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Press Release

Local Rotary Clubs Provide Grant to Project YouthBuild

The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation will sponsor the enclosure of 1,300 square feet of an open pavilion to create additional indoor/air conditioned classroom and training space for Project YouthBuild.

Gainesville, FL, October 20, 2023: The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation Inc., at its October 18, 2023 Board of Directors meeting, reviewed 30 community grant applications requesting funds from the 2024 Rotary Wild Game Feast. The Board is proud to announce that the recipient of the 2024 Rotary Wild Game Feast grant will be **Project YouthBuild**. The 2024 Rotary Wild Game Feast will be held March 7, 2024.

Project YouthBuild young people have the opportunity to earn their high school diploma, nationally recognized construction and healthcare credentials, and an education award to be used for post-secondary education or trade school. Young people participate in a rigorous leadership program helping prepare them for civic engagement and employment.

"I'm just excited about being a part of Rotary and representing the Rotary Wild Game Feast. The Wild Game Feast places more than \$100,000 each year into the community thru our local non-profit organizations to do good in the community. This year's recipient is Project YouthBuild. The Board had a tremendous task of selecting from 30 worthy grant applications. We felt Project YouthBuild stood out for its mission to help our youth." – Rory Causseaux, FeastMaster 2024

"We are extremely excited to be the recipient of the Rotary Wild Game Feast grant. These funds will allow us to construct a 1300 sf classroom/training space on our campus located at 635 NW 6th Street in Gainesville. Each year Project YouthBuild receives more enrollment applications from young people than current space can accommodate and we anticipate more demand for our services into the foreseeable future." – Jonathan Leslie, Project YouthBuild

For more information on this and other projects funded by The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation, contact Rotarian Wesley Eubank, info@rotarygainesville.org.

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUBS OF GAINESVILLE FOUNDATION

The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation (a registered 501(c)(3) charity) comprises of representatives from the four Rotary Clubs in Gainesville, Florida; the Rotary Club of Gainesville, the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville, the Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville, and the Rotary Club of Gainesville Sunrise. The Foundation formed in 1987 to manage the funds generated through the annual funding raising events held at Hatchet Creek (11908 NE State Road 26, Gainesville, FL 32641-2732) as well as the funds generated through the Foundation Fryers catering organization. The first Rotary Project funded by the monies raised was the L.H Rogers Scholarship House, located at 2120 SW 16th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601 and has to date raised over \$2.5 million for local Rotary projects, charities, and student scholarships.