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About Volunteer UGA

Volunteer UGA is a community of 39 service-based student organizations dedicated to encouraging, shaping, and supporting a culture of service within the University of Georgia and Athens-Clarke County communities. Volunteer UGA promotes civic engagement through service-based student organizations, and aims to strengthen collaboration among service groups, connect students with volunteer opportunities, and provide the tools necessary for the success of service organizations.
Volunteer UGA Advisors & Board of Directors

Executive Director, Lyndon Lee

Lyndon is a junior majoring in finance. As Executive Director of VUGA, he helps guide the direction of VUGA’s strategic development and works with the other Directors in planning their ideas. Outside of VUGA, Lyndon is involved in Student Managed Investment Fund, Corsair Society, and the Leonard Leadership Scholars Program. His favorite sport is pole vaulting.

Office Hours:  
- Mondays 2:30pm-3:30pm, 4:30pm-5pm  
- Wednesdays 2:30pm-3:30pm  
- Fridays 11:15am-12:05pm

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Director of Finance, Mary Kate Bagwell

Mary Kate is a junior Agribusiness major. She is an active sister of Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority, Vice President of Be The Match on Campus at UGA, and volunteers with Deck Dawgs and Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind. Mary Kate is the VUGA Director of Finance. She grew up on a farm just outside of Rome, GA.

Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-10:30 AM

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Director of Marketing, Nive Gupta

Nive is a sophomore majoring in Finance. As VUGA’s Director of Marketing, she helps connect students with volunteer opportunities through social media and weekly newsletters. Outside of VUGA, Nive is an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta and Women in Finance organizations. In her spare time, Nive loves to nap and binge watch Gilmore Girls, One Tree Hill, and Gossip Girl (sorry not sorry).

Office Hours: Wednesday 1:30-4:30 pm

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Director of Membership, Hersha Iyer

Hersha is a second year Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major and Public Health and Global Health double minor. Hersha is involved with VolunteerUGA, Student Government Association, and Whatever It Takes UGA. As Director of Membership, Hersha answers any questions about member organizations, organizes meetings, and manages scheduled reminders.

Office Hours: Friday 11:00am-1:00pm

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Director of Organizational Consulting, Siva Venkatachalam

Siva is a third-year Biology/International Affairs major and he is one of the Directors of Organizational Consulting. He helps plan out the bi-weekly workshops and is there to help out all VUGA organizations if a problem exists. He knows how to play the clarinet and loves chocolate-chip cookies!

Office Hours: By Appointment.

Contact Information: vugaconsultants@gmail.com

Director of Organizational Consulting, Brianna Blackman

Brianna is a fifth year journalism major so she's seen a lot of UGA history. Currently, she's devoting her time to Designated Dawgs as Director of Volunteer Relations and VolunteerUGA as Director of Organizational Consulting with Siva Venkatachalam. In her spare time, Brianna loves to crochet so don't be surprised if you find her crocheting in office and don't be afraid to join her.

Office Hours: By Appointment. You can typically find her on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:45.

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VUGA Member Organizations (Categorized)

**General Service:**
- Alpha Phi Omega
- Autism UGA
- Camp for a Cause
- Circle K
- Gamma Sigma Sigma
- Habitat for Humanity
- IMPACT Service Breaks
- UGA Lens
- Manna Project International
- Peace by Piece
- Rotaract
- Service Ambassadors
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- UP at UGA
- Without Borders

**Health and Wellness:**
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- Be The Match
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- Undocumented Student Alliance

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Project Hope
Simply Me
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VUGA Member Organizations: Descriptions & Contact Information (Categorized)

GENERAL SERVICE

Alpha Phi Omega
President: Devonta Smith
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Social Media: @BZ_APO (Twitter), The Beta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (Facebook)

Alpha Phi Omega's mission is serving the campus, community, nation, and fraternity in the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. Major events include No Veteran Left Behind 5K, Advance-a-Rama with the Boy Scouts, and Badge in a Day with the Girl Scout.

Autism UGA
President: Allison Fialkowski
Contact information: apilcher@uga.edu, fialkowa@uga.edu
Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/AutismUGA/?fref=ts (Facebook)

Autism UGA supports organizations in the local Athens community that support individuals with autism and works to lower stigma and increase knowledge of autism on the University of Georgia campus. Major events include now Light it up blue week in April, Chickfilanthropy week, R work Day with Special Olympics, 5k Run for the Bridge, Camp you B you, and helping with ESP and Camps for a Cause.

Camp for A Cause
President: Ananya Moorthy
Contact Information: campforacausectluga@gmail.com, presidentcfacuga@gmail.com
Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/camp4acausectluga/

Camp for a Cause raises awareness for Camp Twin Lakes, a camp for kids with disabilities, medical illnesses, and other life challenges. Major events include Volunteer events on weekends and the summer, and the Night of the Arts fundraiser.

Circle K UGA
Circle K at UGA is an organization that serves the community of Athens and surrounding areas through the performance of service and fundraising. CKI at UGA incorporates various service projects and fundraisers throughout the year. Not only will members be serving at a local level, but also statewide through the Georgia District of Circle K International, and the international level through Circle K International. CKI at UGA abides by the principles set by Circle K International and Kiwanis International.
CKI at UGA is organized and sponsored by the Athens Kiwanis Club. This is a self-governing organization by electing its own officers, conducting its own meetings, and determining its own service activities.

**Gamma Sigma Sigma**
President: Jessi Frost
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Social Media: [http://prgammamasig.wix.com/gammasigatuga](http://prgammamasig.wix.com/gammasigatuga)

Gamma Sigma Sigma commits to creating and engaging in opportunities to serve on campuses and in the community to address local, national, and global needs. Gamma Sigma Sigma’s vision is for members to demonstrate the capacity for and lifelong commitment to service and leadership. Gamma Sigma Sigma values unity, leadership, diversity, partnership, and compassion and fosters sisterhood through service in the local and national community; "service with a smile, Southern style." Major events include Charity Challenge, Yard Sale, Semi Formal, Spring Formal, Karaoke for Kids, Caring Crafts, and 5K Race.

**Habitat for Humanity**
Presidents: Credo Dzedje and Leena Annamraju
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Social Media: [https://www.facebook.com/ugahabitat/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/ugahabitat/?fref=ts)

Habitat for Humanity at UGA is a campus chapter of the non-profit organization Habitat for Humanity International. Our mission is to provide affordable housing for families in need. We do this by fundraising and volunteering to build in the Athens area. They work with Athens Area Habitat for Humanity and other Habitat affiliates in surrounding counties to arrange builds on a regular basis. During "Act! Speak! Build! Week" (April 10-16), we will strive to raise awareness about homelessness and the lack of affordable housing in addition to advocating for Habitat as a whole. Throughout the year, Habitat for Humanity plans to hold regular fundraisers (e.g. percentage nights, bake sales etc.). The largest fundraiser will take place over winter break, when members volunteer to wrap presents at Barnes & Noble outlets and collect donations. Habitat also has social events such as murder mystery night and get-togethers at local restaurants in order to help members get to know each other better.

**IMPACT Service Breaks**
Contact Information: Brittany Whitlock, britwhit@uga.edu

The mission of the IMPACT program is to engage University of Georgia students in an affordable, week-long, substance-free, experiential service learning project that encourages an understanding of pressing social issues in a significant way. It is the goal of the organization to address community needs through direct and indirect service as well as provide students the knowledge of social justice issues in our own country. By providing new perspectives and hearing the stories of others, participants gain invaluable experiences that bring us together.

**UGA Lens**
Contact Information: Peter Liaw, pete16@uga.edu
The purpose of Lens @ UGA is to provide an opportunity for UGA students (1) to recognize, practice, and enhance the knowledge and skills in photography and writing that will assist them in personal and career development, (2) to understand and address the financial needs of surrounding communities, and (3) to unite UGA students with similar interests to commit to making a positive impact through service.

**Manna Project International**  
President: Kiersten Mills  
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/MannaUGA/

Manna Project International is a non-profit organization founded on the principle of "communities serving communities." This three-word slogan itself is a picture of what MPI stands for, two communities joined by service. Day to day, it means a host of situations: college groups traveling and volunteering together, our MPI site teams working with locals, or our organization partnering with existing programs and missions. Service connecting those communities might be meeting health and educational needs, developing durable friendships, raising awareness and challenging the status quo, or developing leadership within those communities. Major events include Spring Break trips to Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and other Latin American countries where we host global service projects in any of the following areas: Health, Education, Livelihood. They also host monthly local service events in the Athens area, including volunteering opportunities at nearby food banks, homeless shelters, schools, and mentoring programs.

**Peace by Piece**  
Presidents: Alexander Bloom and Mason Towe  
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/PeacebyPieceUGA/timeline

Peace by Piece UGA is a student organization seeking to create strong personal relationships among students of various religious and non-religious backgrounds, with the intent to replace ignorance and hatred with true appreciation for the diversity this campus offers. Additionally, we seek to provide living examples to our peers and elders that the student body at the University of Georgia is capable of acting beyond prejudice. Peace by Piece promotes interfaith and intercultural communication through common community goals of service, justice, and the promotion of human wellbeing. Major events include Religious Diversity Panel with Athens Religious leaders, interfaith round table discussions, and Partnering with various other service-based organizations on events (ex. Food 2 Kids, Alpha Kappa Delta, and IDEA Society).

**Rotaract UGA**  
President: Janam Patel  
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/ugarotaract/

Rotaract is the collegiate level of Rotary. Rotary and Rotaract work with service organizations in the local Athens area to serve the community. We work with Habitat for Humanity, Animal Shelter, Food Bank, local schools, and many other organizations. Major events include Dean Student Awards And Interact Day (March 26th).
Service Ambassadors
Executive Director: Alex Merrit
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Service Ambassadors is a student organization based out of the Center for Leadership and Service with the goal of bridging campus and community by creating opportunities for service and education for UGA students. Service Ambassadors follows the guiding principles of the Center for Leadership and Service, which are life-long learning, active citizenship, interculturalism and justice. Since its creation in 2009, the Service Ambassador organization has hosted Serv(ED) projects each semester and put on numerous educational events themed around various social justice issues.

UGAge
Contact Information: Abbey Taylor, atay050@uga.edu

In UGAge, we visit nursing homes to play games and visit with the elderly. We also fundraise for causes associated with the elderly such as the fight against Alzheimer's. UGAge also hold community gatherings in order to promote fellowship among its members while also learning how to better serve the elderly and the approach the social issues associated with the elderly.

UnPlanned at UGA (UP)
Presidents: Brenna Kinkaid, Fran Aboushousha, Crystal Umila, and Devon Boullion
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Social Media: http://www.unplanneduga.com/#you-can-do-this

The goal of our club is to help students-mothers whether they already have children or are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Our club is not religiously or politically affiliated, and we do not advise women on whether or not to continue or terminate their pregnancy. Rather, we work with women who have already made the decision to take on motherhood while also completing their college degree (undergraduate, masters, or doctorate). We believe that both the mother and child benefit from the mother's completion of her college degree and we act as a support team to help them achieve that goal. We fulfill a critical need in reproductive justice resources that can often go overlooked in the academic setting. Major events include Mom Support Groups twice per month and host a monthly gathering for student-moms, student-dads, their children, and UP at UGA club supporters. We also host baby showers for expectant mothers in order to help facilitate the acquisition of tangible support.

Without Borders
President: Siva Venkatachalam
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/groups/withoutbordersUGA/

We are a service organizations that spearheads different community service projects in the local Athens community. We try to align with the UN goals each month. We "think globally, but do locally". Major events include Clothing Drive and Annual Scholarship Give-Away.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Aces for Athens
President: Ellis Bunn
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/AcesForAthens/?fref=ts (Facebook)

Aces for Athens is a University of Georgia based volunteer student-run organization dedicated to mentoring and educating local special-needs and Elementary school students through the sport of tennis. As an organization, we understand the importance of role models in a child’s development and aim to support and engage these children outside of their classroom environments. The mission of Aces for Athens is to provide completely free tennis lessons to children of all abilities and disabilities that would otherwise be unable to enjoy the sport. Major events include the Aces for Athens Annual Doubles Tournament and the Special Needs Tennis Clinic.

Be The Match
President: Manisha Banga
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/bethematchuga/?fref=ts (Facebook)

At Be The Match On Campus, our primary goal is to save lives—few goals have more importance. With nearly 100 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States, Be The Match On Campus is not just a student-run organization. It is a social movement to expand the reach of our life-saving mission—delivering cures for blood cancers. Be The Match itself looks to fulfill the following things: Patient assistance funds. Because insurance doesn’t cover all the costs of a transplant, many families are not able to afford treatment. We provide vital funds to help families focus on what matters most – getting well. Be The Match operates the largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world. Still, many patients can’t find a match. We focus our recruiting efforts on healthy, diverse potential marrow donors age 18–44 who provide the greatest chance for a successful transplant. Your contributions add more people to the registry who are committed to saving a life. With nearly 30 years of experience, we are the trusted leaders in advancing the science of transplant. Our dedicated research program, CIBMTR® (Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research®), has over 250 research studies in progress to improve transplant outcomes, reduce complications, treat more diseases and provide a cure to more patients.

Campus Kitchens
Presidents: Kelsey Collin and Gracelyn Jones
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/CKatUGA

The Campus Kitchen at UGA is a student-powered hunger relief program of the Office of Service-Learning. Each week, students transform unused food from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers markets into meals that are delivered to local agencies serving those in need in Athens, GA. By taking the initiative to run a community kitchen, students develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills, along with a commitment to serve their community. The Campus Kitchen at UGA goes beyond meals by using food as a
tool to participate in nutrition education, combat senior isolation, and create dialogues on food waste and hunger in the UGA community. The Campus Kitchen at UGA became the 33rd official branch of the Campus Kitchens Project network in the fall of 2012. The Campus Kitchen at UGA focuses on alleviating senior hunger in Athens, GA. Since opening: 157,201 pounds of food recovered and transformed into 50,724 nutritious meals; 829 volunteers have given 10,667 hours of service; 636 sessions of going beyond the meal (Lunch Buddy visits, Community Dinners, SNAP applications, and more). Major events include the Turkeypalooza Fundraiser and Weekly volunteer shifts.

Cure at UGA
Contact Information: Nathan Howell, nhowell@uga.edu

CURE at UGA is a campus organization that is under CURE International. Our mission is to spread awareness about CURE and raise money to help provide these surgeries. Through events on campus and in the community, we have raised money to provide over 40 surgeries in the past four years and spread awareness about the conditions these people are living in and the mission of CURE.

FAYO
Contact Information: Shishir Gupta, sgupta@uga.edu

FAYO is UGA’s move to raise a healthier generation of kids as a means of combatting the obesity epidemic. Through various forms of community service, we work to foster a sentiment of excitement for health among children and families.

FIMRC
Contact Information: Kristin Adams, kadams@uga.edu

As the University of Georgia Chapter of FIMRC, our goal is to support the efforts of the national FIMRC organization through fundraising that will help provide medical care in underserved areas around the world. We also work to promote health awareness in Athens through volunteer activities and a health education program at local elementary and middle schools.

Medlife at UGA
Presidents: Joseph Comer and Alexi Adams
Contact Information: medlifeatuga@gmail.com, Joseph Comer joecomer@uga.edu
Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/UGAMedlife/

Our mission is to help families achieve greater freedom from the constraints of poverty, empowering them to live healthier lives. Major events include Fall Benefit Concert, Spring 5k, and Global Health Conference.

Miracle
President: Isabella Zucker
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Social Media: http://www.ugamiracle.org/
UGA Miracle raises money and awareness for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, specifically Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The money raised supports Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit (CIRU) at Scottish Rite, Egleston, and Hughes Spalding hospitals in the Atlanta area. All the money raised goes directly to the kids at our hospital and has funded many new technologies and equipment, including a patient transport bus in 2007 and patient lift systems in every room of the Rehabilitation Unit. Composed of and run only by students, we are one of the largest entirely student-run organizations in the Southeast and we do it all For The Kids. Major events include Kickoff, Braves Date Night, Miracle Madness, Doughnut Dare, Hawks Date Night, and Dance Marathon.

Red Cross at UGA
President: Katerina Saker
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/ugaredcross/

UGA Red Cross is a student lead organization that works with the American Red Cross to alleviate and prevent human suffering in the face of disaster. We do this through, education, blood donations, and fundraising. Major events include Battle of the Bands in the Fall and Dodge for a Cause-Dodgeball Tournament in the Spring.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

International Justice Mission (IJM)
Presidents: Rachel Denton and Amanda Delaperriere
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/ugaim/?fref=ts

International Justice Mission is an organization that helps fight human trafficking and slavery around the world. Our campus chapter is focused on raising awareness of IJM's cause. During the fall semester, our campus chapter's major event is called Jam For Justice. Jam For Justice is a concert that we put together to raise awareness and funds for IJM and their fight against slavery and injustice all around the world. During the spring semester, our campus chapter's major event is called Stand For Freedom. Stand For Freedom is a 24-hour event. During the day, we have tables and booths set up to help raise awareness of slavery around the world. The night portion consists of a full night of food, music, dancing, and prayer.

RefUGA
President: Mugdha Joshi and Madison Snelling
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/refugauga/?fref=ts

RefUGA promotes awareness of refugee-related issues in the Athens and Atlanta areas as well as on local and national levels. Major events include documentary screening at Cine, volunteering with Athens refugee community, panel discussions/seminar, and attendance at community Welcoming Athens meetings, comedy fundraisers, and local refugee resettlement facilities visitations.
**Undocumented Student Alliance**

Contact Information: Anise Crane, aacrane@uga.edu

Undocumented Student Alliance is a service and advocacy organization that works in solidarity with the undocumented community, focusing primarily on equal secondary education opportunities for all students, regardless of legal status. USA works to educate the University of Georgia and the community about issues on immigration, collaborate with other social justice organizations for service projects, panels, and fundraisers, raise money for Freedom University and Casa de Amistad, lead the childcare program at Casa de Amistad, send trips to Stewart Detention Center to visit detainees, and more. We seek to be involved and active in our community, and welcome all individuals into our organization.

**YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**

**ASHA for Education**

Presidents: Siva Venkatachalam & Anuj Sharma

Contact Information: Siva Venkatachalam, sivavenk@uga.edu

ASHA helps fund educational projects in underserved regions of India and want to increase the literacy rate worldwide by providing kids access to educational resources. Major events include Garba Night and the Car Wash Fundraiser.

**Asian Children Mentoring Program**

We are a mentoring-oriented organization at UGA where students familiar with Asian culture can volunteer to become mentors and role models for the Asian-adopted children of Athens. We host cultural festivals and many other events.

**Camp Kesem UGA**

Presidents: Caroline Clemens and Liba Buchanan

Contact Information: uga@campkesem.org

Social Media: campkesem.org/uga

Camp Kesem supports children through and beyond their parent's cancer with innovative, fun-filled programs that foster a lasting community. Camp Kesem at the University of Georgia was founded in 2011 and supports children in the Greater Athens/Atlanta community by providing two weeklong sessions of summer camp and yearlong peer support to families affected by cancer. Camp Kesem at the University of Georgia is operated by 186 student volunteers, managed by an Executive Board of 19, and will serve 120 kids in the summer of 2016. From a small campus organization created by a grant from the Livestrong foundation, Camp Kesem at the University of Georgia has grown exponentially in the number of children served each year and the number of volunteers engaged in our work. Our mission of supporting children through and beyond a parent’s cancer has transformed the lives of all involved, and we hope to continue making magic for an often overlooked population of children. Major events include two free week-long summer camps for children affected by a parent's cancer. This summer the weeks of camp will take place
May 29th - June 4th and July 3rd - July 9th! We also hold on campus events for general body members such as a 5K, Core Wars (a competition between our core teams), and monthly general body meetings.

**Collegiate Candidates**
Mentoring minority students at Clarke-Central High School

**First Book UGA**
Presidents: Miranda Russell and Alexandra Case
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Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/firstbookuga/?fref=ts

First Book UGA seeks to close the literacy gap in Athens-Clarke County by providing free books to underprivileged children. In middle income neighborhoods, the ratio of books to children is 1 to 13; in low-income neighborhoods, that ratio can get as high as 1 age-appropriate book for every 300 children. Our organization works hard to close that gap and provide children in Athens-Clarke County with new books. In the past four years, we have given away over 6,500 books to Title 1 elementary schools. Every $2.50 that we raise equals a brand new book. We raise money through bake sales, canning, and fundraising events like Children's Literature Trivia Night. We also volunteer to record audiobooks for the blind and dyslexic at Learning Ally, read with children at elementary schools, and distribute books to children in need. For many of them, the books we provide are the first books they can call their own. Major events include Children's Literature Trivia Night; other trivia events, and the Dr. Suess Bake Sale.

**Forever Young**
Contact Information: Ezimma Nnyagu, ennyagu@uga.edu

Our goal as Forever Young is to support the young children of Clarke County through being a positive role model and encouraging a strong education through mentors. Forever Young is the UGA organization that supports The Clarke County Mentor Program.

**Front Row UGA**
President: Sena Able
Contact Information: senaable@uga.edu
Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/frontrowatuga/?fref=ts

Our mission is to help individuals and families who are braving critical health challenges “live life in the front row(TM).” We do this by providing our recipients a front row experience at their favorite concert, sporting event, theatrical performance or other form of live entertainment. Through the generosity of many, we create life-changing moments that positively affect the mind, body, and spirit of each person involved. Major events include Fall Benefit Concert, Spring 5k, and Global Health Conference.

**UGA HEROs**
President: Caroline Scruggs
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Social Media: @ugheros (Instagram and Twitter) uga_heros (snapchat)
UGA HEROs works to fulfill the mission statement of H.E.R.O. for Children, Inc. Hearts Everywhere Reaching Out (H.E.R.O.) for Children, Inc. is a non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life of children infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS through enriching programs, unforgettable experiences, and connections to the community. If it’s not WOW it’s not worth doing! Major events include UGA HEROs Annual Red Ribbon Gala April 2\textsuperscript{nd}, UGA HEROs Annual Golf Tournament (Fall 2016), UGA HEROs Spring Total Reveal, and UGA HEROs Olympics (Late November).

I am Enough
President: Enitan Coker
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Social Media: http://iamenoughuga.wix.com/iamenough

The mission of I am Enough is to empower teen girls as they grow into their destiny. We understand that our experiences have shaped and assisted us in getting where we are today as students and as young women. However, we also understand that with nearly 40% of Athens-Clarke County being below the poverty line, many of the experiences we were fortunate to have may not be a reality for a vast number of the Athens youth. We currently provide Junior and Senior girls from Cedar Shoals High School with a number of experiences based off of our 3 pillars - Service, Empowerment, and Sisterhood - that will challenge them mind, body and soul. We aim to assist them in achieving clarity within themselves. Each young lady is matched with a mentor. However, we are not strictly a mentoring program. Instead, we choose to use mentorship as a tool for the young ladies as they journey through our nearly 10 month program. Young women from UGA's campus will act as our mentors. They will support their mentee as they question themselves while simultaneously having a fun time.

Simply Me
Contact Information: Agne Stoskute, agne@uga.edu

The purpose of Simply Me is to overall better the lives of young women on college campuses; to raise their self-esteem; aid them in overcoming their outer and inner struggles; and to encourage others by selfless acts within the community. Our primary goal is to help young ladies go above and beyond in achieving their aspirations by providing them with enlightening programs and inspiring community service opportunities.

Special Olympics at UGA
Presidents: Marie Robison and Mollie Weaver
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Social Media: Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/groups/268936129840865/?fref=ts Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/SOatUGA Instagram: Follow us at "soatuga"

Special Olympics at UGA strives to create lasting relationships with the special needs community of Athens-Clarke County, while promoting awareness of the issues they face and growing our volunteer network through direct involvement with our athletes and their families. Major events include Home Runs for Hometown Rivals Baseball Game and other social events.
Project Hope
President: Komran Gharemani
Contact Information: projecthopeuga@gmail.com, gkomran@gmail.com
Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHOPEatUGA/?fref=ts

The purpose of Project H.O.P.E shall be to serve as a liaison between Pinewoods and the University of Georgia students, staff, and faculty. It shall be dedicated in serving and supporting the community as well as the outreach center that is Oasis Católico Santa Rafaela. It shall promote awareness of the after-school program to students, faculty, and staff of the University of Georgia in order to raise the amount of tutors that attend the program, to develop and create service-projects for the community that will benefit the children and their families in a positive, educational, and uplifting manner. Major events include Taste of HOPE, 5K, Pinewoods health promotion fair, book drives, school supply drives, and bake sales.
Membership Information
Finance

• **Budgets**
  o What is the budget? The Volunteer UGA budget is allocated to the organization at the end of every school year to distribute among all student organizations within Volunteer UGA. This budget was requested and allocated last July, and it is yours to use accordingly for the entire school year.

• **Mid-Year Audit Information**
  o Every January, Volunteer UGA allows each organization to complete a Mid-Year Audit. It is not as extensive as Budget Requests that happen in April.
  o But it allows the organization the chance to look in depth at their budgets and see if there is unused monies that you wish to reallocate to other Object Codes or return to the “VUGA pot” (which will be reallocated to another organization). If while analyzing your budget you realize you may need a little more money for an event, this is your time to request for it, however, your current budget should already reflect what you need/have done/will be doing for the entire school year.
  o Please email them to vugafinance@gmail.com (Mary Kate Bagwell, VUGA Director of Finance) and andkyle@uga.edu (Kyle Anderson, VUGA Adviser).
  o They are due *(01/23/2016).*
  o You will be notified by *(02/02/2016).*

• **Reimbursements**
  o The way the budget is designed is through reimbursements. There is no actual money given to each organization to spend. An individual or organization makes a purchase, and turns in the receipts and necessary paperwork for reimbursement.
  o **ALL REIMBURSEMENTS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:**
    ▪ VUGA reimbursement form *(1/2 sheet of paper)*
    ▪ Actual physical copy of receipt or invoices (invoices may be emailed to the Director of Finance or printed out and turned)
  o **FOOD REIMBURSEMENTS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK:**
    ▪ Food justification form (there is an example in the CLS)
    ▪ **Proof of event**
      • This is often, often, often forgotten when turning in food reimbursements. Food reimbursements in general can be a pain for both you and me (the Director of Finance) because there are extra steps, and if one is forgotten, it takes longer to process.
      • A proof of event can be the following: an email via ListServ, Facebook event, flyer advertisement, pictures of the event (all of these can be printed out and attached with the reimbursement)
Workshops

- Every 2 weeks
- Held in Tate & MLC
- Various topics as follows:

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- Guest speakers
  - VUGA orgs
  - Staff members
  - Departments on campus Etc.
  - If you think your organization is a great fit to speak at one of these workshops, please email vugaconsultants@gmail.com and let us know ASAP!

- Format
  - Small group discussions, panels
  - Informal, open for discussion
  - You ask questions

- Attendance
  - Sign in sheets
  - ~40-50 minutes long (max= 1 hour)
Point System

- Basic Info
  - You need 6 points per semester
  - 1 person attending 1 workshop = 1 point
  - Max 2 points per workshop
    - However, you can send more people to one workshop if the topic sounds interesting!
    - Only 2 points will be given per session to any org though.
  - Anyone on your exec board can attend!

- Extra Point Opportunities
  - Extra point for attending workshops as a speaker
  - Center for Student Organization (CSO) Workshops
    - You can attend these workshops for points too!
  - Extra point for hosting a collaborative event with another VUGA org
    - Proof: email vugamembership@gmail.com a picture of a Facebook event or a flyer
    - Must send proof no later than a week after the event
Resources

• Marketing Resources
  o Tate Print & Copy Binder
  o Free Printing in the CLS
    ▪ Send an email to vugaprinting@gmail.com
    ▪ Attach a PDF of what you want printed
    ▪ You can request 40 black/white copies only!
    ▪ A VUGA board member will respond to email when the printing job has been completed. The printouts will be at the right side of the front desk of the CLS in a green folder labeled “VUGA Printing Pickup”
  o Resource Room for making banners, paint supplies, and more
  o Newsletter & VUGA Email Outreach to over 500 students
    ▪ Submit your events to tinyurl.com/vuganewsform