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**Florida 4-H Lead Initiative for National Day of Service**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. –Florida 4-H members are inviting their fellow 4-H members across the nation to join them in a 4-H Day of Service as part of “A New Century of Citizenship” Initiative! This project is a call to action for 4-H members to engage in service projects that tie into the elements of the 4-H pledge – Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

On Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 4-H members attending Florida 4-H Congress will have the opportunity to take part in several service projects. Congress attendees are 4-H members from each of the 67 counties throughout the state. There are over 350 teens attending FL 4-H Congress this year. By leading a national initiative on July 27<sup>th</sup>, “we hope to inspire others to use this day to give back to their community” Jared Padgett, State 4-H Council President.

During the Day of Service, 4-H members will travel to Haven Hospice, St. Francis House, Mill Creek Retirement Home for Horses, Gainesville Parks and Recreation, Rooterville Pig Sanctuary, Wilmot Gardens, Keep Alachua County Beautiful, Children’s Home Society, Ronald McDonald House, and Habitat for Humanity.

4-H is a community of six million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. As the youth development program of the University of Florida IFAS Extension, Florida 4-H uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth, ages 5- 18, to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become informed, caring and contributing citizens of the world. Florida 4-H programs are conducted at the local county level and guided by 4-H Extension agents and volunteers, impacting more than 240,000 youth annually. Florida 4-H uses best practices to interest youth in learning, including: experiential learning (learn-by-doing), youth-adult partnerships, fun curriculum materials, and activities such as contests & events, community service projects, and collaborations with other youth-serving agencies and organizations on a local, regional, state and national level. For more information visit, [www.florida4h.org](http://www.florida4h.org).

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**WEDNESDAY: 4-H Day of Service Locations**

	Number of 4-H'ers	Location	Address	What They are Doing
1	30	Mill Creek Retirement Home For Horses	20307 NW Count Road 235A, Alachua	Grooming, bathing and basic clean up
2	20	St. Francis House	413 S. Main Street, Gainesville	Serving and Preparing Meals
3	30	Rooterville Pig Sanctuary	5579 Darwood St Melrose	Cleaning out piggy shelters and barn clean up
4	30+	Wilmot Gardens	UF Campus (Mowry x Gale Lemerand)	Helping with the garden
5	20-30	Keep Alachua County Beautiful		Gardening etc
6	30-50	Children's Home Society Tot Spot	710 North Main Street, Gainesville	Will be sorting through donations, hanging and pricing
7	20	Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store	2317 SW 13 <sup>th</sup> ST Gainesville, Fl 32608	Working in thrift store
8	30	Gainesville Parks and Recreation		
9	25	Dudley Farm Historic State Park	18730 W Newberry Rd Newberry, Fl	Weeding crop fields, picking pricklies off cattle
10	30	Alachua Conservation Trust	7204 SE County Road 234 Gainesville, Florida	
11	20-50	Ronald MacDonald House	1600 SW 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Gainesville, Fl	Lawn and Garden Activities
12	20	Florida Museum of Natural History		Working in the gardens
13	20	Reitz	Reitz Union	Making Donated Toys

