



## Gianna's Place September News



Welcome to our first newsletter! If this was forwarded to you or you found it online, please be sure to subscribe on our website: <https://GainesvilleMaternityHome.org>

The progress we've made to get to this point has been tremendous and I must thank the entire Board of Directors, our Advisory members and our donors and supporters. While there is still a lot of work to be done, we have gotten to the point of no return. Gainesville will have a maternity home for post-secondary students experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Gianna's Place will serve students from wherever their permanent home may be.

Of course we would love your one-time or monthly financial gift, but you can also help with prayers and by spreading the word. Encourage people to subscribe to stay connected with our progress.

Another way to partner with us would be to host a small informational event at your church, home, etc. Let us know!

Chris Montrowl, Board of Directors Chair



## Dolinsky story

Sarah and Max Dolinsky want to raise their son Andy to understand the importance of generosity and giving to others. They started early by setting up a fundraiser for Andy's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, raising over \$1,000 for Gianna's Place! Max and Sarah personally know single moms who work hard to raise children alone and want to support them as much as possible. Sarah shared that "I hope that we can inspire others to do something similar or to just get creative with fundraising. Fundraising can be daunting, but if it's done in small increments, in small steps, it can be much more achievable."

Read more about the Dolinsky's story of love and generosity here:

[Read more](#)



## Project Updates

With the help of the very talented crew at Liquid Creative and some wonderful volunteers, our mission, values, and plans are soon to be available for sharing. The

edits are being made on a 4-minute video and several other shorter videos. Once completed, we hope you will share widely!

Links to videos—coming soon!

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## **Call for Volunteers**

We need volunteers to help us as we work toward opening Gianna's Place. The areas of need/opportunity are:

- Prayer committee
- Help with events (setting up, serving food, clean-up)
- Development/Fundraising- planning church events, house parties, gala.
- Sending thank you notes.

To volunteer, email us at [info@giannasplace.org](mailto:info@giannasplace.org).

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## **Project Updates:**

We continue to search the area close to the UF campus for the perfect location. Various opportunities have been discussed—is there an investor or group of investors who would purchase the home and lease it back to us? Should we purchase or lease? Should we start small or find a house we can grow into? Rest assured, the board and our development team is actively working to find the perfect location.



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## Upcoming Events:

We will be hosting a Vision Event at St. Augustine Catholic Student Center on Sunday, September 24 after the 11:30 mass in the Lounge. If you wish to attend, please RSVP on the link below. If you would like to volunteer to assist us, please send an email to [info@giannasplace.org](mailto:info@giannasplace.org).

## RSVP

Join us on October 6th for the UF homecoming parade from 11:30-3:00.



**JOIN US  
UF HOMECOMING PARADE**

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am- 3 pm  
Don't miss the fun

T-Shirts , Mr. Two Bits whistles,  
Balloons, Gators Cheers  
Post Parade Food and Fellowship  
(Hurley Hall)

Help needed on Wed the 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 5th with balloons  
trailer and T Shirts

Contact Joanne Robertson for more information at  
[Gatorsbuddy@me.com](mailto:Gatorsbuddy@me.com) or text 352 -474 -9860

Please send Number and size of Shirts for planning and food prep  
Individuals under 17 years must be accompanied by a parent or  
guardian.



**GIANNA'S PLACE**

On October 9th we are hosting a fundraiser with Blaze Pizza. The details about the fundraiser are listed below:



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

**Gianna's Place Maternity Home**

**Date:** Monday, October 9, 2023

**Time:** 5:00pm-8:00pm

**Location:** 3617 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608

**Order Mode:** In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, or BlazePizza.com

**Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.**

**TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:**

**In-Restaurant:** Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

**Online Orders:** Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **1073B** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count towards the fundraiser donation. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into total donation. **VALID FOR PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY.**

For orders on [blazepizza.com](https://blazepizza.com) or [Blaze Pizza App](#)

**PROMO CODE: 1073B**



**VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE.**

For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted towards the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3<sup>rd</sup> party partners and phone orders. Alcoholic beverages are excluded. Event proceeds are voided if flyers are distributed in or near the Blaze Pizza restaurant.

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## Ways you can give:

Are you ready to get involved? Would you like to become a monthly donor and help us meet our goal to open Gianna's Place by Fall 2024? Do you have a special talent you can share with us? Do you have a personal story to share? Please use the links below to become a part of the success of this effort!

Give a Gift



Gianna's Place Gainesville a Maternity Home, 9808 SW 54th Ln, Gainesville, FL 32608,

<https://gainesvillematernityhome.org/>

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