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TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER CELEBRATES SECOND BIRTHDAY

CHIEFLAND, FLA – The Tri-County Community Resource Center (TCCRC) will be celebrating another year of providing services and resources to Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy Counties with a free community-wide event on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The event will take place at the center, which is located at 15 North Main Street in Chiefland.

The event is made possible by more than 30 community sponsors, including Haven Hospice, Palms Medical Group, Allen Law Firm, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Ameris Bank, Baynard Law Firm, First United Methodist of Chiefland, Central Florida Electric Cooperative and Miss Deb's Party Rentals. These sponsors have committed to donating goods and services to help fund the celebration, which will feature refreshments, information booths and family-friendly activities such as games, prizes and a bounce house.

TCCRC first opened its doors to the community in March 2015 thanks to a partnership between Partnership for Strong Families (PSF) and the grassroots community group Tri-County Community Resources. Since that time, the center has developed numerous partnerships to meet community needs. Services include financial literacy programs, nutritional education programs, children's educational programs, an emergency food pantry, a clothing closet for children and prom closet for teens, legal workshops, parenting groups, CPR certification classes, employability assistance and one-on-one consultations to discuss patrons' specific needs.

“The Tri-County Community Resource Center has truly surpassed our expectations thanks to community support, both from patrons and service partners,” stated Stephen Pennypacker, president/CEO of PSF. “We are delighted to celebrate our collaboration with the community and look forward to what future years will bring.”

The Tri-County Community Resource Center is the fourth resource center operated by PSF and the only one open outside of Alachua County. Each center focuses on collaborating with the local community to build upon their assets and strengthen families. More than 7,700 visits at TCCRC have been documented throughout its existence, with an average of 320 visits per month.

“What's made this center so effective is the level of collaboration the community has engaged in with us,” said Beverly Goodman, resource center manager. “While PSF covers staff and operational costs, our local partnerships and grant funding sustain our programming and services. We're so grateful for our continued partnerships and hope to see more like them moving forward as we serve the community.”

To learn more about Partnership for Strong Families or their Resource Center Model, please visit www.pfsf.org.

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About Partnership for Strong Families:

Partnership for Strong Families is the lead community-based care agency for Florida Judicial Circuits Three and Eight, including Alachua County. PSF is contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families to deliver comprehensive child welfare services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Partnership for Strong Families also works with at-risk families to prevent child abuse and to decrease the risk of children entering the foster care system. PSF serves more than 5,000 children in 13 counties annually.