

## **PUBLIC SERVANT WITH A STORY**

From his appointment in 2007 as one of two Assistant City Managers, Fred J. Murry has put 27 years of governmental management and fiscal experience to great use on behalf of residents of the City of Gainesville, Florida.

He's currently working to solve homelessness in our community by leading development of a community one-stop homeless empowerment center. In 2010, he led efforts to create a successful government and community partnership to build a \$5 million Senior Recreation Center facility for elderly Alachua County residents.

In response to concerns about the number of at-risk youth entering the juvenile justice system, Fred volunteered to serve on the Juvenile Justice Board of the Eighth Circuit Court. As the city staff liaison to the Board and to the Gainesville Police Department Black on Black Crime Task Force, Fred is focused on prevention and intervention to reduce the number of youth caught up in gang violence and address disproportionate amounts of minority youth contacts with the juvenile justice system.

Fred is currently co-Chair of the Community Health Planning Group which is implementing a Health Grant Plan through community health providers to measure access to and improve community health care using key indicators such as the number of emergency room visits, access to dental care, food and to information about diabetes and heart diseases. He is also serves on the Gainesville Salvation Army Board of Directors.

Fred has been instrumental in managing activities to improve city neighborhoods through his oversight of the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, Neighborhood Programs, Facilities Management, Codes Enforcement and Housing Divisions. In 2010, he organized the Florida City County Management Association Paint Up/Fix-Up Community Project in the Porter's Neighborhood of Gainesville, Florida, bringing together teams of city staff members from several city departments to transform a blighted community into a neighborhood with a renewed sense of pride and hope.