

2012 Annual Report

Girls Place

A Place to Go...

...A Place to GROW



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About Us

Values

At Girls Place, we believe that all girls should be inspired, challenged and nurtured to become their very best.

Vision

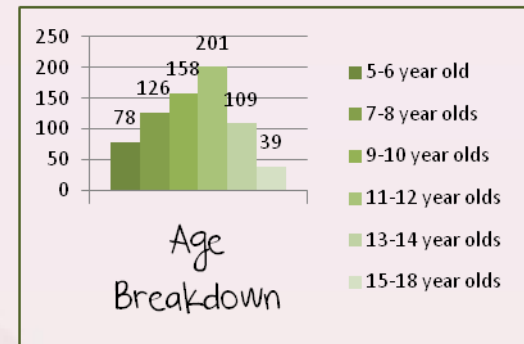
Girls Place girls become independent women who embrace diversity, express their ideas, rise above obstacles, enhance their communities, and lead those around them.

Mission

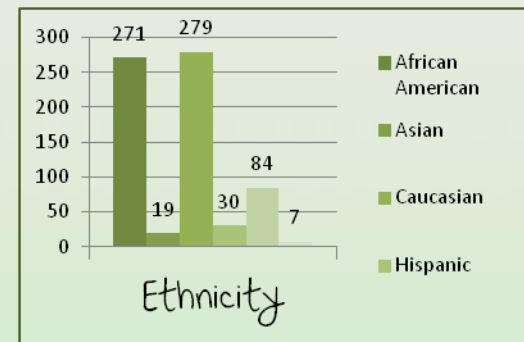
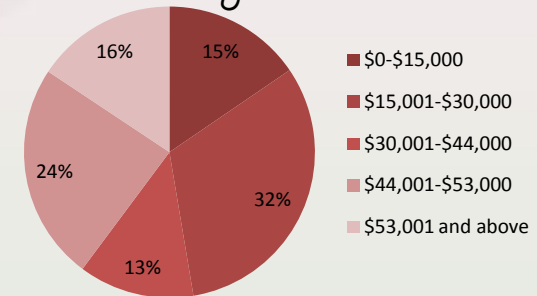
At Girls Place, we empower girls to grow courageous, strong and self sufficient. We inspire our girls to celebrate themselves—their minds, their hearts, and their physical well being.



Total Registered Participants: 711



Reported Family Income



2012 Operations Board of Directors

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Girls Place Administrative Staff

- ☉ Renae Clements, Executive Director (29 years of service to Girls Place!)
- ☉ Christi Arrington, Program Director (10 years of service to Girls Place!)
- ☉ Taryn Buckley, Athletic Director (4 years of service to Girls Place!)
- ☉ Sara Stallings, Operations Manager (2 years of service to Girls Place!)



2012 After School Staff

Our Services

Girls Place, Inc. has served over 20,000 girls since 1985. Girls ages 5-18 engage in recreational, athletic, tutorial, and mentoring programs in a safe and nurturing environment. For many girls, Girls Place is a "home away from home" where they develop their potential and acquire a sense of responsibility to themselves and to the community.



The six dimensions of wellness-- social, emotional, environmental, intellectual, physical, spiritual-- and participant quality of life are at the center at each major Girls Place program: after school, athletics and summer camp.

After School

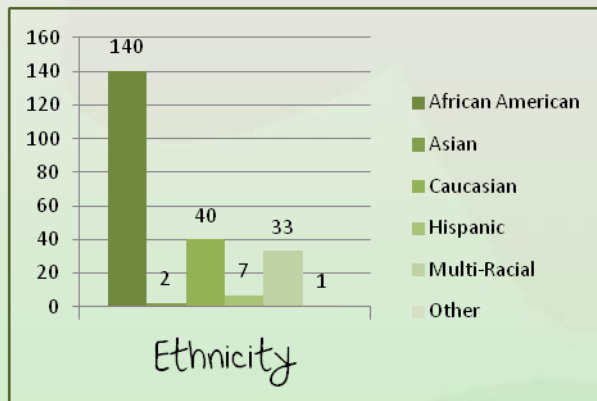
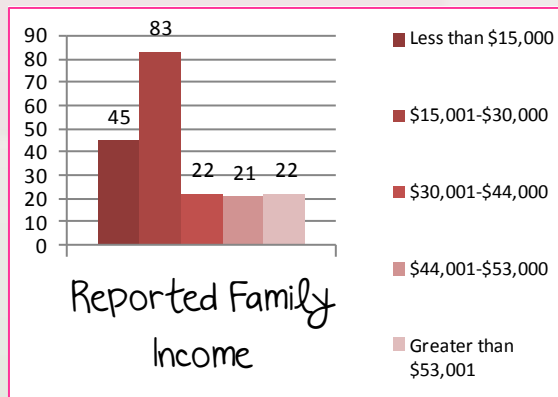
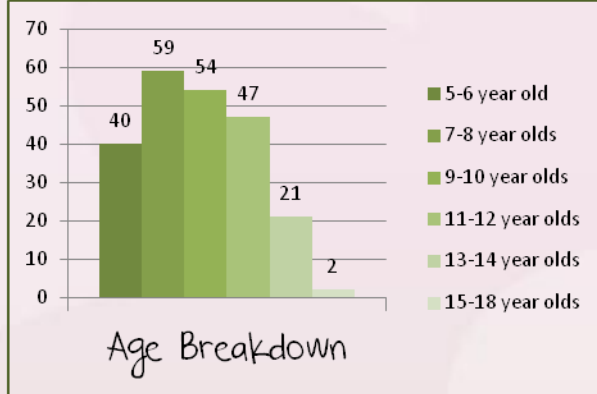
The Girls Place After School Program transports girls to our facility from many Alachua County schools. Each afternoon of structured activities includes an emphasis on completing homework, participating in arts and crafts and enriching field trips, interacting with special guests, and much more. This allows us to provide a well rounded experience for all of our members.

Many of our girls also take part in our Academic Mentoring Program, funded by the Alachua County Community Action Partnership Program (CAPP). This program is affording us the opportunity to mentor children one-on-one in homework help and reducing reading and math deficits.

Total Registered Participants: 223

Additional Demographics

- 99% of girls participating reside in Alachua County
- 49% of girls participating live in single-mother homes
- 10% of girls participating live full time with a grandparent or their family lives with a grandparent
- Of the girls participating, 53% qualify for free lunch and 13% qualify for reduced lunch

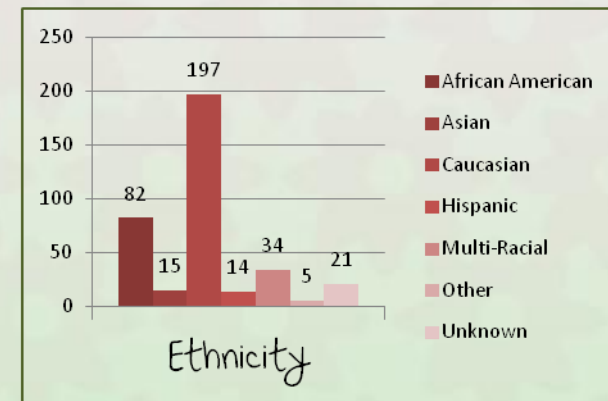
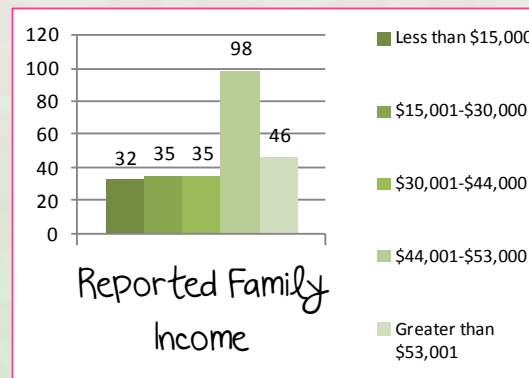
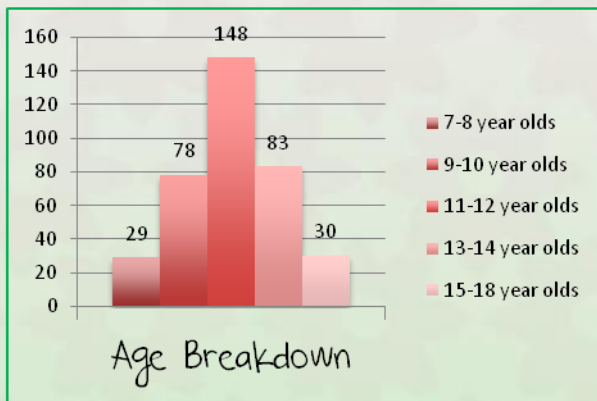


Community Support: 49 volunteers contributed 1,731 hours of service this year, saving Girls Place \$33,772.

Athletics

The Girls Place athletics program strives to meet the expectations of parents, coaches and female athletes in the local community. Our program provides a safe place for our athletes to be during after school hours and on the weekends. Since 1985, our programs have served tens of thousands of young female athletes in the Gainesville community through the help of hundreds of volunteer coaches. Athletics programs offered during 2012 include: cheerleading, track & field, volleyball (fall and spring) and summer sports camps.

Total Registered Participants: 368



Community Support: 128 volunteers contributed 5,120 hours of service this year to the athletics program, saving Girls Place \$99,891.

Summer Day Camp

The Summer Day Camp program provides a safe and structured environment for all of its participants from 7am-6pm, Monday through Friday from June to August. Girls commonly participate in community service activities and educational and entertaining field trips. Additionally, girls have the opportunity to enjoy all Florida's nature has to offer with weekly trips to different natural springs.

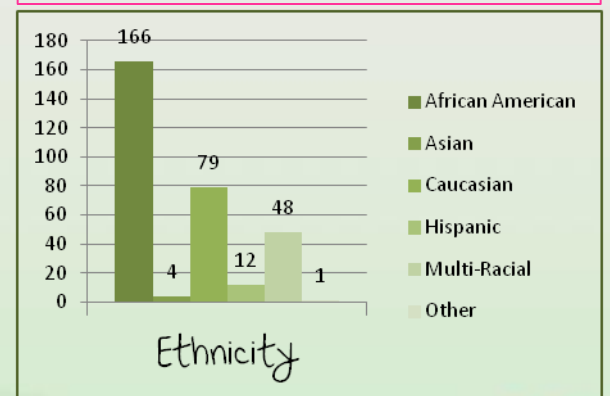
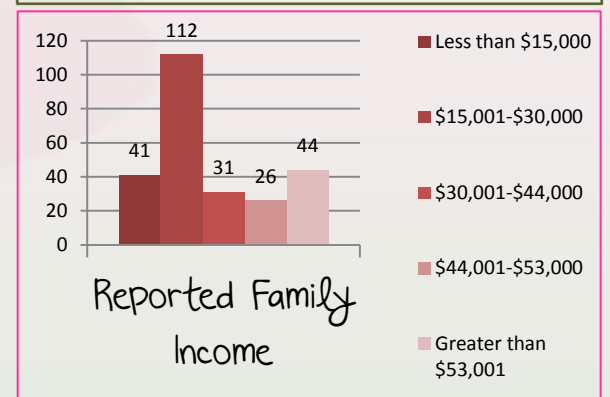
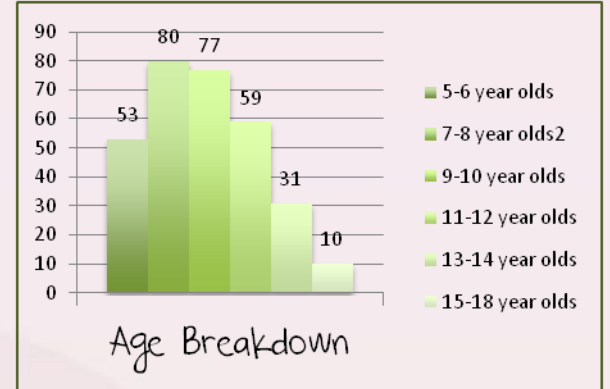
Community Support: 52 volunteers contributed 1,249 hours of service this year, saving Girls Place \$24,368.



Total Registered Participants: 310

Additional Demographics

- 95% of girls participating reside in Alachua County. Additional girls reside in Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy and Putnam Counties.
- 37% of girls participating live in single-mother homes
- 11% of girls participating live full time with a grandparent or their family lives with a grandparent
- 44% of girls participating qualify for Free Lunch and 14% qualify for Reduced Lunch



Program Fees

☉ After School Program (22 hours a week for 42 weeks a year; includes transportation)

- ☉ Elementary school member - \$49/week
- ☉ Elementary school member's sibling - \$41/week
- ☉ Middle school member - \$25/week
- ☉ Early Learning Coalition (ELC) - daily rate determined by ELC
- ☉ School holidays (10.5 hours/day) - \$20/day

☉ Athletics (approximately 10 weeks/season)

- ☉ Volleyball - \$110/season
- ☉ Additional sports - vary between \$35 and \$75/season

☉ Summer Day Camp (10.5 hours per day for approximately 10 weeks)

- ☉ *All members - \$75/week*
- ☉ Early Learning Coalition (ELC) - daily rate determined by ELC

☉ Membership

- ☉ \$20/year per member or \$40/year per family



Fundraisers

@ Scramble for Kids

- @ Hosted by the head coach of the Florida Gators, the Scramble for Kids provides support for children in Gainesville through three local charities: Children's Home Society, Girls Place, and the Boys & Girls Club. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

@ Hats, Hearts and Handbags

- @ Over 400 women and a handful of men come together each spring in support of Girls Place. Participants go all out with their hats, purses and extraordinary table decorations. The event supports scholarships and capital improvements for Girls Place.

@ Chicken Lunch Delivery

- @ A tradition in Gainesville, the Annual Chicken Lunch is a fundraiser like no other. Volunteers pack hundreds of chickens, cups of slaw and beans in a matter of an hour in preparation for volunteers to go in droves across Gainesville to make the deliveries!

@ Swamp Chomp

- @ Celebrating the Gainesville community and its unique relationship with the University of Florida, the annual Swamp Chomp is a casual gator-themed tailgate party. Barbeque, games, a live band, and an open bar makes this a fun event for adults to kick back and have a good time while raising funds for Girls Place.



Annual Awards

Alumna of the Year – Alexa and Mackenzie Hellstrom

Board Member of the Year – Amy Howard

Booster Organization of the Year – Plum Creek Foundation, Inc.

Coach of the Year – Jackie McCullough

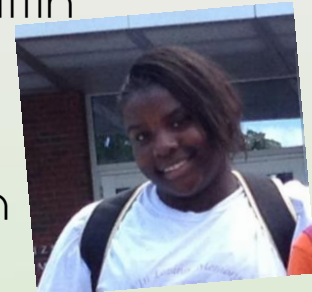
Danielle Smith Athlete of the Year Award – Savannah Griffin

Girl of the Year – Taneya Bouie

Teens of the Year – Shelby Crump and Nyteria Griffin

Parents of Year – Elizabeth McCullough and Joe Jackson

Volunteer of the Year – Dante Buckley



Special Friends

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