



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

Volume 21, Issue 7 ~ July 2021

18th Annual

BACK TO SCHOOL

BASH

DRIVE THRU ONLY

**PARTICIPANTS CANNOT GET OUT OF THEIR CARS
NO WALK UPS ALLOWED!**

**Saturday, July 31, 2021 ~ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friends Recycling Center, 2350 N.W. 27th Ave.**

**FREE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES
PLUS A FREE MEAL FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

CHILDREN **MUST BE IN THE CAR TO RECEIVE
BACKPACK—NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**For more information, to donate supplies or sponsorship opportunities,
please call (352) 438-5993 or (352) 509-9279**

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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

Board of Directors

Mike Balken
Lori Boring
Bill Chambers
John Cooper
Pastor John Delcamp
Michael Greiner
Dr. Diane Gullett
Scott Hackmyer
Mark Lander
Adam Lombardo
Kevin McDonald
Jim McCune
Pamela Michell
Scot Quintel
Randy Reynolds
Brad Rogers
Vickie Sullivan
Sharron Washington
Sandra Wilson
Billy Woods
Carl Zalak

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

Staff

E-mail: mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

Executive Director Beth McCall executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org
Prevention Coordinator Nancy Castillo Nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org
Family Violence Prevention Coordinator .. Monica Bryant Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org
Supporting Kids, Involving Parents (S.K.I.P) Kelley Windham Kelley@mcchildrensalliance.org

Notice: The Children's Alliance informs readers of current events in the nonprofit and social service fields. Opinions expressed by the writers are not necessarily those of the Marion County Children's Alliance. Inclusion or exclusion of any agency does not imply either endorsement or disapproval by the Alliance. MCCA reserves the right to edit **ALL** submissions. Information should be e-mailed to Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org by the **FIRST** Friday of each month for the following months publication.



EARLY LEARNING HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL READINESS

The Early Learning Coalition has funding available for school readiness services for eligible families?



They are also accepting applications from parents for eligibility of their four-year-old children to attend the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program this summer (if child will be entering kindergarten in the fall and has not previously attended a VPK program) and accepting applications for children to attend the VPK program this fall.

Parents should visit www.elc-marion.org to learn more about available funding and other programs for their children.

SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



for Victims and
Survivors of
Domestic Violence
attending the 2021
Night of Hope
September 30, 2021



Choose from one of our themes (Personal Pampering, Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Board Game, A Night Out, Gardening, Summer Time, Scrap Book/Memories, Music, Healthy Living) or ***Choose Your Own*** or ***You Can Donate Items to Make a Basket.***

All baskets are given to survivors attending the event.

Baskets or supplies can be dropped off at the Alliance Office, located at 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL by **September 10, 2021.** Call **(352) 438-5993** for information, to sign up to sponsor a basket or to have a workgroup member pick up your basket or supplies.

THANK YOU IGNITE



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT



— EPISCOPAL —
**Children's
Services**

BELIEVE. ACHIEVE. SOAR.

Head Start is a free high quality school readiness program providing health, nutrition, disabilities, and family support services to those that qualify.

Head Start serves children ages three to five.

ABC Academy

Are you looking for a FREE high quality school readiness program?



**NOW
ENROLLING
3-5 YRS OLD!**

Apply Now!



www.ecs4kids.org

List of locations coming soon!



To request an interview, please call :

1.800.745.4836

1.352.816.8546



MEALS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS DURING THE SUMMER

The community can pick up meals at one of the 22 locations on a Monday between 9:00 am – 9:30 am.

The week of the July 4 Holiday, schools will distribute meals on Tuesday, July 6. Parents will receive ten meals per child, five breakfasts, and five lunches.

Parents or Guardians picking up meals without children must have documentation to verify their relationship to the child(ren) who will receive meals. Valid forms of identification include birth certificates, day care records, student identification or passport.

Marion County Public Schools Summer Food Service Operations June 7 - July 29, 2021		
Summer School Base Sites with Satellite Locations		
Base School	Community Curbside (Mondays 9:00 am - 9:30 am)	Satellite
Belleview Elementary (VPK)	X	Belleview Santos Elementary
Belleview High	X	Legacy Elementary
Belleview Middle		
College Park Elementary (VPK)	X	
Dr. N. H. Jones	X	
Dunnellon Elementary	X	Dunnellon High, Dunnellon Middle
East Marion Elementary	X	
Emerald Shores Elementary (VPK)	X	Lake Weir High
Forest High	X	Greenway Elementary, Marion Charter, Ocala YMCA
Ft. King Middle	X	Eighth Street Elementary , Osceola Middle, Wyomina Park Elementary
Ft. McCoy School	X	
Horizon Academy	X	Sunrise
Lake Weir Middle	X	Harbour View Elementary, Stanton Weirsdale Elementary
Liberty Middle	X	Hammett Bowen Elementary
Maplewood Elementary (VPK)	X	Hillcrest, Ward Highlands Elementary
Marion Oaks Elementary (VPK)	X	
North Marion Middle	X	North Marion High, Sparr Elementary
Oakcrest Elementary	X	Anthony Elementary
Ocala Springs		
Reddick-Collier Elementary (VPK)	X	Fessenden Elementary
Romeo Elementary	X	Boys and Girls Club (Dunnellon)
Saddlewood		
South Ocala Elementary	X	Shady Hill Elementary, Blessed Trinity
Thelma Parker Center		Madison Street Elementary, Croskey Ctr., Lillian Bryant, Boys and Girls (Ocala), PACE
Vanguard High	X	Howard Middle, Evergreen Elementary
West Port High	X	Ocala Brazilian JUI JITSU
Camp Kiwanis		

Curbside meals provided on the following dates: June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 6 (Tuesday), July 12, July 19, and July 26.



Grant Writing Tip

Differentiate yourself!

Anyone who has submitted more than one grant application has seen the rejection letter stating that they've "received hundreds of responses" but can only pick a certain number....and you're not one of them. It's disheartening. Make sure when introducing your organization and proposed program that you make a good case as to why you should be one of the fortunate ones to be selected. Make sure you cover these areas:

- ✓How is your organization different from other non-profits?
- ✓What sets you apart?
- ✓How many other organizations in your area are providing the same services? Is your organization's work unique?
- ✓Do you have a record of success?
- ✓How much community support does your organization have?

Focus on solutions, not problems. If you focus on problems, it may shake the funder's confidence in your ability to achieve positive results.

Gerry Brent. Grants Consultant, Free consultations for 501c3 organizations.

Please call, text or e-mail: (352) 236-0483 (mobile) or gerrybrent@hotmail.com



GET HELP TODAY!

ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE HAVING TROUBLE PAYING FOR YOUR RENT OR UTILITIES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

The United Way of Marion County COVID Assistance Program (CAP) can provide assistance toward rent or utility payments for eligible households.

Residents are encouraged to apply beginning April 1, 2021, and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds are required to be distributed by December 30, 2021.

Assistance is available for financial obligations incurred after March 2020*

VISIT UWMC.ORG/CAP

UNITED WAY OF MARION COUNTY | 1401 NE 2ND ST., OCALA, FL 34470 | PH: 352-732-9696 | WWW.UWMC.ORG #LIVEUNITED

CAP Qualifications:

-  Marion County Resident
-  At or below 80% of the average median income
-  Experienced hardship due to COVID-19
-  Valid form of ID
-  Apply online at www.uwmc.org/cap

Seeking access to a computer or assistance accessing the application? Call 2-1-1

2-1-1 CALL | TEXT | CHAT
Get Connected. Get Help.™ VISIT WWW.UWMC.ORG/211

Women & Men of Purpose & Destiny Incorporated presents...



For more information contact Chrissy Vickers (352) 304-3908 or authorchrissyvickers@outlook.com

Coming Soon!!!

~ AGENCY SPOTLIGHT ~

Kut Different, Inc.

3010 N.E. 14th St., Ocala, FL 34470



Executive Director: Jamie Gilmore, Jr.

Phone (352) 559-4997

Email: info@Kutdifferent.org

Website: Kutdifferent.org

Mission: To guide young men to own their greatness!

The program, which serves African-American males in grades fourth through eighth, provides Mentorship, Student Support and Youth Development.

Collaborative partners include A.B.B.A.M. (Ambitious Boys Becoming Men) but they are working on building more community partnerships.

Healthy Start can help you have a healthy pregnancy, baby and family!



Healthy Start is here to help you throughout your pregnancy and with your new baby. Our Home Visitors provide one-on-one support by phone, at home visits or another convenient location. The Healthy Start program is designed to meet YOUR needs. Learn about our free services and how you can enroll in Healthy Start.



Connect
877-678-9355

How to Enroll in Healthy Start

Healthcare providers are required by Florida law to offer the Healthy Start screen to all pregnant women on their first prenatal visit and to newborns at the hospital or birth center. If you are not offered the Healthy Start screen—ask for it! Pregnant women and parents/caregivers of an infant under age 3 can also call Connect to enroll by phone in the Healthy Start program.

Visit the Florida Healthy Start website for your county to learn more:

Healthy Start of North Central Florida
www.HealthyStartNCF.org

Counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Suwannee, Union

Central Healthy Start Florida
www.CentralHealthyStart.org

Counties: Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter



Follow us:



Sponsored by:



Administrative Office: 1785 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606
An Affiliate Partner of WellFlorida Council



EVERY BABY DESERVES A
Healthy Start

A home visiting program
for pregnant women and families with
infants and children up to age 3.

HOME VISITING

- Get one-on-one support in your home or another convenient location
- Count on a friendly advisor throughout your pregnancy and after your baby is born
- Access services that are designed to meet your unique needs

PRENATAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

- Understand changes to your body and emotions during pregnancy
- Learn what to expect during labor and delivery
- Get information on food, medicine and exercise that can help or harm you and baby
- Find out the warning signs for early delivery

BREASTFEEDING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

- Learn techniques for successful and enjoyable breastfeeding
- Get answers to your questions and concerns about breastfeeding
- Understand how breastfeeding benefits you and your baby

NEWBORN CARE

- Take care of your new baby
- Keep baby safe with the latest safety guidelines on sleep, car seats and more
- Learn about infant nutrition
- Understand the growth of your baby

PARENTING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

- Prepare for your baby to come home
- Track and support your baby's development
- Learn new ways to play and connect with your baby
- Become your baby's first teacher

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Plan for future pregnancies
- Make healthy lifestyle choices for you and your family
- Gain access to resources for your family
- Get support for feeling anxious, stressed or having the "Baby Blues"



KNOWS WHAT TO EXPECT



PARENTS POSITIVELY



QUIT SMOKING



Central Healthy Start
 Counties: Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter

Healthy Start of North Central Florida
 Counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Suwannee, Union

PROGRAM REFERRAL FORM

FAX THIS FORM TO 352-313-6513
 SEND ENCRYPTED EMAIL TO
 CONNECT@WELLFLORIDA.ORG
 WEBSITE: WWW.CONNECTNCF.ORG
 Call Connect: 877-678-9355

CLIENT INFORMATION

Client (select one) <input type="radio"/> Pregnant Woman Due Date _____ <input checked="" type="radio"/> Infant <input type="radio"/> Interconceptional Woman (ICC) (Woman who had a loss or removal of infant within last 18 months.)				Insurance Medical Insurance? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Medicaid ID # _____			
First Name		Last Name		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Gender (if infant)	
Physical Address				Apt	City	State	ZIP Code
Main Phone			Other Phone		Email		County
Preferred Language(s) <input type="radio"/> English <input type="radio"/> Spanish <input type="radio"/> Creole <input type="radio"/> Other _____			Race <input type="radio"/> Black/African-American <input type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Other _____		Ethnicity <input type="radio"/> Hispanic <input type="radio"/> Non-Hispanic		

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (IF CLIENT IS INFANT)

First Name		Last Name		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Relationship to Child	
------------	--	-----------	--	----------------------------	--	-----------------------	--

RISK FACTORS (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

Pregnant Woman <input type="radio"/> First pregnancy <input type="radio"/> Pregnant teen <input type="radio"/> Substance exposure <input type="radio"/> Tobacco use <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Other member of household <input type="radio"/> Pregnancy interval less than 18 months <input type="radio"/> Prior poor birth outcomes <input type="checkbox"/> Had a baby not born alive <input type="checkbox"/> Had a baby born more than 3 weeks before due date <input type="checkbox"/> Had a baby weighing less than 5 lbs, 8 oz	Infant <input type="radio"/> Low Birth Weight (less than 4 lbs, 7 oz) <input type="radio"/> Admitted to NICU <input type="radio"/> Father is not involved <input type="radio"/> Tobacco exposure <input type="radio"/> Substance exposure <input type="radio"/> Growth or developmental delay <input type="radio"/> Chronic illness or health problem ICC Woman <input type="radio"/> Child not in mother's guardianship <input type="radio"/> Pregnancy loss <input type="radio"/> Infant death <input type="radio"/> Child placed for adoption	Additional Concerns <input type="radio"/> Domestic violence (past or present) <input type="radio"/> Open dependency case <input type="radio"/> Mental health (or history of): depression / stress / anxiety / hopelessness <input type="radio"/> Other children under the age of 5 in the home <input type="radio"/> Death in immediate family or child death <input type="radio"/> Homeless or unstable housing <input type="radio"/> Lack of support <input type="radio"/> Incarcerated parent <input type="radio"/> Military family <input type="radio"/> Low family or student academic achievement <input type="radio"/> Teen parent
--	--	--

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

REFERRING AGENCY INFORMATION

The client has consented to share the information on this form with and be contacted by Connect. The client consents that information can be shared with collaborating agencies. The client understands that this information will be confidential.

Verbal Consent Obtained By (name)		Date
Referring Agency		Referring Person
Phone Number of Referring Agency	Fax Number of Referring Agency	Email Address of Referring Agency



Thursday, September 30, 2021

Night of Hope

Dinner • Music • Giveaways • Survivor Recognition • Vendors
Honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Rd., 34474

Keynote Speaker:
Wambui Bahati

- Professional Speaker
- Artist
- Actress
- Producer
- Author
- Playwrite



Tickets: \$35 per person
For tickets, to sponsor a survivor, donate a basket or support the event, go to <https://2021noh.eventbrite.com> or at the Children's Alliance office, 3482 N.W. 10th St. Ocala, 34475

*Free childcare for children 2 years old or older (potty trained). Call (352) 438-5993 to reserve a place.

Save \$5
with a combo registration

21ST ANNUAL BREAK THE SILENCE ON VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

Two Workshop Tracts: Domestic Violence and Substance Use



Featuring:
Wambui Bahati
One Act Play
"I Am Domestic Violence"



Keynote Speaker:
Lisa Jacques-Lynn
Dove Wellness & Counselling, LLC

Friday, October 1, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15 per person
Includes:
Continental Breakfast
CEU's available for \$15

Register at <https://2021btsconference.eventbrite.com>

College of Central Florida Klein Conference Center 3001 S.W. College Rd. Ocala, FL 34474



For more information, call (352) 438-5993 or go to: breakthesilenceonviolence.org

Conqueror Award Nomination Form

The Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup is pleased to present its annual Night of Hope on Thursday, September 30, 2021 honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence as well as advocates for the amazing work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the **2021 CONQUEROR AWARD** designed to recognize two outstanding survivors in our community that have overcome challenges and flourished despite their circumstances and we need your help!

If you work in the domestic violence field, are a community supporter or know someone who is, please nominate those individuals for this award.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Nominee must be a Survivor and resident of Marion County
- Nominee must be making a positive impact by speaking out against domestic violence
- Nominee must have made a positive change in their lives
- How the nominee's actions influenced attitudes, policies or practices in the field of domestic violence

Conqueror Awardees receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Night of Hope plus a makeover and highlights of their story will be shared at the event.

Nominee's Name: _____ # of years a survivor _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you willing to share your story at the Night of Hope? ____ yes or ____ no

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee? _____

Why do you believe this nominee should be nominated for this award?

Call Monica at **(352) 438-5993** for more information or a Nomination Form. Nominations can be mailed to Marion County Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 Attn: Monica Bryant. Forms can also be e-mailed to **Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**. Put Conqueror Nomination in the Subject Line. Deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, August 27, 2021** at 5 p.m.



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

How to Keep Kids Safe Around Fireworks

- 1** Attend public firework displays. Leave lighting fireworks to the professionals and watch from a safe distance away.
- 2** Give children glowsticks instead of sparklers. Sparklers can heat up to more than 1,200 degrees and are dangerous for young children.
- 3** Keep fireworks away from children. Make sure children stay are a safe distance away from a lit firework.

A GED OR COLLEGE EDUCATION ARE WITHIN REACH.



Get on track with CF's Educational Opportunity Center

The Educational Opportunity Center at the College of Central Florida provides a wide variety of educational services for first generation college students and veterans from Citrus, Levy and Marion counties. The EOC can help you build an educational foundation by uncovering what career field is best suited for you, set educational goals, and enroll in a General Education Development (GED) program, college, vocational, career-specific or private school. The EOC also helps with financial aid and money management.

See how the EOC at the College of Central Florida can work for you!

Learn more at CF.edu/EOC

TRIO
EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY CENTERS
A Federally Funded Program

OCALA: Keith Bracey, 352-854-2322, ext. 1369 (braceyk@cf.edu)

CITRUS: Mikel James, 352-854-2322, ext. 1903 (jamesm@cf.edu)

LEVY: Regina Darling, 352-658-4077, ext. 2108 (darlingr@cf.edu)

HAMPTON: Dejuan Mills, 352-854-2322, ext. 1801 (millsd@cf.edu)

IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE SPACE, YOU CAN HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS



While you may think that Santa Claus comes only once a year, he actually spends all year helping children in need. This includes children living in poverty, crime victims, disaster survivors, hospitalized, terminally ill, or the child of a serviceman or woman.

Kiefer Realty has partnered up with the Believe in Santa Foundation www.BelieveInSanta.com to help Santa raise money for them throughout the year.

One of the hardest things for a non-profit organization is asking for money.

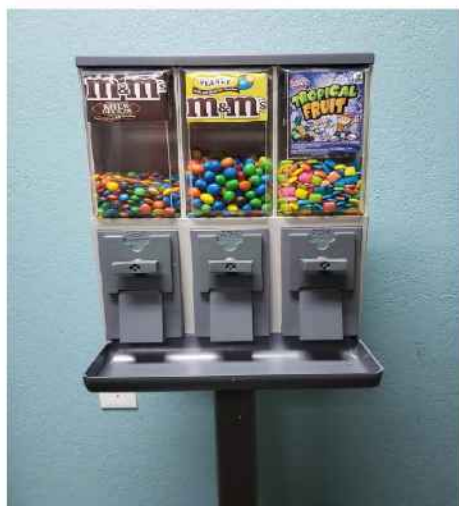
While Santa still needs monetary support, we have an opportunity to place small vending machines around town as a silent fundraiser.

These small candy machines take up just a small amount of space in your place of business and help support a great cause. The machines are monitored and serviced frequently.

If you are willing to donate a little space for a great cause, please let us know and we will get one right out to you.

Contact Scott Kiefer at 352-812-3645

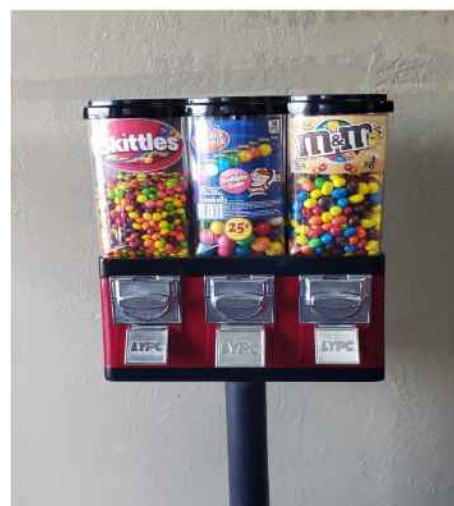
Monetary donations are accepted at <https://believeinsanta.com/support-us>



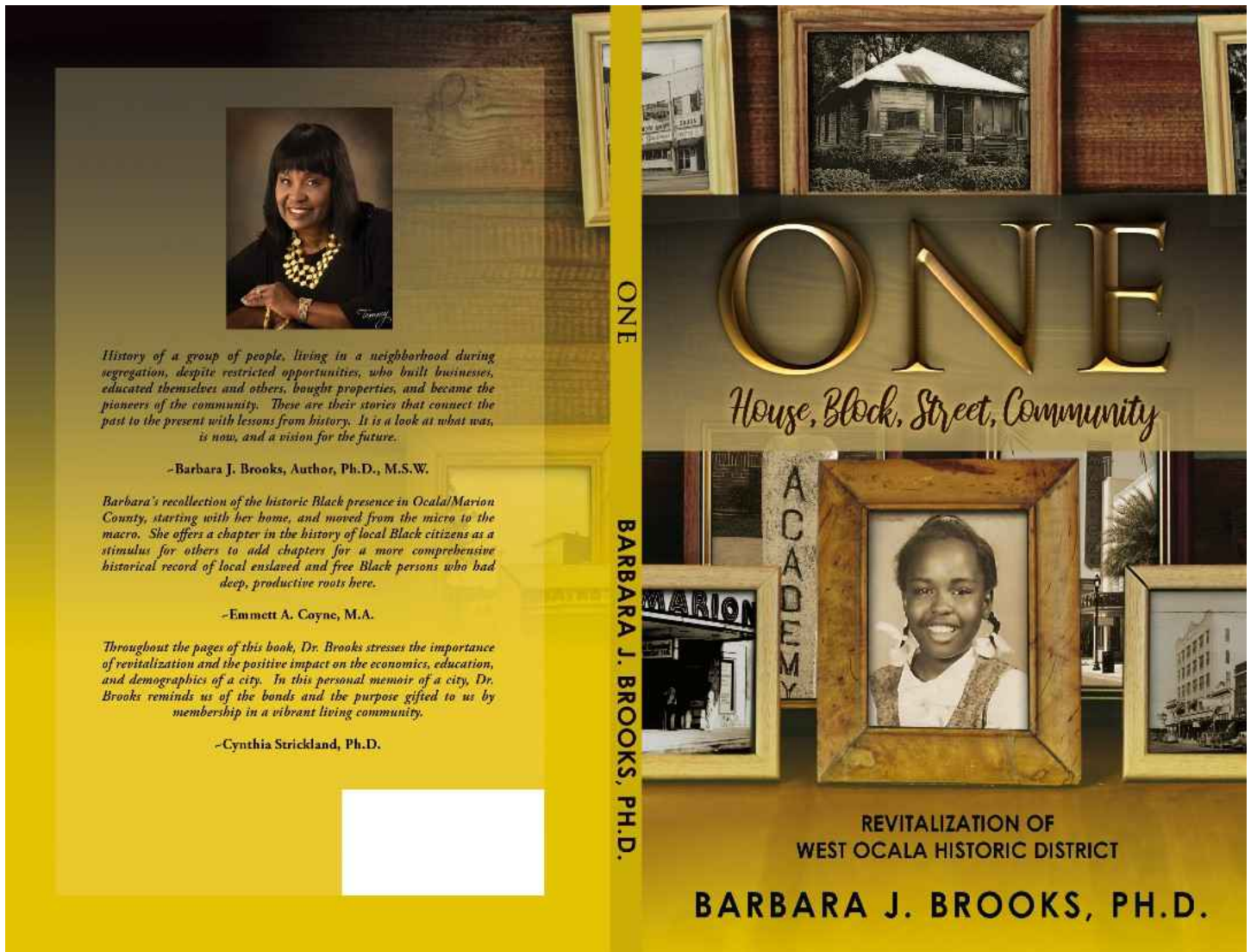
**A PERFECT WAY TO SUPPORT
THE BELIEVE IN SANTA
FOUNDATION**

**ONE OF THESE SMALL VENDING
MACHINES CAN BE PLACED AT
YOUR LOCATION.**

**PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO
HELP CHILDREN IN NEED
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**



FUNDRAISER FOR R.A.M.A.L EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



History of a group of people, living in a neighborhood during segregation, despite restricted opportunities, who built businesses, educated themselves and others, bought properties, and became the pioneers of the community. These are their stories that connect the past to the present with lessons from history. It is a look at what was, is now, and a vision for the future.

-Barbara J. Brooks, Author, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Barbara's recollection of the historic Black presence in Ocala/Marion County, starting with her home, and moved from the micro to the macro. She offers a chapter in the history of local Black citizens as a stimulus for others to add chapters for a more comprehensive historical record of local enslaved and free Black persons who had deep, productive roots here.

-Emmett A. Coyne, M.A.

Throughout the pages of this book, Dr. Brooks stresses the importance of revitalization and the positive impact on the economics, education, and demographics of a city. In this personal memoir of a city, Dr. Brooks reminds us of the bonds and the purpose gifted to us by membership in a vibrant living community.

-Cynthia Strickland, Ph.D.

Barbara Brooks, CEO of R.A.M.A.L. Educational Services, recently published a book detailing the history of a group of people living in a neighborhood during segregation, despite restricted opportunities, who built businesses, educated themselves and others, bought properties and became leaders of the community. The stories in the book connects the past to the present with lessons from history, and is a look at what was, is now and a vision for the future.

R.A.M.A.L., which stands for Reach, Aim, Motivate and Lead educational services is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization that advocates social services for people seeking employment, better health, senior services, affordable housing, tutoring and assistance applying for local, state and federal services.

By purchasing a copy of the book you will not only learn of the history and growing pains of West Ocala, but you will be supporting the educational and social services offered by R.A.M.A.L. that will carry our community into the future.

The book is FREE with a \$20 or more donation. To order a copy or make a donation, go to www.ramalservices.org.



SAFE NEEDLE EXCHANGE

**INTERFAITH EMERGENCY SERVICES
(BACKSIDE OF CLINIC)
108 N. PINE AVE.
OCALA, FL 34475
352-415-4616**



"THE BEAUTY IS IN WATCHING THE TRANSFORMATION"

- MICHELLE PEPIN, FOUNDER

**EXCHANGES ARE HELD EVERY:
TUESDAY 9AM-2PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM-2PM
THURSDAY 11AM-3PM**



ANONYMITY

RESPECT

COMPASSION

SERVICES PROVIDED

- *EXCHANGE USED POINTS FOR NEW ONES
- *SAFE INJECTION SUPPLIES
- *WOUND CARE SUPPLIES
- *RISK REDUCTION COUNSELING
- *SAFER SEX SUPPLIES
- *REFERRALS TO MEDICAL CARE, STD TESTING & TREATMENT, MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT
- *NALOXONE(NARCAN) DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE
- *FENTYNAL TEST STRIPS
- *RECOVERY GROUPS OFFERED



We do not condone drug use and would 100% prefer for people to choose recovery, but the sad truth is that it never happens like that. We are meeting the community where they are at and loving them until THEY initiate the next step.



RETURNING CITIZENS RESTORE YOUR VOTING RIGHTS.

**COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES OF MID-FLORIDA
CAN HELP YOU RESTORE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.**



Meet one on one with a pro bono lawyer



Determine your eligibility to vote



Get your questions answered in real time



Understand your next steps

To see if you qualify, please complete our intake form here: <http://bit.ly/rightsrestore>



COMMUNITY
LEGAL SERVICES
of MID-FLORIDA





Virtual Edition.
Open to the community

Promoting mental health and wellness to build a healthy and thriving community

Lunch & Learn

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91012021001>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Invest in your mental health

This month's guest speaker:

Scott Swanstrom, MHAT Project Coordinator,
LSF Health Systems

Understanding Veterans: A Cultural Competency of Heroes

How do we give back to those who have lived a lifestyle of self-sacrifice for the benefit of others? If we are equipped to assist veterans and their families with an understanding of their culture and mindset, we can make a profound impact regarding their mental health needs. We know that 20 Veterans take their lives every day in the US. We also know there are over 150,000 Veterans in Northeast Florida alone. When we can offer help, we offer hope.

AUGUST 3, 2021 @ 12 NOON • ZOOM

SAVE THE DATE

4TH ANNUAL



Ocala **Recovery Fest**

IT'S TIME TO

**CELEBRATE
RECOVERY!**

**REMEMBER
THOSE
WE
LOST**

**Take
PREVENTATIVE**

ACTION!

4th Annual Recovery Fest Sept. 11, 2021

Join us at Tuscawilla Park

To celebrate recovery and increase awareness for those struggling with mental or substance use disorders.

Listen to great music, taste local food share your story and learn about services available to help recovery.



Various businesses and healthcare vendors from the community will also be offering services on site.

Businesses or individuals looking to get involved or sponsor
The 4th Annual Recovery Fest,
Please contact Nancy Castillo at (352) 438-5992
or nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org

SUMMER BREAK SPOT

at Marion County Public Library System

Enjoy this summer USDA food program at your public library in partnership with Shores Assembly of God. Hot meals are served to children ages 1-18 via curbside pickup service. Guardians must present children's IDs or have the children in the car.

Mondays, 5-6 p.m.

Reddick Public Library

Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m.

*Belleview Public Library &
Fort McCoy Public Library*

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

Freedom Public Library

Fridays, 5-6 p.m.

*Forest Public Library &
Marion Oaks Public Library*

June 1 - Aug. 6



I Survived Domestic Violence, You Can Too!

The Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup is looking for Domestic Violence Survivors to feature on our Facebook Page ([Breakthesilenceonviolence.org](https://www.facebook.com/BreaktheSilenceOnViolence.org)) during the Month of October for our "I Survived Domestic Violence and You Can Too!" awareness campaign.



If you are a survivor and would like to be featured in October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to encourage other victims and survivors and let them know they are not alone, please complete the form below with the information requested and return on or before the deadline.

Please print clearly

Survivor's Name: _____

How long did you stay in the abusive relationship? _____

of years a survivor _____

Occupation: _____

Quote: (Something that helped you, words of wisdom or something you learned)

Please include email a photograph of yourself in Jpeg or Pdf format

For more information or to have a form emailed to you, send email to **Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**

Forms can be submitted via e-mail or mailed to Marion County Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 Attn: Monica Bryant

Deadline to submit form is September 1, 2021 at 5 p.m.



Marion County Children's Alliance

3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Ph: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994

E-mail: mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

We Celebrate Independence Day in the Month of July



The Fourth of July - also known as Independence Day or July 4th - has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by

Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. Source: [History of the Fourth of July - Brief History & Early Celebrations](#)

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- July 12**
Monday
Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- July 14**
Wednesday
Safe Kids Marion
9 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- July 19**
Monday
CCASA
Noon
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- July 27**
Tuesday
SEN
9 a.m.
OPD Community Room
- July 1**
Thursday
Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m.
OPD Community Room

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES



**NO MEETING IN JULY
SEE YOU ON AUGUST 4, 2021**

Connect With Us, log on to

Mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org
to view the Calendar to see what's going on in our community; to sign up to receive a free copy of this newsletter or to join a workgroup.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

