

# Celebrating community service

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On Wednesday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., WellFlorida Council will commemorate its 37th year in Gainesville with a "Celebration of Wellness." The council may be one of the region's best kept secrets; many folks do not know us, but thousands of residents benefit from our services each year.

We are a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster greater community health by providing communities the insights, tools, programs and services necessary to meet their health care needs and to improve health outcomes. We impact more than 1.6 million residents in 16 counties.

Our services are focused in four major areas: coordinating regional networks for prenatal and infant and HIV/AIDS care; developing and implementing critically needed health programs; securing resources through grant writing and advocacy for needed community health initiatives; and providing insights and education on health care needs and issues through our data gathering and analysis expertise.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new building. There will be \$5 flu shots while supplies last and a host of free health screenings, classes and educational materials.

We will be accepting donations of household and personal hygiene products for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and bags of diapers that will be distributed to those in need. The LifeSouth blood mobile will be on site. Donations to any of these causes will make you eligible for various prize giveaways. Free snacks and drinks will be provided all day.

We invite you to share with us in celebrating wellness and our 37th year. For more information, visit [www.wellflorida.org](http://www.wellflorida.org) or call (352) 313-6500.

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