of community.

Staff and Members act as colleagues. Staff listen to what Members needs are and help them achieve those goals, whether that means returning to school, finding housing, or securing a job through transitional, supported, or independent employment. By working together instead of doing things for Members, staff help create an environment where everyone can find success and regain their independence.



Please join us in welcoming Mark to the Gainesville Opportunity Center team! We're excited to have him on board and look forward to the experience, energy, and support he'll bring to our Clubhouse community.

Partner With Us



A Slice of Support from SquareHouse Pizza

We are grateful to SquareHouse Pizza for choosing the GOC as their Round Up for Charity partner. Thanks to the generosity of local pizza lovers and the SquareHouse team, their recent donation directly fuels our daily operations.

During the campaign, our Members took the lead—working side-by-side with staff in our Media & Business Unit to create social posts, spread the word, and engage our supporters. This hands-on collaboration showcased the exact mission of our Clubhouse: when Members lead the effort, accomplishment and confidence follow.



Save the Date: GOC Fall Festival

We are thrilled to invite our friends, neighbors, and supporters to the GOC Fall Festival:

- Date: Friday, November 6th
- Time: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We will highlight our core Clubhouse units, showcase our Members' achievements, and feature interactive booths from our local community partners.

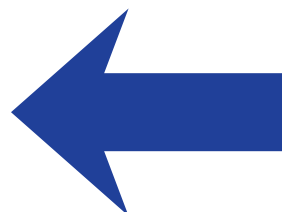
Get Involved: Sponsorship opportunities and vendor tabling slots are now available! Partnering with the GOC offers businesses a direct way to invest in local workforce readiness and mental health recovery.



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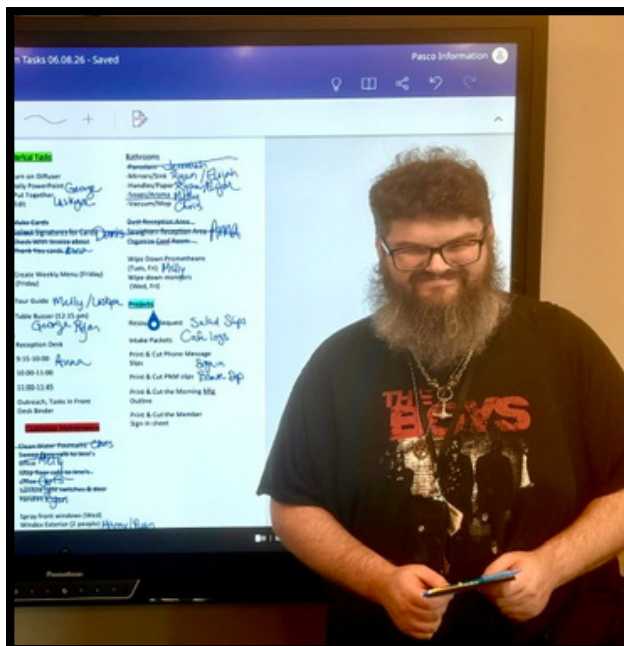
*Join us on **November 6th** to experience the power of the Clubhouse Model first-hand!*



Learning, Connecting, and Growing Through the Clubhouse Community: Visit To Vincent House

Recently, Members and staff had the opportunity to visit Vincent House Pasco and Vincent House Hernando, fellow Clubhouses dedicated to supporting adults living with mental illness through the internationally recognized Clubhouse Model.

While every Clubhouse is unique, they all share the same mission: creating communities where people are known for their strengths, talents, and contributions, rather than their diagnoses. Visiting another Clubhouse gave our Members and staff the chance to see how these shared values come to life in a different setting while building meaningful relationships with others who understand the power of belonging.



Members lead alongside staff. Harry stands ready for a unit meeting, where ideas are shared, work is planned, and every contribution counts.



From Gainesville to Vincent House, the Clubhouse community continues to grow. Harry and Susan enjoyed spending time in Vincent House's beautiful garden.

Month in Pictures



Strong leadership is built through collaboration. Executive Director, Alana Grier, and Board Ambassador, Gail Childs, continue to strengthen the GOC's mission.

Members bring their unique strengths, ideas, and dedication to the Clubhouse community. It's through working together and sharing responsibilities that confidence grows, connections are built, and everyone has the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution.



Recovery is built through purpose and shared responsibility. Every day, Members and staff work side-by-side, creating a community where everyone has something valuable to contribute.



Month in Pictures



Karina jumped right in and helped with some important cleaning tasks.



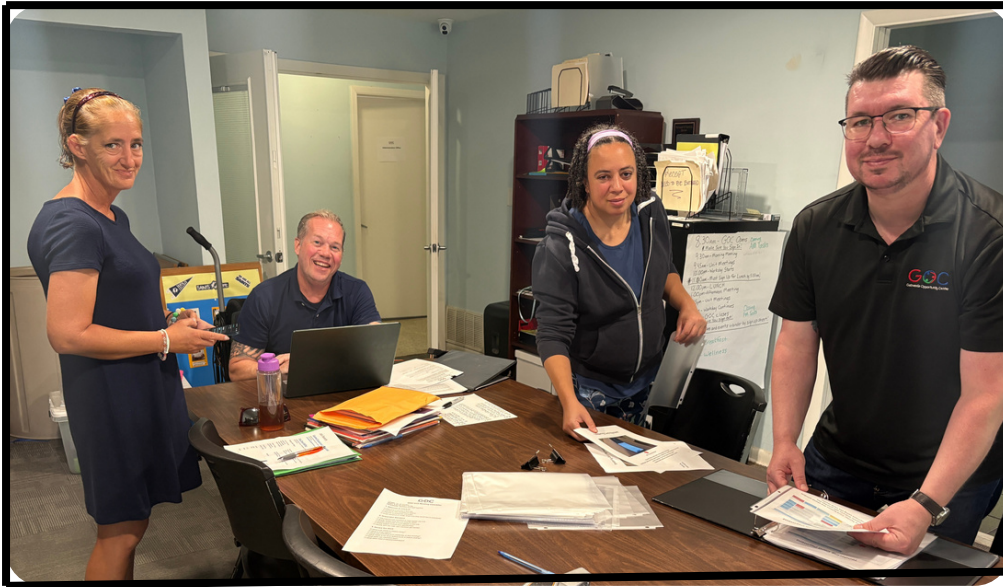
Brett Buell is with Hernando Clubhouse Director Miranda Mills and Vincent House Executive Director Karis Turner.



Brett Buell, Susan Thomas and James DeLach went to Clubhouse Training together in 2019. They spent 2 weeks at the South Carolina training center.



Rob Ellis and Susan Thomas were right at home in the Culinary Unit of Vincent House Hernando.



Members help with all aspects of Clubhoue, including organizing admisistrative tasks. Heather, Randy, Susan, and Rob are hard at work.

The media team that makes this newsletter includes Harry, Kayla, Randy, Brett, and Reid.



Akeem and Sean cutting fresh vegetables. We make homemade soup every day.