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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

ROAST & TOAST

BRAD ROGERS

Thursday
NOVEMBER 21ST @ 6PM
The Hilton Ocala
3600 SW 36th Avenue, Ocala

“ HE WROTE IT AS HE SAW IT, NO ICING ON THE CAKE,
HIS WORDS SPOKE VOLUMES AND WERE SOMETIMES HARD TO TAKE,
WELL NOW IT'S TIME TO TURN THE TIDE, LET'S GIVE HIM A LITTLE TASTE,
BRAD ROGERS IT'S YOUR TURN AND NO WORDS WILL WE WASTE. ”

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.MCCHILDRENSALLIANCE.ORG

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

3482 N.W. 10th St. Ocala, FL 34475 Phone: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994 www.mcchildrensalliance.org

Our Vision

For all of Marion County's Children to have a safe, healthy and nurturing environment in which to grow.

Our Mission

"To improve the lives of Marion County Children"

~ Partners in Excellence ~

Barrett, Liner & Company; Brooklyn's Backyard; City of Ocala, Community Coalition Alliance; Cox Communication; Dept. of Children and Families; Dept. of Juvenile Justice; Drug Free Communities; Duke Energy; Florida Blue; Florida Dept. of Health in Marion County; Friends Recycling, LLC; Jenkins Auto Group; Kids Central, Inc.; Marion County Board of County Commissioners; Marion County Hospital District; Marion County Public Schools; Marion County Sheriff's Office; Ocala Police Department; Palmer Family Foundation; Quit Doc; Radiology Associates of Ocala; Renasant Bank; Signature Brands; Tri-Eagle Sales; United Way of Marion County; Wells Fargo Bank

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Project L.I.F.T. is in need of Volunteers!!

Project Lift is a program serving at-risk boys in the Dunnellon and surrounding areas. We meet Monday & Tuesday 9:00 - 4:00 and Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 - 3:00.

We help guide them to learn a vocation, get a high school diploma and receive mental health/substance abuse counseling. If you would be interested in partnering with us, we would love to have you!

You can reach out to **Gerald Jones @ 352-465-9009**



We need volunteers. Whether you can help 1 afternoon or 4 days a week, we would love to have you help make a difference in the lives of youth!

Volunteers needed to teach:

- Bike Repair, Screen Printing,
- Appliance & Small Engine Repair, Electrical,
- Plumbing, Carpentry, Gardening, Masonry, Painting,
- Roofing, Flooring, Boat Repair, HVAC



Is Your Nonprofit Interested in Applying for Grants, and You Don't Know Where to Start?

Schedule a Complimentary Discovery Meeting with the Nonprofit Resource Center's

Director of Grant Services, **Ann McKinley**

(352) 622-5020 ext. 103

Ann@OcalaFoundation.org

www.OcalaFoundation.org



CAREER FAIR

PAYCHECKS *for* **PATRIOTS**

DETAILS

THURSDAY, NOV. 7, 2019

From 1 – 3:30 P.M.

Marion County Public Library
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with a wide range of businesses dedicated to assisting veterans and their families find careers that match your unique skills and aspirations.

No Charge! ★ Call 800.434.5627, ext. 2205



CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids/services available to persons with disabilities and in Spanish. Phone numbers may be reached via Florida Relay Service at 711. For accommodations, call 800-434-5627, ext. 7878. A proud partner of the American Job Center network.

You are invited to attend the

Mother & Daughter Positivi-Tea Brunch

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

One Health Center

1714 SW 17th St., Ocala, FL 34471

Free event for young women ages 11–19 and their mothers, female mentors, guardians and role models.
Free food, giveaways and more provided.

Featuring nationally recognized speaker and author Julie Marie Carrier. Carrier will speak on how to improve relationships through open communication (while building a teen's self-esteem).



R.S.V.P. today: visit <https://bit.ly/2kSmjw1>
For more information, call 352-644-2714.

Food provided courtesy
of the Family Violence
Prevention Workgroup



~ RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW ~

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE VENDOR FAIR



Wednesday, December 4, 2019
11:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.
MCSO Jail Interim Bldg.

VENDOR TABLE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

(Space is limited and tables will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
*One table (2 chairs) per agency will be provided.

Registration Deadline: November 15, 2019.

**Organizations will receive booth confirmation via e-mail.
Phone Reservations NOT accepted.**

For information, call Patricia at **(352) 438-5990**.
Forms can be faxed to **(352) 438-5994** or e-mail forms to
mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

----- Office Use Only -----

Registration Received: _____ Assigned Vendor Table No. _____

The Paddock Mall

3100 SW College Rd., Ocala, FL 34471

General Manager: Ashley Wheeler-Gerds

Marketing Director: Katie Hunnicutt



Phone: (352) 237-1223

Fax: (352) 854-2063

Website: www.PaddockMall.com

Paddock Mall is open

Monday to Saturday

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and

Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m.

Email: Ashley.Wheeler@washingtonprime.com

Email: Katie.Hunnicutt@washingtonprime.com

Mission: Paddock Mall is Marion County's premier shopping destination. It is home to more than 90 national and local retail, dining and entertainment options, as well as numerous events and activities throughout the year. With anchor stores Macy's, JCPenney, and Belk, as well as more than 90 specialty stores like Aéropostale, Buckle, Bath & Body Works, Francesca's, Hollister and Victoria's Secret, Paddock Mall is sure to have what you need!

The Mall is Marion County's only climate-controlled destination and is a highly visited location for shoppers of all ages in Ocala, Florida.

This enclosed Ocala mall is the perfect place for area residents to escape warm temperatures or rainy days, shop favorite stores, or grab a quick bite in the food court.



AdventHealth Ocala MALL WALKER PROGRAM

Walker Incentives

10 miles: Official Mall Walker Shirt

25 miles: AdventHealth Water Bottle

50 miles: AdventHealth Dry Towel

100 miles: AdventHealth Pedometer

All walkers will be invited to a quarterly breakfast with AdventHealth Ocala's President & CEO Joe Johnson

Mall Incentives*

Starbucks

Wear your Mall Walker shirt or mention you are a Mall Walker and receive any size coffee for just \$1 between 9-10 a.m.

Chick-fil-A

Wear your Mall Walker shirt on Tuesdays and receive a free small tea or soft drink.

*Paddock Mall locations only

Regular physical activity is important to overall health and walking is an excellent way to be more active. The AdventHealth Ocala Mall Walker Program is designed to help individuals feel whole by taking charge and getting active in the climate controlled walking environment of the Paddock Mall.

Mall walkers are encouraged to walk at their leisure and record their miles. The Paddock Mall will post your miles on an updated Leader Board in the Mall Office corridor and contact you when you've earned your milestone gifts! Sign up at the Mall Walker Stand next to the AdventHealth Information Kiosk in Center Court (next to Chick-fil-A).

Mall Walker Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Walking Chart:

1 Lap = 0.5 miles

AdventHealth
Ocala



Marion County
Help Me Grow
 Florida

Books, Balls, & Blocks!

Saturday, Nov. 16
10a.m.-1p.m.

**Join the Early Learning Coalition
 and Help Me Grow for this FREE event!**

Activities include:

- **Children's games and activity stations**
- **Developmental screening**
- **Drawings for great educational toys**
- **Information on local children's programs and services**
- **Free children's book for every child!**

**Event will
 be held at**

**College of
 Central Florida
 University Center
 Building 20
 3001 SW College Rd
 Ocala, FL 34474**



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GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!

(must attend at least 4 Workshops to be eligible to win on 11/23/2019)



Parent Educational Workshops
Thursdays (5:30pm-7:30pm)
Marion County Public Library
 2720 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34470

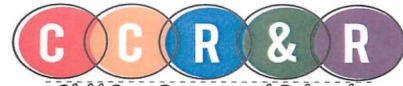
Dates: 10/17/2019 to 11/21/2019
 (every Thursday)

Enjoy **FREE DINNER** for the entire family, fun educational activities promoting early learning for your children, winning **Gift Cards** and more....Join us at the Parents as Teachers Workshops happening weekly in Marion County. All family members are welcome to attend!!!
FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED

For more information and to register: contact **Success By 6** Coordinator Chrissy Vickers at (352) 369-2315 ext. 213 / cvickers@elc-marion.org or register at <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/success-by-6/parent-training-scheduling/>



CV/2019



Child Care Resource and Referral

What is CCR&R?

CCR&R is a free service that helps families

- identify and select quality early learning programs.
- connect to local community agencies and resources.
- engage in their children's education and learning.
- locate financial resource options.



Family Focused

When a family contacts CCR&R, they can receive



Child Care Listings

Based on information from the family, CCR&R can provide a customized list of child care options.



Financial Assistance Options

CCR&R can provide information and help with applying for child care assistance and exploring other financial assistance options.



Consumer Education

CCR&R can provide information on a range of topics including how to locate quality early learning programs and the importance of family engagement.



Community Resources

CCR&R can connect families with local resources that may be able to assist with other needs, such as housing, food or utility assistance.



352-369-2315
 1-877-399-2315
www.elc-marion.org



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 1 Mile North of Hwy 200, off of SW 60th Avenue

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www.MyHFHC.org

Serving newborns to 17 years of age



"Do the good that presents itself to be done."
- St. Vincent DePaul

2019 Holiday Help Drives


Information for Applicants

Each year, Blessed Trinity and Brother's Keeper helps hundreds of families during the holiday season. Eligible families receive food for Thanksgiving and food & gifts for children under 12 at Christmas. This year we are partnering with Toys for Tots. It is only through the generosity of many others in our parish and community that we're able to provide this assistance each year.



Holiday Sign-Ups: Monday, October 7 through Friday, December 6*
Monday through Friday from 9am-11:30am and 1pm-3:30pm
*Cut-Off for Thanksgiving food applications is Wed. November 13

Who's Eligible: THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD: Families with at least one child under the age of 12 residing in Marion County.

 CHRISTMAS TOYS: Families with at least one child under the age of 12 living in one of the following zip codes (34470, 34473, 34474, 34475, 34476, 34477, 34478, 34479).

Applicants Need: Photo ID with Marion County address,
Social Security cards for adults and children,
Birth Certificates for all children,
Lease and Utility Bill to prove residency and zip code
Proof of food stamps qualification



****Qualified applicants will be notified via email between Nov. 1 and Dec. 13**

Pick-Up Dates/Times: Thanksgiving: Tuesday, November 19 from 9:00am-4:00pm
Christmas: Monday, December 18 from 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday, December 19 from 9:00am-4:00pm

Pick-Up Location: Knights of Columbus Hall | 1510 SE 3rd Ave, Ocala, FL 34471
Located at the north end of the Blessed Trinity parking lot
*Bring Photo ID of the applicant when picking up

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
320 NW 10th St., Ocala
(352) 622-3848

THRIFT STORE
320 NW 10th St., Ocala
(352) 732-7988

SOUP KITCHEN
435 NW 2nd St., Ocala
(352) 789-8139

MAIL TO
5 SE 17th St.,
Ocala, FL 34471

AGES
14+



E.D. CROSKEY

FITNESS ZONE



MONDAYS - SATURDAYS, NOON TO 8 P.M.
E.D. CROSKEY RECREATION CENTER
1510 NW FOURTH ST.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (352) 401-3920

WALK-IN
AND BEGIN
YOUR FITNESS
JOURNEY TODAY! WE
OFFER CARDIO AND
STRENGTH TRAINING
EQUIPMENT.



HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Ocala Housing Authority (OHA) is seeking a qualified person to join its management team as the **Housing Choice Voucher Program Director (aka Section 8)**. This exempt position reports directly to the CEO, supervises a growing staff of eight professional employees, and manages a \$7 million HCV program of approx. 1,400 vouchers, with the expectations of growing the program in the near future. The position is responsible for developing and revising policies and procedures in accordance with federal regulations and Housing Authority policies, and preparing in-house and HUD reports, and other program documents. The HCV Director works closely with the accounting department to ensure maximum utilization of HUD funding, conducts quality control audits and inspections for the program, monitors the programs/goals and objectives on a continuous basis, and record keeping. The desired candidate will have the skills and knowledge to perform all HCV program tasks (i.e., intake, lease-up, annual recertification, interim income adjustments, HQS inspections, etc.). The successful candidate will be a consensus builder and collaborator who take the initiative to resolve issues expeditiously and create a team-oriented working environment. The ideal candidate will be a "can-do", high-energy leader who delegates appropriately, but is also willing to enthusiastically roll up their sleeves and be a working director as are all OHA executives. While technical skills are vital and required, it will be necessary for the individual to have exemplary interpersonal skills, with the ability to encourage others and listen to feedback, work closely with executive leadership and staff from all departments, and adapt quickly to changing priorities in this fast-paced organization. Serving as a mentor and coach to the HCV team and having the interpersonal acumen to motivate staff, conduct in-house training of staff, proficient computer skills, and effective presentation skills are fundamental qualities of the HCV Director. Verifiable significant experience of working with a diverse population of individuals is a prerequisite for the position. Another essential attribute the model candidate should possess is the propensity to create and maintain effective working relations with landlords and HCV participants, demonstrating an excellence in customer service to resolve problems and issues as they might arise. Garnering effective working relationships with community partners is important, as well as serving as the face of the HCV program in the community and the public are high priorities of the position. The selected candidate must have the flexibility to attend Board and other meetings outside of normal work hours, and will be required to travel outside of the county and state for training and meetings.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Planning, Social Work or related field from an accredited college or university; a minimum of 10 years of experience working in subsidized housing or property management; a minimum of seven (7) years of progressive supervisory experience; must be motivated, organized and possess good written and oral communication skills; and have working knowledge of HUD and other Federal, State and local regulations related to subsidized housing management. Experience in subsidized or related housing management may be substituted for a Bachelor's Degree, contingent upon total years of experience and qualifications. The successful candidate should possess *high integrity, confidentiality, and exemplary work ethics*. A valid Florida Driver's License is required. **At least ten years of management experience at a public housing authority working directly in the Housing Choice Voucher program is HIGHLY PREFERRED.**

If you meet these qualifications, please mail: **cover letter, resume, application, and three (3) verifiable work references**, to the attention of: Ms. Glenda Roberts, Human Resources Director, Ocala Housing Authority Administrative Office, 1629 NW 4th St, Ocala, FL 34475. You may also fax or email to Ms. Roberts at 352-369-2642 or GRoberts@OcalaHousing.org. Applications and job description are available on the OHA's website at www.OcalaHousing.org. Salary will commensurate with education, training, management experience, and subsidized housing experience. A satisfactory criminal background check is required. **The OHA offers excellent benefits.** Position is open until filled.



"This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968"



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Open to all
501 (c)(3)
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Marion County.

For \$50 per year,
Benefits include:

- Professional development
- Members' Only Resources
- Nonprofit CEO Roundtable
- Networking with other nonprofits
- Weekly Nonprofit Notes e-newsletter
- And more...



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Ages
10+
No fee!



FIT IN THE PARK: Zumba



Mondays - Thursdays
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
E.D. Croskey Recreation Center
1510 NW Fourth St.

Join our certified Zumba instructors, where we take the "work" out of workout by mixing low and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness party! We will shake and groove our way towards a healthier, happier YOU!

For more information, call (352) 368-5517.

Marion County Children's Alliance's Annual GIFT OF CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

HELP US GIVE THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS TO LOCAL FAMILIES!

FROM OCTOBER 24TH TO DECEMBER 6TH, WE WILL BE COLLECTING NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR YOUTH AGES 0-18 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

OCALA POLICE DEPARTMENT

402 South Pine Ave Ocala, FL 34471

MARLEY MAE

512 SW 3rd Ave Ocala, FL 34471

STORERIGHT SELF STORAGE

2401 SW 17th Road Ocala, FL 34471

THE TECH FIX

300 SE 8th Street Ocala, FL 34471

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

3482 NW 10th Street Ocala, FL 34475

THE OCALA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Toys will be collected along the parade route on Saturday December 8th! Look for Santa's Elves and the Marion County Children's Alliance float!



**JOIN THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKGROUP FOR ITS ANNUAL
HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING CAMPAIGN**

December 13 – December 24, 2019
during holiday hours at the Paddock Mall
Gift Wrapping Booth will be located near Macy's

Volunteer Gift Wrapping Form

(Please Print Clearly)

*** Required Information**

*Name: _____ Student: Yes or No

*Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone: () _____ -or- Cell: () _____

*E-mail: _____

Volunteers Needed December 13 through December 24, 2019

Please list date and times you want to volunteer:

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Your support is sincerely appreciated **BUT**, please remember we will be depending on
on you to show up to wrap gifts on the days and hours **YOU** sign up for.

Fax completed forms to **(352) 438-5994** or e-mail to **Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**
For more information, available times and dates, call **(352) 438-5990**.

PRESENTED BY THE
STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS(SADD)
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD AND ALL SADD CLUB MEMBERS



HOLIDAY HUNDRED FOOD DRIVE

Help the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
Youth Advisory Board (YAB)
Feed 100 Families for Thanksgiving!

**THE SADD YAB AND ALL MARION COUNTY SADD
CLUBS ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

These Donations will be used to create Thanksgiving Baskets that will contain all the ingredients needed to create a holiday meal. Deadline for donations, November 18.

- \$10 Grocery Gift Cards (to purchase turkeys)
- Cans of Whole Kernel Corn
- Cans of Green Beans
- Cans of Cranberry
- Boxes of Stuffing
- Packets of Dry Gravy
- Boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cans of Sweet Potatoes

Beginning October 25th, families wishing to sign up for assistance may do so at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDayAssist>

Limited Availability. First Come, First Served Basis.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT:

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
3482 NW 10TH STREET OCALA, FL 34475

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT HILARY@MCCHILDRENSALLIANCE.ORG



5 Tips for Safe Holiday Cooking

1. Avoid carrying or holding a child while cooking on the stove

Ask a visiting relative or family member to be the designated child wrangler and lead younger kids away from the kitchen to more fun activities.

2. Use the back burners of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge

Thanksgiving tends to make you use every single cookware product you have in your house, but it is important to make sure that curious little hands don't have the ability to pull down any pots or pans from the stove.

3. Check to make sure appliance cords are coiled and away from counter edges.

Those little curious hands again, but with all the blenders, mixers and food processors being used, countertop space can be limited and cords find their way close to the edge.

4. Take a minute to test your smoke alarms.

Testing your smoke alarms is not just a great idea before embarking on a cooking adventure (which it is), but something that you should regularly do for the safety of your family.

5. Teach your kids how to cook safely.

Thanksgiving is first and foremost a day for family and coming together. Use the time to explain and model safety cooking lessons for your children. It is a great start to a long life of making safe decisions in the kitchen.



Mental Health Regional Training

Join us at the FPHA Mental Health Regional Training to learn more about how community based mental health and substance abuse treatment systems work. Hear from community leaders who provide mental health services at a local, regional, and state level.

Thursday
December 5, 2019
8:30 AM-4:30PM
UF College of
Public Health &
Health Professions
1225 Center Dr,
Gainesville, FL 32611

Visit www.fpha.org for
more information



FPHA
Florida Public Health Association

UF College of Public Health
& Health Professions
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



Happy Thanksgiving

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Give Thanks to Him: bless His name

**Please Join Kingdom Revival Church
for a FREE**

**Community
Thanksgiving Dinner**

with Turkey and all the trimmings!

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470

For information or to R.S.V.P.

Please call (352) 361-5044





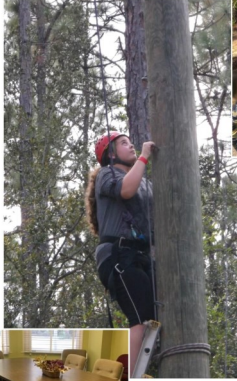
FLORIDA SHERIFFS CARUTH CAMP

Teambuilding and Facility Rentals

We offer teambuilding and recreational programs personalized to meet the needs of your group.



Located in Inglis, FL



Facility Rentals:

- *Group meeting spaces for all sizes.
- * Overnight accommodations for up to 100.
- * Food service available.

Recreation:

- * Archery
- * Swimming Pool
- * Fishing (onsite Spring with boardwalk)
- * Environmental Education
- * Team sports (basketball and volleyball court)

Teambuilding:

- * Icebreakers and Initiatives
- * Challenge Course and High Ropes Course

Workshops:

- * Life Skills (budgeting, job search, etc.)

Contact Elisha Hoggard for more information or to schedule an event.
(352)447-2259 ** ehoggard@youthranches.org ** (386)688-4340

THINGS TO DO Ocala

FIND A LIST OF FUN

THINGS TO DO Ocala

IN

EVERYDAY!

Follow us

@ThingsToDoOcala



Gain for Gold!

Save the Date

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019

5-9PM

held at

GOLDEN Ocala GOLF & EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Striding Into The Future

A Charity Benefit for Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.



Chosen Children's Christmas Party

We are proud to announce our 7th annual Chosen Children's Christmas Party! Each year we host a gathering for those children who might not otherwise be able to celebrate.

When: Saturday December 21

Time: 12pm - 3pm

Registration is Required

Location will be given upon confirmation of registration



This party is FREE to attend, with a FREE gift & stocking, FREE lunch, FREE face painting, games and a visit with Santa.

Call 352-454-5296 to register your child.

We will need the name, age, and gender of each child attending so that Santa can get them a gift & stocking. Please make sure to include a contact number so that we can confirm your spot at the party.

Transportation is NOT provided.

Space is limited to 40 children.



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assistance from :*

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EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES, INC.



club soul

for teens dealing with loss

You don't have to go it alone! Join this fun and safe "camp" for ages 13-18. Learn how to work with grief for a return to healing and wholeness. Each month is different – active, involved and interesting! Lunch is provided. Arrive at the Ocala locations 15 minutes in advance to get ready for a new adventure each month.



October 12, 12-3 pm Iron Legion CrossFit
217 1st Avenue #100

February 22, 9 am-1 pm Archery
Brick City Adventure Park, 1211 SE 22nd Rd.

November 9, 9 am-1 pm Ropes Course
Brick City Adventure Park, 1211 SE 22nd Rd

March 27, 6-7:30 pm Teen Social—Pizza Party
The Monarch Center, 2895 SE 62nd St

January 25, 10 am-1 pm Humane Society
701 NW 14th Rd

April 25, 9 am-4 pm KP Hole Kayaking
Brick City Adventure Park, 1211 SE 22nd Rd

The MONARCH Center
for Hope & Healing  a program of Hospice of Marion County

To register or learn more: call the Monarch Center for Hope & Healing
(352) 873-7456 or email Tracie Wiggins at twiggins@hospiceofmarion.com

PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW



Shores Assembly of God is once again selling Cheese cakes and other desserts during the holiday season.

To download a menu, just send us an e-mail to Shoresag@hotmail.com with "Cheese Cake" on the subject line and we will know what to do.

You can also call (352) 687-0190 to place your order or just reply to the e-mail we send you and we will be glad to make you a fresh cheese cake or other dessert.

REALIZING RECOVERY



Are you actively in recovery for substance abuse and have successfully completed a substance abuse treatment center program?

Do you need aftercare counseling?

We are a DCF licensed program and offer outpatient counseling at **NO COST** to our clients. We help clients develop and use coping skills, deal with obstacles to ongoing recovery and assist clients in realizing their best potential.

Case management is available as needed.

For more information, contact Kevin Grinnell, ILC, 111 NE 12th Ave, Ocala, FL 34470. Office: (352) 277-1131.



SSVF-Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Assist qualifying **veterans** and their families with:

- Rapid re-housing, for the literally homeless
 - We assist veterans with case management, budget counseling, job searching, finding housing, security deposits, utility deposits, rent, and become stable in their new home
- Prevention services, for those at imminent risk of losing their housing
 - We assist with case management, budget counseling, job searching, rental and utility arrears, and returning to a stable home environment
- For more information contact:

Casey Boone| Program Specialist |352-260-1374| cboone@voa-fla.org
Brenda Vazquez-Alvarez | Support Aide IV | 352-260-1226 | bvazquez-alvarez@voa-fla.org
Vinson Marsh| Support Aide IV | 352-414-8174 | vmarsh@voa-fla.org
Fax 352-390-8557

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Join the movement.

Sometimes first aid isn't a bandage, or CPR or calling 911. Sometimes, first aid is **YOU**.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Class

Date & Time

Friday, Nov. 15th 2019
9:00 am. to 5:00 pm.

Location

Ocala Police Department
402 S. Pine Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471

Register on Eventbrite

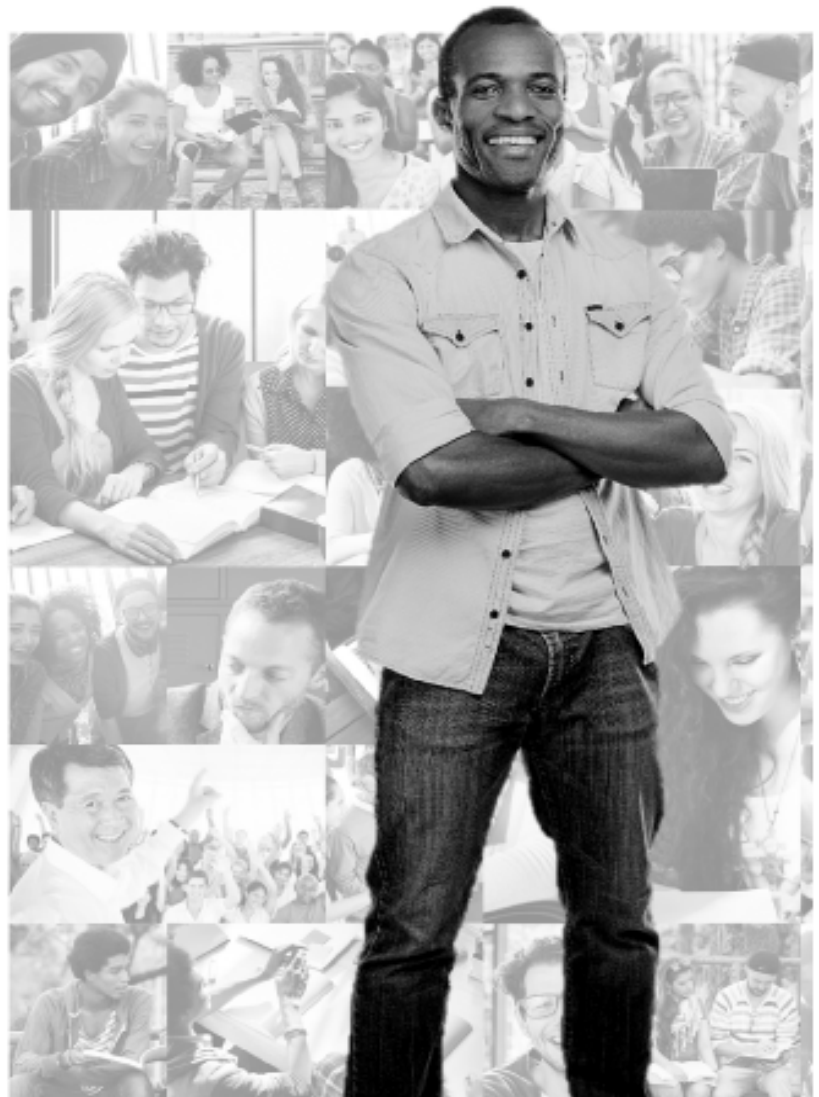
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-youth-mental-health-first-aid-tickets-74745554967>



For more information contact:
Nancy Castillo
Prevention Coordinator
(352) 438-5992 or
nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org

A young person you know could be experiencing a mental health or substance use problem. **Learn an action plan to help.**

Anyone 18 or older can take Youth Mental Health First Aid, but it is recommended for those who regularly have contact with young people ages 12-18 - teachers, coaches, social workers, faith leaders and other caring citizens.



**Take a course. Save a life.
Strengthen your community.**

For more information, visit
www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org

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2020

7th Annual



March 7 9-5pm

McPherson Complex 601 SE 25th Ave, Ocala FL

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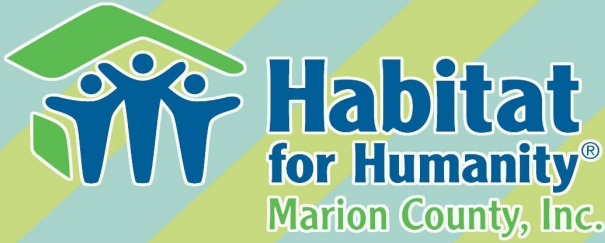
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FINAL NOTE

www.habitatocala.org/strawberry-festival





Upcoming Events



4th Annual Strawberry Jam 5K March 7th, 2020

Back for our 4th sweetest race ever! A deliciously sweet addition to the Annual Strawberry Festival. A 5K that winds through beautiful Ocala neighborhoods.

Visit www.habitatocala.org/strawberyjam5k



7th Annual Habitat Ocala Strawberry Festival March 7th, 2020

Be a part of this year's Festival which will feature live music, food/drinks, vendors, pet contest, car show, pie eating, kids zones, and strawberries!

Visit www.habitatocala.org/strawberry-festival



Missy King's Hookin' for Habitat Fishing Tournament March 14th, 2020

A Saltwater Fishing Tournament that will promote a healthy and friendly outdoor experience for the entire family with an added Youth Division this year.

Visit www.habitatocala.org/fishing-tournament

 For more info, visit www.habitatocala.org/events



Marion County Children's Alliance
3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475
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November is National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes and its impact on millions of Americans and increase awareness about the risk factors, symptoms and types of diabetes.

Tips to Help You Manage Your Diabetes:

- Commit to a healthier lifestyle. Discover ways that you can live a little healthier by reviewing your habits.
- Assemble a "sick day" kit. It pays to be ready for those days when your diabetes or some other illness gets you down.
- Create a small cookbook. There are restrictions on what people with diabetes can eat.



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- November 11** Family Violence Prevention
No Meeting 11 a.m. MCSO EOC
- November 13** Safe Kids
Wednesday 9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium
- November 18** CCASA
Monday noon, Ocala Police Dept.
- November 7** Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
Thursday 3:30 p.m. OPD Community Rm.

All meetings are open to the public.



Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving from the Alliance

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- November 6 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Jail Interim Building



Agency Spotlight:

Guy Mongello Chapter Director
War Horse Harley Owners Group,
Ocala, FL Chapter

Guest Speaker:

Craig Ackerman,
Operations Director
Florida Department of Health
in Marion County

"2019 Marion County Health Assessment"