



## Gainesville-Alachua County Association of Realtors®

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#### GACAR raises \$18K for St. Francis House

Gainesville, FL – Members of the Gainesville-Alachua County Association of Realtors® (GACAR) gathered at Splitz Bowling Alley on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, to enjoy a night of friendly competition to conclude weeks of fundraising for charity. At the time of publication, GACAR has raised \$18,065.00 to help St. Francis House and Arbor House update their playgrounds and facilities.

“We are so appreciative and grateful that GACAR selected St. Francis House and Arbor House for their annual charity event this year,” said Lauri Schiffbauer, Executive Director of St. Francis House. “Proceeds raised will go towards enhancing our existing playgrounds for the children in our programs. We cannot thank GACAR enough for helping us provide a fun and safe play area, where the children can be kids with no worries!”

St. Francis House and Arbor House provide homeless women and families with children the tools needed to obtain permanent, sustainable housing. Because of the support of the surrounding community, St. Francis House, Inc. was able to house 108 families and over 150 children in 2020.

2021 GACAR President Patti Moser was on hand to celebrate the association’s first in-person event since the pandemic. “I am incredibly proud of our members and business partners and how quickly and enthusiastically they have mobilized. It is an honor to work with and help St. Francis House and Arbor House continue their efforts to aid families in need of safe and stable housing.”

For more information on how GACAR supports local housing charities and affordable housing efforts, contact 2021 GACAR President Patti Moser at (352) 538-1773 or [president@gacar.com](mailto:president@gacar.com).