

The East Gainesville Initiative, charged by Dr. Jackson Sasser to increase SFCC outreach and accessibility to East Gainesville, has had another exciting year. We are grateful for all of the contributions made by SFCC employees as we partner for a positive change in the East Gainesville community. The following describes ongoing and completed activities for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Events in the Community

Co-sponsorship of the 25th Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival 2004 in East Gainesville. SFCC provided health screenings and information on vocational programs, the Displaced Homemakers Program and the East Gainesville Initiative. The Zoo Program provided an educational learning experience for the children

Co-sponsored a Leadership Empowerment Conference that addressed leadership issues in the East Gainesville community. This was a collaborative effort of East Gainesville churches and SFCC

The college provided two summer camps for middle school students who reside in East Gainesville. The Pre-Saints Gator Trax camp highlighted the importance of Math, Science, and Engineering. This was a collaborative effort with The University of Florida's College of Engineering, 10 East Gainesville churches and the Governor's Front Porch Initiative. The Life-Skills camp provided hands-on training in various life skills including CPR, painting, money and time management

Community Awareness event for technical programs at SFCC held at Eastside High School highlighted Nursing, Automotive and Health Sciences Programs

SFCC coaches acted as guest speakers at several events in East Gainesville

Check out our website for more information and ways in which all SFCC employees and students can volunteer their services in support of East Gainesville!

<http://cisit.sfcc.edu/%7Eegville/> **<http://cisit.sfcc.edu/%7Eegville/>**

Cultural performances at local elementary and middle schools located in East Gainesville, including:

The Student Builders Association logged over 200 hours working at Celebration Oaks in East Gainesville this past year.

SFCC Internal and External Partnerships

Transportation initiative working with SFCC Student Government and the legislature to change statutes allowing a transportation charge to increase bus access for the college

Second bus tour of East Gainesville brought SFCC staff and students into the community to better understand the issues impacting the East Gainesville community

Plan East Gainesville--participation with city and county officials on a process to assist the community

Provided written support for the ACTION NET-WORK's request for increased federal funding for TEEN ZONE after-school programs for middle school students

Creation of an online searchable database of SFCC East Gainesville activities

Officially became board members of the UF East Gainesville Alliance

Began partnership with the Riechart House in East Gainesville and committed to providing support for high-risk youth in this community wide after-school program

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Transportation

Began a holistic examination into transportation issues that relate to Santa Fe's East Gainesville community. Through collaboration with SG and SLA, successfully expanded bus service hours to and from the NW campus and downtown Gainesville, including East Gainesville

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Education/Economic Outreach

Provided FCAT tutoring during after-school hours at Howard Bishop, Eastside high school, and Lincoln Middle School. A total of 147 students participated in Math and Reading classes. Results of our efforts show great promise. The average gains for the three schools was 22.5%

Officially adopted Rawlings Elementary School in East Gainesville and have committed to providing mentoring, tutoring, test proctoring, parent/teacher support and educational resources.

Maintained a partnership with UF's College of Engineering to ensure increased educational opportunities in Math, Science and Engineering for middle-school students in East Gainesville.

Provided a Visit SFCC DAY for elementary school children in Spring 2004. More than 240 students visited our campus for fun, games and lunch as a reward for good behavior and academic achievement.

Family Literacy grant project successfully provides GED classes, adult education, computer and family literacy at the Southeast Boys and Girls Club and the Fred Cone Center. Currently 140 persons are being served.

Faith Based Partnerships

Continued with the 21 for the 21st Century Computer Initiative, which provides computers and computer software for the churches and training to volunteers

Increased number of partnering churches in East Gainesville by four

Provided family literacy series for parents during spring term 2004 at Compassionate Outreach Ministries in East Gainesville. Efforts coordinated by Academic Foundations, the CAPD and local East Gainesville churches. Literacy resources provided for local churches

Coordinated the summer camps in collaboration with East Gainesville churches (Gator Trax and Life Skills Camp)

Continued to work with faith-based organizations to provide outreach to the East Gainesville community through churches, congregations and the local community

Expanded information kiosks in East Gainesville churches

Cultural Events

Continued to enrich the East Gainesville community through information, education and continued promotion of the arts throughout the community

Cultural event involved bring 300 Howard Bishop middle school students to SFCC for the Dig Nubia Art Exhibit and African Drumming and Dancing

Athletics

Provided women's basketball clinic at Stephen Foster Elementary School

Guest presenters at Sidney Lanier Center Basketball banquet

Performed clinics with Eastside HS team

Facilitated Duval Elementary half time performance at SFCC Basketball game

Volunteered as coaches and officials at Duval Elementary School (Softball)

Access, Success and Retention

Worked with Blount Center to locate programs at the center to ensure more access to East Gainesville residents

Developed web-site and survey analysis to increase visibility of services and resources to East Gainesville residents.

East Gainesville Initiative

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Check out our plans for 2004-2005 in the November 2004 East Gainesville report