

Annual Report to the College, 2002-2003

The East Gainesville Initiative, charged by Dr. Jackson Sasser to increase SFCC outreach and accessibility to East Gainesville, has had an active year. The following describes ongoing and completed activities for the current year and strategies for the following year:

Events in the Community

- Blount Center Block Party—entertainment and career information, February 2003, in conjunction with Black History Month
- Community Career Festival—career information, One Stop Career Centers and live radio remote at Eastside High School, May 2003
- SFCC Coaches acted as guest speakers at several events
- An 8 and under softball league was run at Eastside Park
- SFCC Women's Basketball team provided clinics for nearly 200 students of Williams and Stephen Foster Elementary schools and Genesis Preparatory School.

Faith-Based Activities

- Regular meetings and surveys with East Gainesville pastors to better understand the community and provide information on SFCC
- Began 21 for the 21st Century—placed computers in several churches, and will provide free training to volunteers
- SFCC information kiosks placed in 9 East Gainesville churches
- Met individually with some pastors to discuss use of facilities in further enhancement of a SFCC/Community based partnership

SFCC Internal and External Partnerships

- Transportation initiative—working with SFCC Student Government and the legislature to change statute allowing a transportation charge which will increase bus access for the College
- Bus tour of East Gainesville—brought SFCC staff and students into the community to better understand the issues
Plan East Gainesville—participation with city and county officials on a planning process to assist the community
- Entrepreneurial Charter School—participation on subcommittees for a potential new school designed to decrease poverty
- Met with SBAC principals from Eastside schools to discuss ways SFCC could partner in community
- Family literacy grant project at Southeast Boys and Girls club is successfully providing GED training for parents, along with educational parenting skills

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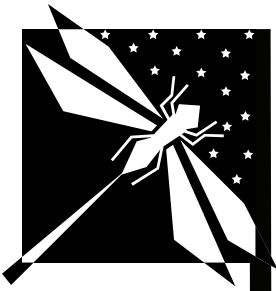
- Creation of an online searchable database of SFCC East Gainesville activities
- Identification of SFCC services, resources and training to the East Gainesville community and the local churches

Plans for 2003-2004

- SFCC and the East Gainesville Initiative have set several goals for subgroups to accomplish in 2003-2004:
- Provide a one-room Outreach Center at either Mr. Carmel or the GTEC to provide better access for community members to credit and non-credit programming and adult education
 - Grow participation by SFCC faculty and staff in East Gainesville Initiative
 - Continue community partnerships
 - Begin a mentoring program at area elementary schools
 - Begin FCAT tutoring program for EHS students likely to fail in junior year, or seniors who have failed and will not receive appropriate diploma
 - Hold two on-campus forums on East Gainesville and discuss new East Gainesville Initiatives
 - Support drafting tables for SFCC Blount Center, enabling new programs and easier access for East Gainesville residents to art and graphic design programs

Many thanks to the team below and to Bill Stephenson, Loree Crain, Mike Hutley, Dan Rodkin, Claire Bakr, Wes Lindbergh and Jamey Weare.

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SFCC East Gainesville Initiative Forum

Tuesday, August 26
10 am—12 noon
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Come hear speakers, enjoy refreshments, and talk with committee members about how you can participate. Drop by our open reception area to meet with SFCC East Gainesville Initiative team members about various projects or spend time listening to one of our featured presenters:

- 10 am Ms. Vivian Filer, Neighborhood Advocate and retired SFCC faculty
- 10:15 am Ms. Angie Terrell, Duval Elementary School Arts Magnet Program
- 10:30 am Mr. Ed Jennings, Jr., Representative, Florida Legislature District 23
- 11 am Ms. Michelle Lamosa-Frank, Take Stock in Children
- 11:30 am Pastor Kevin Thorpe, Faith Missionary Baptist Church

Other speakers are being confirmed. Check out our website at <http://cisit.sfcc.edu/%7Eegville/> for updates.