



## Meridian Healthcare, Transforming Lives and Historic Spaces

### *The Amazing Give 2026 Campaign for The Retreat*

**Gainesville, Fla.** – On Thursday, April 30th, from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., [Meridian Healthcare](#) will participate in 2026 The Amazing Give, our region’s annual day of giving. This year, our goal is to raise \$30,000 to transform a historic space on our Gainesville campus, located at 1565 SW Williston Road, into *The Retreat at Meridian* — a shared outdoor environment designed to promote healing, movement, reflection, and connection. [Meridian Healthcare](#) has been proudly serving communities throughout North Central Florida with compassionate care since 1971. Meridian is a regional wellness provider, specializing in mental health.

In years past, this historic outdoor space was a rope course where community members and organizations built trust, resilience, and teamwork. The natural elements and Florida weather collectively have made the former ropes course unsafe for current use. We are now focusing our efforts on transforming this recreational space into a dedicated area designed to foster connection and community among our programs. *The Retreat at Meridian* will be an open, welcoming, and accessible space that will feature community garden beds, outdoor group gathering space, and a marked walking path, designed to serve our clients, their families and staff.

Thank you to [The First Federal Bank Foundation](#) for making contributions to our \$30,000 goal to *build The Retreat at Meridian*. Any size contributions are welcome to fund *The Retreat at Meridian* can be completed online at [theamazinggive.org/organizations/mymeridianhealthcare](https://theamazinggive.org/organizations/mymeridianhealthcare) or [mbhci.org/giving/](https://mbhci.org/giving/).

With your support, this space will serve generations to come — strengthening resilience not just in individuals, but across our entire community.

[Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.](#) is a comprehensive community behavioral healthcare organization located in North Central Florida. With services available throughout the North Central Florida, Meridian maintains [13 patient service](#) centers including: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, and Union. Meridian is [CARF](#) accredited and licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Agency For Healthcare Administration. Its mission is to promote the health, recovery, and well-being of those affected by mental illness and substance use disorders through prevention, coordinated treatment, and supportive services and is based on the vision that hope, recovery, and wellness are within everyone’s reach. For more information, visit [mbhci.org/](https://mbhci.org/). Follow Meridian Healthcare on social media @mymeridianhealthcare.com.