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“O2B in School Again” looking to partner with local restaurants to recognize public school teachers in Alachua County

Gainesville, FL– The Education Foundation of Alachua County kicked off “O2B in School Again” on May 4, 2020, to celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week. “O2B in School Again” is a new fundraising initiative to support, recognize and appreciate local public school teachers.

For the last 20 years, The Education Foundation and O2B Kids have hosted “O2B a Kid Again!” an annual fundraiser that raises money for teacher investment opportunities like Catalyst for Change, a competitive grant program, and the Alachua County Teacher of the Year program. “O2B a Kid Again!” raised approximately \$40,000 in 2019.

Due to COVID-19, “O2B a Kid Again!” was canceled but the Foundation is looking for new ways to recognize and support local teachers. “O2B in School Again” aims to provide each of the 1,700 public school teachers with a gift card to a local restaurant and raise funds for teacher investment opportunities.

“We are excited to launch this effort to support and appreciate our teachers. Now more than ever, we want them to know that they are valued and we are proud to stand behind them,” said Executive Director of The Education Foundation Rachel Debigare.

“O2B in School Again” is presented by Florida Credit Union, Publix Super Markets Charities and Gainesville Health and Fitness Center. Community members are also invited to donate online here: <http://bit.ly/O2BinSchool>. So far, the Foundation has raised over \$12,000.

No restaurants have partnered with “O2B in School Again” but those interested in participating can download the contribution form at <https://bit.ly/O2Brestaurant>.

To learn more about the initiative, please visit <http://edfoundationac.org/o2b/>.

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