

2023

Girls Place, Inc.   
A Place to Go...  
...A Place to Grow 501(c)(3)

# ANNUAL REPORT



CHILDREN'S TRUST  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY



United Way  
of North Central Florida



# 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 wellbeing.

# VISION

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

# VALUES

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



# A NOTE FROM CHRISTI

Dear GP Family,

I am grateful for the efforts of our team to present the 2023 Annual Report. As we reflect on the past year, I am proud of how we supported our girls and families through several years of the pandemic and how we continue to be focused on serving our girls and families well.

Our team, board of directors, volunteers, and families have been integral in our success. A few highlights: a board member secured an anonymous \$25,000 donation to use towards rebuilding our playground, another donor stepped up with \$10,000 towards our efforts, our entire team was trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid, and partner agencies have returned to normal programming!

We continued to be challenged by a smaller team working towards fulfilling our mission and carrying out programming. We ended the year with a full administrative team and we are incredibly optimistic about how we can grow in 2024.

In 2024, we want to secure the remaining funds to rebuild our playground, get the playground built, get a solid cost for adding air conditioning to our gym, grow our part-time team to be able to serve more girls, and pour into the professional development of our team and board of directors!

Thank you again to all of our GP Family for the support in 2024 and we look forward to making an even bigger impact with you and empowering our girls to be strong, courageous, and self-sufficient.

Gratefully,  
Christi Arrington, Executive Director

# OUR HISTORY



March-April 1981

The Gainesville Junior Woman’s Club began investigating the need and interest for a girls club in the community with surveys and public meetings.

November 1982

A 20 member Operations Board of Directors was created and The Girls Club of Alachua County applied for non-profit status.

April 1983

Girls Club of Alachua County received 501(c)3 status marking our official start as a nonprofit.

January 1985

Renae Clements was hired as our first Executive Director.

June 1985

The first Girls Club summer day camp was held at Sidney Lanier School, run by volunteers and was an incredible success.

November 1985

The City of Gainesville granted Girls Club 5.3 acres of land.

April 1986

Construction commenced on the Girls Club facility. Summer Day Camp continued being held at Westwood Middle School.

August 1987

The first after-school program at the Girls Club of Alachua County Clubhouse was inaugurated.

January 1988

United Way announced the Girls Club as one of their affiliated agents.



# HISTORY CONTINUED...

September 2008

The Girls Club underwent a name change and officially became known as Girls Place, Inc.

July 2013

ACHIEVE (Academic Counseling and Help Increasing Educational Victories Everyday) began with a focus on supporting girls academically throughout the year.

October 2015

Our BrainPower program began. We are the first year-round holistic program to offer on-site mental health services; nearly eliminating cost and transportation as barriers.

June 2017

Girls Place officially became licensed by The Florida Department of Children and Family Services (DCF).

June 2020

With the support of Anthem Church, donors through the Amazing Give, our GP Family and Friends, and the Women's Giving Circle, we built 3 new classrooms for our girls! Thank you to SVM Architects, Mitchell Gulledge Engineering, and Joseph Engineering for their in-kind contributions.

July 2021

Received the Award for Advancing Minority Mental Health from the American Psychiatric Association Foundation for our work in BrainPower.



# OUR TEAM

## Board of Directors



**Freedlentiongton Joseph**  
President



**Amy Howard**  
Treasurer



**Mary Kay Carodine**  
Secretary

Hannah Farrell  
Charlotte McMillan  
Sybil Samuel

Lukisha King  
Myra Morgan  
Boisy Waiters

Shelby Lucas  
Mercy Machado

## Girls Place Leadership Team



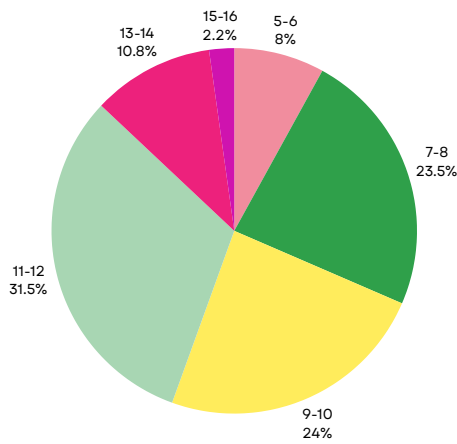
**Christi Arrington**  
Executive Director

Jillian Ariet, Operations Coordinator  
Dr. Tara Counts, Operations Director  
Lynn Little, Program Director: Achieve and SDC  
Olivia Simmons, Program Director: Athletics  
Nevada Smith, Program Director: After School  
Dr. Kate Williams, Program Coordinator: BrainPower

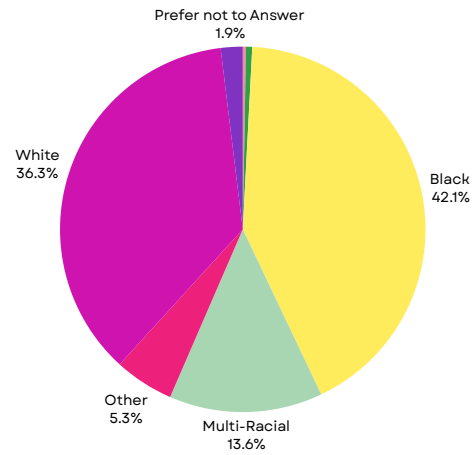
# OUR GIRLS

We are proud to serve ALL girls ages 5-14!

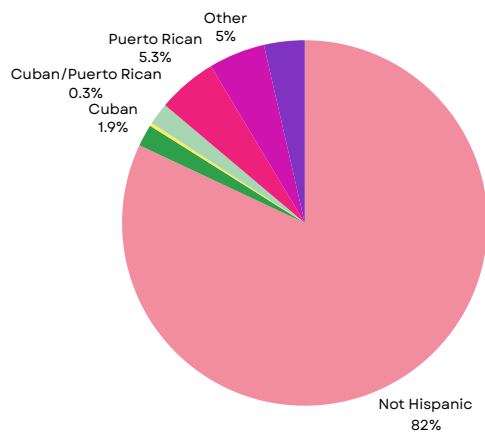
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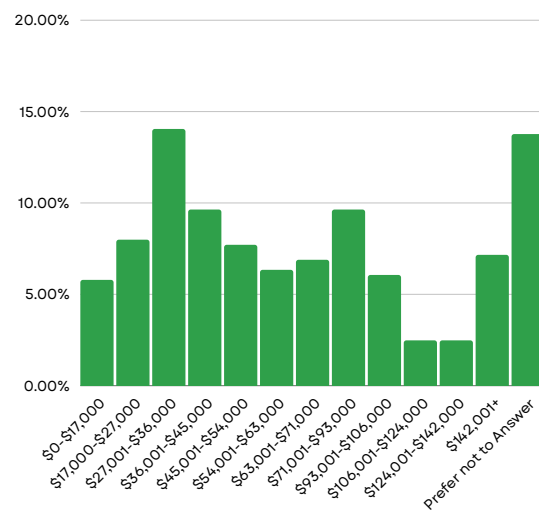
## RACE



## ETHNICITY



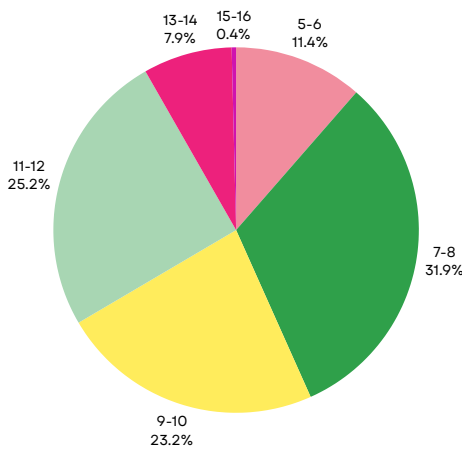
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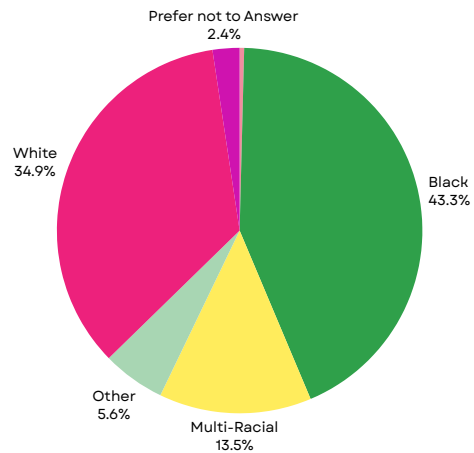
# ACHIEVE

Our Academic Counseling and Help Increasing Educational Victories (ACHIEVE) program provides academic support for girls struggling in reading, writing, and math. ACHIEVE also provides daily assistance with homework.

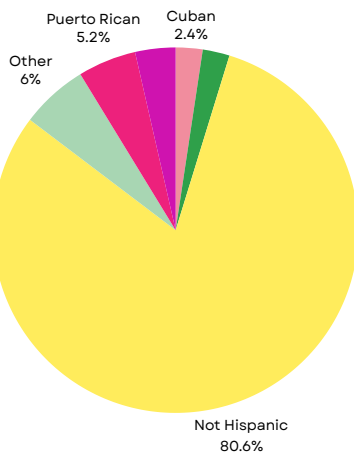
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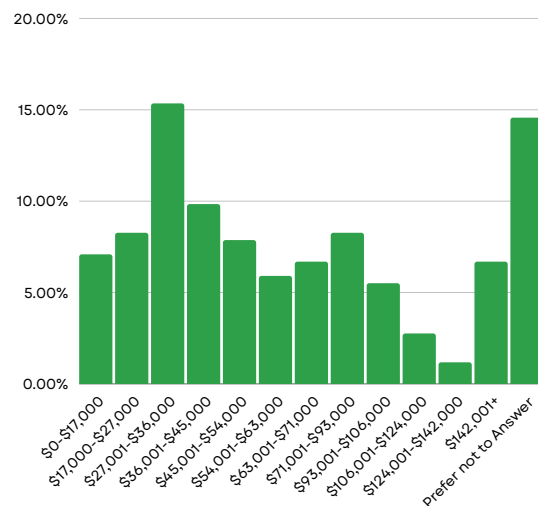
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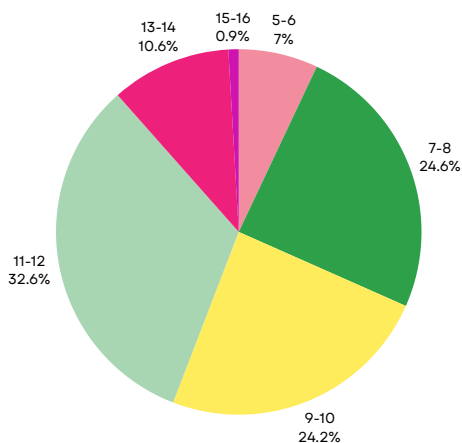




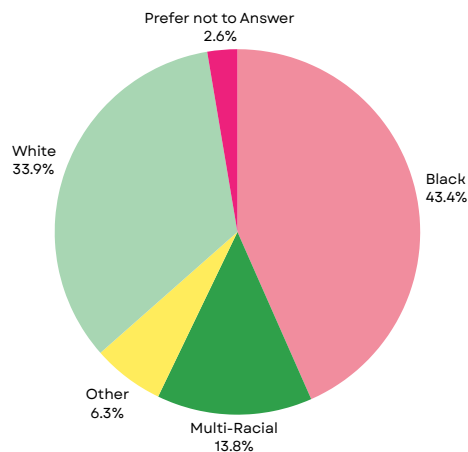
# AFTER SCHOOL

Our After School program places an emphasis on homework completion and a wide variety of developmentally appropriate activities to promote wellness and a well-rounded experience for our girls.

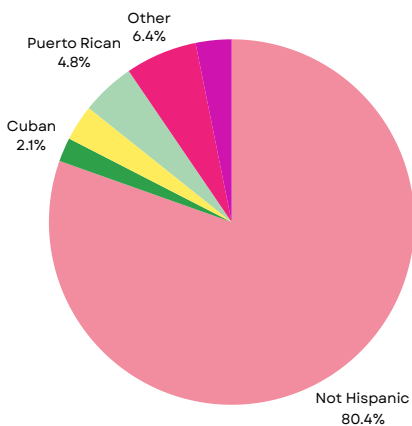
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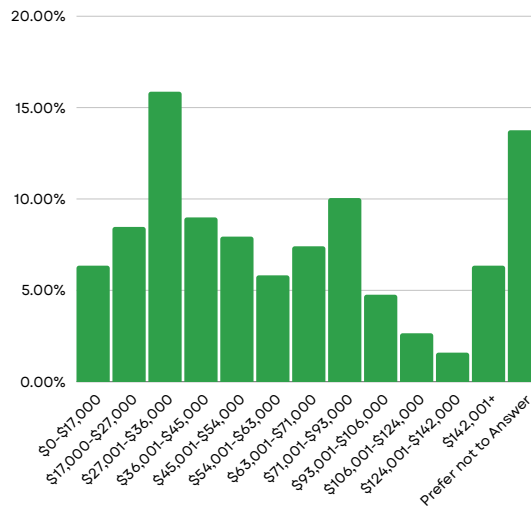
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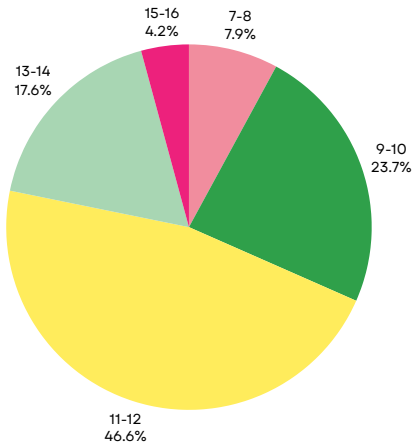
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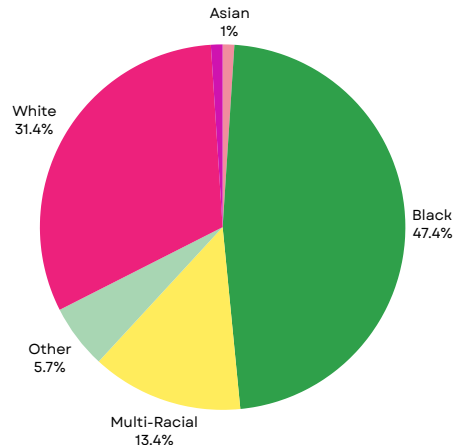
# ATHLETICS

Girls Place athletics offers year-round opportunities for girls in K-8th grade to explore a variety of sports at a recreational level including volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading and more.

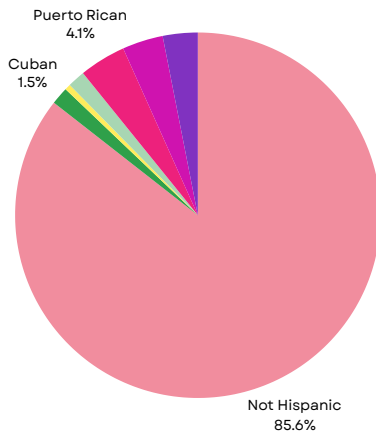
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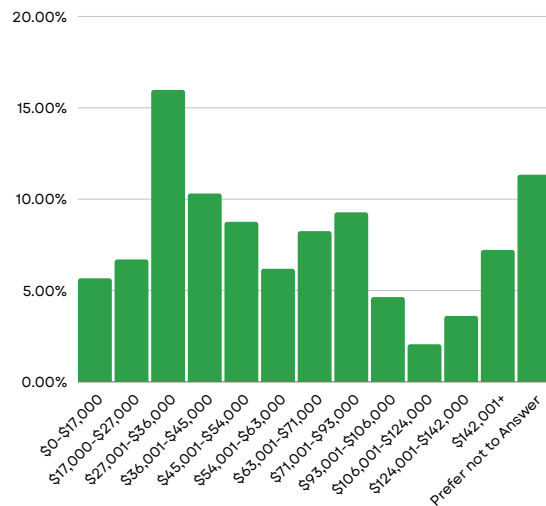
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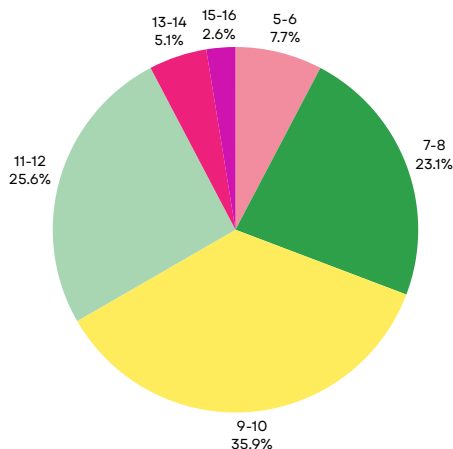
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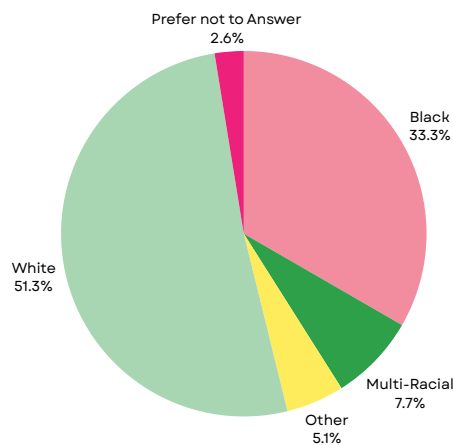
# BRAINPOWER

At Girls Place we are committed to providing quality mental health services to our girls and their families including mental health counseling, assessment, treatment and early intervention.

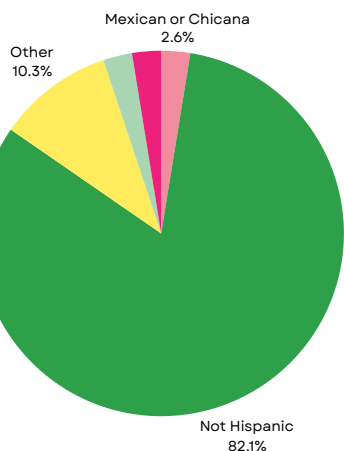
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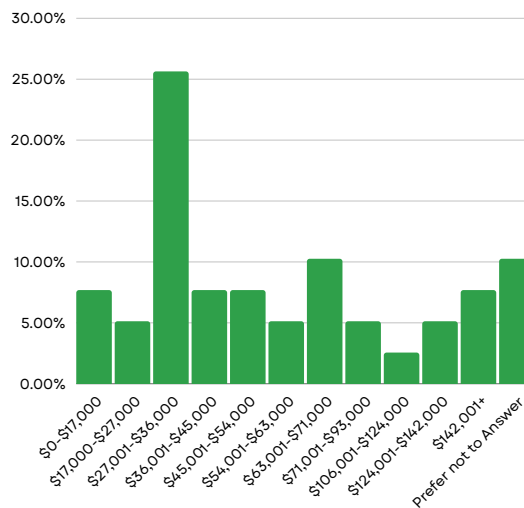
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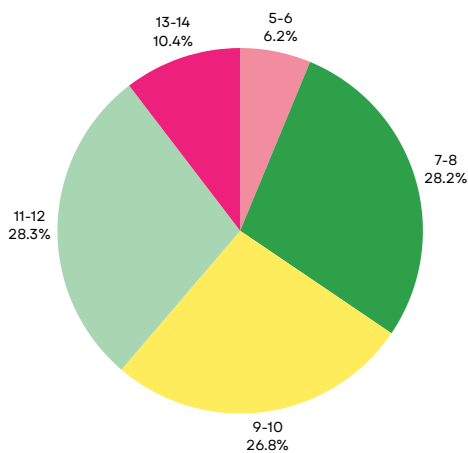
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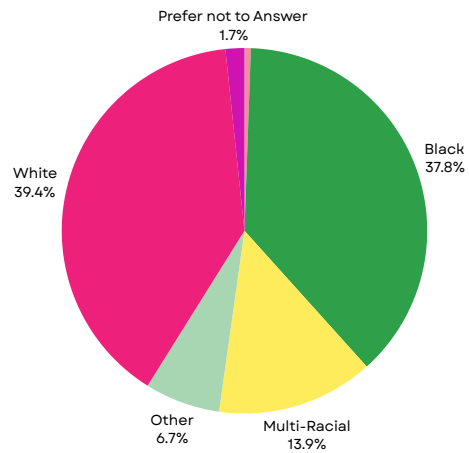
# SUMMER DAY CAMP

We provide a wide variety of activities based on the components of physical, emotional, spiritual, environmental, intellectual and social wellness. Girls participate in arts and crafts, go on educational and fun field trips, interact with special guests, and much more!

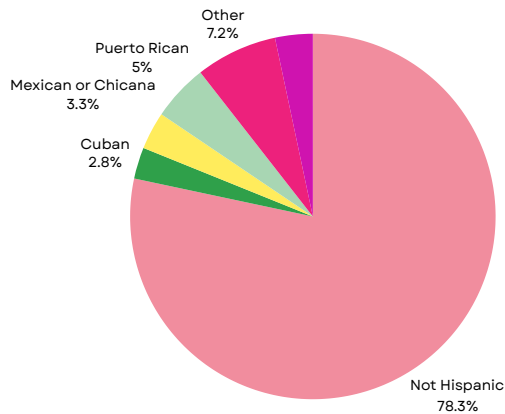
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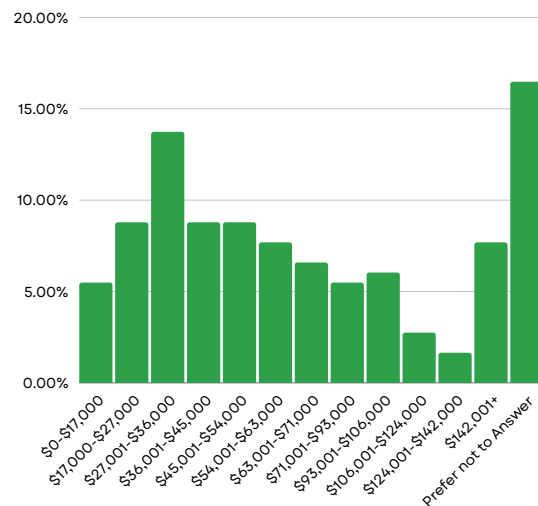
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# 2023 MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS



Pip  
Pink Group



Freya  
Red 2



Bailey  
Red 3



Olivia  
Yellow 4



Makayla  
Yellow 5



Kynadi  
Green/Blue

# 2023 AWARD WINNERS



Janay  
Athlete of the Year



Kevin and Lacy  
Coach of the Year



Beverly  
Volunteer of the Year



Women's Council of Realtors  
Booster of the Year



Red  
Parent of the Year

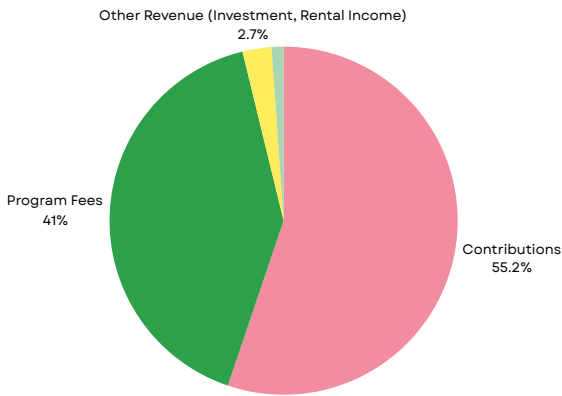


Mary Kay  
Board Member of the Year



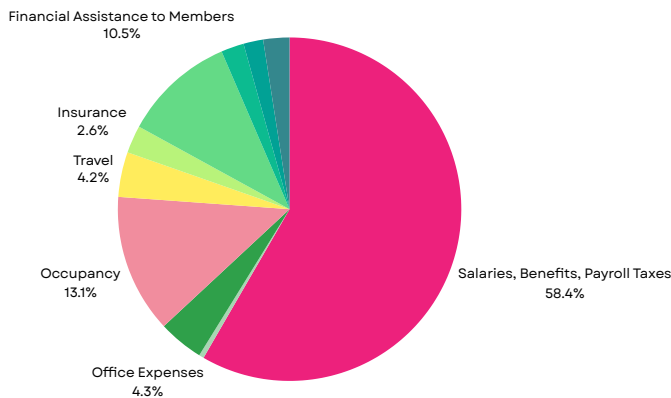
# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Based on 2022 990; will be updated with 2023 financials once completed



## FY22 REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

Contributions	\$448,804
Program Fees	\$333,471
Other (Investments, Rental Income)	\$21,875
Miscellaneous (Concessions, Merchandise)	\$9,027
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$813,177</b>



## FY22 EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION

Salaries, Employee Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$433,412
Accounting	\$3,430
Office Expenses	\$31,626
Occupancy	\$97,089
Travel	\$31,384
Insurance	\$19,373
Financial Assistance to Members	\$78,303
Program Supplies	\$16,000
Equipment and Maintenance	\$13,803
Miscellaneous (i.e. dues, subscriptions)	\$18,308
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$742,728</b>

As reported in FY22 990 Tax Return.

# EVERYTHING WE DO IS INSPIRED BY OUR FAMILIES

Here's what some of them say:

"I love that the girls grow up together and move from group to group, forming lasting friendships. I love the morals, values, and confidence that they instill in the girls!"

- GP Parent

"I love Girls Place because we go on fun field trips and do fun activities. Girls Place is loving and you will have the best time there."

- Raleigh, 5th grade

"Girls Place is for young women to Grow, that's our House Rule. They also help with educational learning, like reading, writing and math. Girls Place just has lots of things for young girls like me."

- A'laiah, 5th grader

"My girls have made really good friendships at Girls Place, and the Brain Power program has been such a blessing for our family."

- GP Parent

"I cannot express how thankful I am to have Girls Place as a part of our family. They have been there for us through good times and growing pains. GP has provided them with leadership, friendships, and amazing programs such as athletics, BrainPower, and ACHIEVE."

- Heather, Mom of 2

"I want to be able to lead the girls and support the girls in becoming strong individuals just like GP taught me as a kid."

- Cassidy, GP Kid and Staff





# FRIENDS OF GP

Aaron & Ana Liebman  
Abby and Analiese Wagner  
Adam Wendling  
Adam's Rib Co  
Addison Simmons  
Addison Staples  
Alan Morrow  
Alan West  
Alanna Liebman  
Albert Robinson  
Alexandra Mazzaferro  
Alexandra Pla  
Alice Wiley Mills  
Alisha Tabag  
Allstate, Hugh Cain  
Ally Fleischer  
Allysen Marks  
AlShenetha Williams  
Alter'd State  
Alyson Alexaitis  
Amanda McLeod  
Amazon Smile  
Amber Miller  
Amy Hester  
Amy Howard  
Andrew Wolpert  
Angela Chan  
Angela Lindner  
Ann Grooms  
Ann Marie Rogers  
Anne Koterba  
Anonymous  
Ashley Ouellette  
Astrid Lasa  
Atlantic Design Homes  
Bagen Law  
Ballance Family  
Bank of America  
Becky Burleigh  
Bellamy Fitzgerald  
Ben Bobroff  
Ben Schneider  
Ben Valentine  
Beverly Arrington  
Beverly Mona  
Blackadder Brewing Company, LLC  
Boisy Waiters

Brandi Shatto  
Brian DeNunzio  
Brittany Coleman  
Brittany Oliver-Lacy  
Brittany Snipes  
Buckley Family  
Buffy Montgomery  
Candice Gibson  
Carol Brake  
Casey Fox  
Cassandra Macias  
Cathy & Dave Holm  
Celia Slater  
Charlotte McMillian  
Chef JJ Creations  
Chelsea Snyder  
Cheryl Ellis  
Children's Trust of Alachua County  
Ching-ju Lu  
Chipotle  
Christi Arrington  
Christina Ramos  
Christine Adamchak  
Christine Schmidt  
Christopher Hass  
Christopher Hickox  
Cindy Mercado  
Claude Pinder  
Coleson Cochran  
Connie Andrews  
Connie Nixon  
Courtenay Etheredge  
Cox Communications  
Crawford Fleming Family  
Daisyana Ramirez  
Dale Morris  
Daniel Arrington  
Dania Posada  
Danika Tileston  
Dasyana Ramirez  
David Burchfield  
David Lewis  
Debby Knopf  
Deborah Ross-Ocariz  
Debra Staats  
DeConna Family  
DeeJay Hellrung

Demetris Athienitis  
Denise Hutson  
Desha Dennis  
Diane Meyerson  
Diego Sanchez  
Dorothy Williams  
Douglas Jones  
Duane Thompson  
Eden Lafond  
Elise Simmons  
Elizabeth Cayson  
Elizabeth Rodgers  
Elizabeth Solis  
Ellen Bowser  
Emily Villegas  
Emmeline Oliver  
Eric Griffith  
Erica Brown  
Erik Deumens  
Ester Tibbs  
Fiona Barnes  
Fiona Maunsell  
First Choice Realty of North Florida LLC  
Florence Turcotte  
Florida Blue  
Forrest and Carol Olsen  
Freedlention Joseph  
Gail Sasnett  
Gainesville Family Eyecare  
Gainesville Regional Utilities  
Garland Parker  
Garrett Bell  
George Demopoulos  
Geraldyn Ryan  
Gia Arvin  
Ginger Dominguez  
Glen Williams  
Glenn Good  
Gwendolynn Oliver  
Hannah Farrell  
Harleigh Ballance  
Heather White  
Helen Mamarachev  
Hitchcocks Charity Foundation  
Holbrook Travel  
Holly Florence  
Holly Moses

# FRIENDS OF GP

Hope Schuermann  
 Hunter Pla  
 Ivey Barnes  
 Jackie McKeon  
 Jane Emmeree  
 Jane Gannon  
 Jane Pen  
 Janna Magette  
 Jasmine Quarterman  
 Jayne Moraski  
 Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
 Jeffrey Solis  
 Jenn & Norah Powell  
 Jennifer Horn  
 Jennifer Kennington  
 Jenny Hales  
 Jessica Guerrero  
 Jill Williams  
 Jillian Ariet  
 Jim and Mary Brandenburg  
 Joan Suchorski  
 Joe Forgione  
 Joel and Nan Islam  
 Joel Lacey  
 John Pla  
 Jonathan Journey  
 Jordan Pla  
 Jose Naar  
 Joseph Engineering  
 Joseph Mazzaferro  
 Joshua J Forgione  
 Joslin Edinger  
 Joyce Mercado  
 Julia Myers  
 Julia Varnes  
 Julie Ariet  
 Julie Ramsey  
 Kadeidra Jackson  
 Kaihla Szunko  
 Karen Dishman  
 Karen Kearney  
 Kate and Sam Crabbe  
 Kate Bowser  
 Kate Carodine  
 Kathryn Delaney  
 Kathryn Pease

Kathryn Williams  
 Kathy Castor  
 Kay Ayers  
 Kaye and Sami Samra  
 Kaylen Schroeder  
 Keith Carodine  
 Kelsey Dunn  
 Kelsey White  
 Kendra Gordon  
 Kenneth Rodriguez  
 Keondra Brown  
 Keri Kochevar  
 Kerry Ward  
 Kim McDaniel  
 Kimberly Sibille  
 Kimbley Standifer  
 Kristen Farrell  
 Kristine Horn  
 Lanzilotti Family Foundation  
 Larry Sheridan  
 Laura Huntley  
 Laura Pa  
 Laura Voitle  
 Lee Jensen  
 Leslie Florence  
 Leslie Pendleton  
 Lillian Blake  
 Lily Woodard  
 Linda Harris  
 Linda McGurn  
 Lindsey Bochniak  
 Liv Simmons  
 Logan Farrelly  
 Lunese Boco  
 Lynda Tealer  
 Lynda Whitaker  
 Magdalena Bello  
 Marcia Swope  
 Marilyn and Jim Islam  
 Mark Fenster  
 Martin Kids Dental Health Team  
 Mary Kay Carodine  
 Mary Wise  
 Matt and Taylor Johnson  
 Maureen Sheehan-Carney

Maya Graubard  
 Megan Santiago  
 Melisa Lemoyne  
 Melissa Fenton  
 Mercedes Machado  
 Meredith Gardner  
 Michele Crump  
 Michele duBois  
 Michelle Decenteceo  
 Michelle Florence  
 Michelle Runyon  
 Mildred Maldonado Molina  
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 Monica Mills  
 Montarra Smith  
 Myers Family  
 Myra Morgan  
 Najwa Liscombe  
 Naps Happen, LLC.  
 Nelson & Company Engineered Equipment  
 Nichole Cochran  
 Nick DeConna  
 Nick Mazorra  
 Nicole Rappaport  
 Nicole Stedman  
 Nikole Fethiere  
 Nolan Simmons  
 Olivia and Bianca Mazorra  
 Olivia Gasteazoro  
 Palmer Family  
 Pam Burrow  
 Pam Hughlett  
 Pamela Schneider  
 Patricia Travis  
 Paula Parra  
 Priscilla Gasteazoro  
 ProTek Calibrations  
 Prudence Tucker  
 Rachel Kerensky  
 Radley Ruland  
 Rahkiah Brown  
 Reanne Pla  
 Richard Scholtz  
 Ricky Quintana  
 Rico Ramirez

# FRIENDS OF GP

Rod and DeeDee Smith  
 Ronny Perry  
 Rosemary Francis  
 Ruth Harris  
 RuthAnne Hicks  
 Sara Stalling  
 Sarah Eberhart  
 Sarah Fitzpatrick  
 Sarah Mazorra  
 Scott David Grueger  
 Sean Michael Swieda  
 Selina Gould  
 Shannon Chillingworth  
 Shannon Whiddon  
 Sharon & Daniel Grywalski  
 Shavon Lewis  
 Shawn Marjama  
 Sheila Crapo  
 Shellie Greenman  
 Sherouse and Devaney Plastering  
 Skyler and Serenity Smart  
 SouthState Bank  
 Stano Girls  
 Stef Truglio  
 Stephanie Hanson  
 Stephanie Southern  
 Steve and Leslie Ladendorf  
 Story Family  
 Susan Acosta  
 Susan Mecholsky  
 Susan Swiers  
 Susan Winslow  
 Suze & Fred Peace  
 Tara Counts  
 Tatila Paul  
 Teona Romedea  
 Teresa Williams  
 Theresa Beachy  
 Theresa Pla  
 Tim Brennan  
 Tracey Cheston  
 United Way of Salt Lake  
 Ursula Sharp  
 Veita and Aaron Carter  
 Venisha White Buchanon  
 Venture Realty of North Florida, Inc.

Vincent Hampton  
 Violet Rockwell  
 Virginia Grant  
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 Wesley Emmanuel  
 William Embro  
 Wini Pease  
 Women's Council of Realtors of Gainesville  
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**56 Volunteers**  
**4,380 Hours!**

