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Junior League of Greater Lakeland and Gatorland Participate in Achievement Academy's Fall Festival

LAKELAND, FL (October 28, 2016) - Achievement Academy held its annual Fall Festival on Thursday, October 20th from 6-7:30 p.m. at its Lakeland campus (716 E. Bella Vista Street) for all students and their families. The festival included family pictures, popcorn and cotton candy, pumpkins, face painting, a petting zoo and a reptile exhibit. About 175 people attended.

The Junior League of Greater Lakeland helped fund the festival through their Community Impact Grant of \$1,000 and also provided 20 volunteers to help with the event. The Junior League of Greater Lakeland is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League is exclusively educational and charitable.

Tim Williams, "Dean of Alligator Wrestling," from Gatorland of Orlando donated his time and professional services by holding a reptile show at the festival including an alligator, bearded dragon, snake and spider. Gatorland is a 110-acre theme park and wildlife preserve, combining "Old Florida" charm with exciting, new exhibits and entertainment.



Pictured are volunteers from the Junior League of Greater Lakeland at the Fall Festival

*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a **Charter School** that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement Academy's three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a "**Birth to Three Program**" that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families. More than half of the Birth to Three Program's budget is funded by a generous allocation from the United Way of Central Florida.*

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