

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1020

TITLE: Promoting Local Nonprofits to Increase Student Awareness and Support

AUTHOR(S): Senator Anjani Sharma and Senator Madelyn Karmelek

SPONSOR(S):

WHEREAS, local nonprofits play a crucial role in addressing critical issues in our community, including but not limited to mental health, poverty, environmental sustainability, and education; and [1]; and,

WHEREAS, these nonprofits often lack the visibility and resources needed to expand their impact, particularly within the student population [2]; and,

WHEREAS, students at the University of Florida have the power and passion to contribute to the growth of local organizations by volunteering, fundraising, and spreading awareness about their causes; and,

WHEREAS, many students are unaware of the valuable work done by local nonprofits and the opportunities for them to get involved [3]; and,

WHEREAS, fostering a stronger partnership between the university and local nonprofits can enhance students' educational experience by encouraging social responsibility, civic engagement, and community involvement [4]; and,

WHEREAS, the increased visibility of local nonprofits can empower students to make informed decisions about which organizations to support, whether through time, donations, or advocacy efforts [5]; and,

WHEREAS, initiatives aimed at highlighting local nonprofits will provide students with meaningful opportunities to actively engage in the greater Gainesville community while contributing to impactful causes; and,

WHEREAS, promoting student engagement with nonprofits can cultivate a stronger sense of community and social impact, aligning with the university's commitment to nurturing responsible and active citizens; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports initiatives aimed at promoting and highlighting local nonprofits to increase student awareness and support of their causes, including the creation of a university-wide platform that showcases local organizations and provides information about how students can get involved.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Student Senate will work with the Brown Center for Leadership and Service, student organizations, and the Office of Student Engagement, to organize a series of events, including nonprofit fairs, informational panels, and volunteer days, to foster a direct connection between students and local nonprofit organizations.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the Student Senate will advocate for increased funding and resources for initiatives that elevate local nonprofits within the UF community and support their efforts to engage students as active participants in local social causes.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Brown Center for Leadership and Service Jacobi Bedenfield.


[1] <https://publichealth.tulane.edu/blog/health-nonprofits-public-health/>

[2] <https://www.unit4.com/blog/8-challenges-for-nonprofit-organizations>

[3] <https://profferfish.com/blog/the-challenge-of-finding-student-volunteers-a-growing-concern-for-nonprofits/>

[4] <https://learn.givepulse.com/blog/how-civic-engagement-can-transform-community-relationships>

[5] <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8482971/>



Blake Cox
Senate President

2/18/25

Date