

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Please Join Us at the

ANNUAL VENDOR FAIR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022
11:30A TO 1:00P
MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Discover resources and network with over 40 community partners

FREE lunch while supplies last

Would you like to be a vendor at this year's fair? Register using the link below or Scan the QR Code!

> Deadline for Vendors is November 22, 2022. Space is limited - first come, first served.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCCAVendorFair22

No phone registrations accepted.

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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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 ~

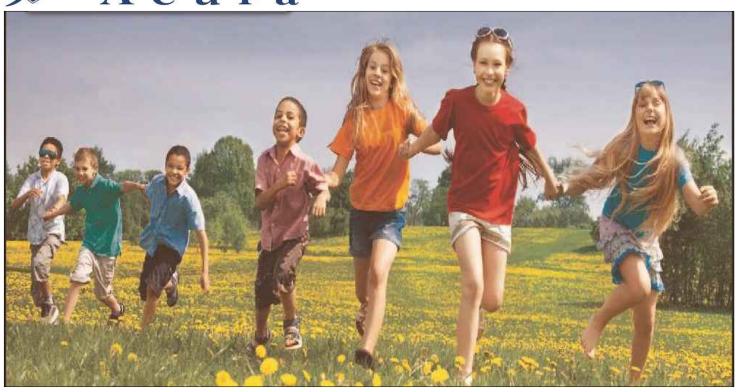
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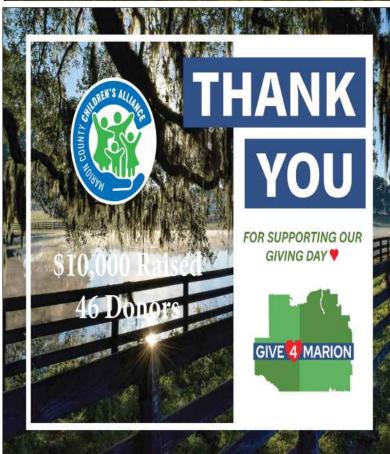
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Proud Supporter of the Marion County Children's Alliance









"Do the good that presents itself to be done."

- St. Vincent DePaul

PSALM 107:1

OH HOLY NIGHT!

2022 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 12 and under 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 10 through Friday, December 2*

Mon. & Fri. 9am -11:30am <u>and</u> Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am-2:30pm *Cut-Off for Thanksgiving food applications is Fri. November 11

Who's Eligible: THANKSGIVING FOOD & CHRISTMAS FOOD: Families with at least

one child under the age of 18 residing in Marion County.

CHRISTMAS <u>TOYS</u>: Families with at least one child **12** and under living in one of the following zip codes

34470, 34475, 34477, 34478, 34479, 34481, and 34482

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 (if eligible)

Pick-Up Dates/Times: Thanksgiving: Tuesday, November 15 from 9:00am-4:00pm

Christmas: Tues., Dec. 13 or Wed., Dec. 14 from 9am-4pm

*Clients will be assigned a pick-up time/day

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) 622-3846

THRIFT STORE
320 NW 10th St., Ocala

20 NW 10th St., Oca (352) 732-7988 SOUP KITCHEN

435 NW 2nd St., Ocala (352) 789-8139 MAIL TO 5 SE 17th St., Ocala, FL 34471



OUR MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON





Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the MCSO Multi-purpose Room
3300 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Agency Spotlight

Lena Hopkins, Secretary, CWAH Board of Directors "Community With a Heart Application Process"

Guest Speaker:

R.J. Jenkins, Executive Director, Marion County Literacy Council

To learn more about the Children's Alliance visit our website at **www.mcchildrensalliance.org**



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

Drive Thru Community Thanksgiving Lunch

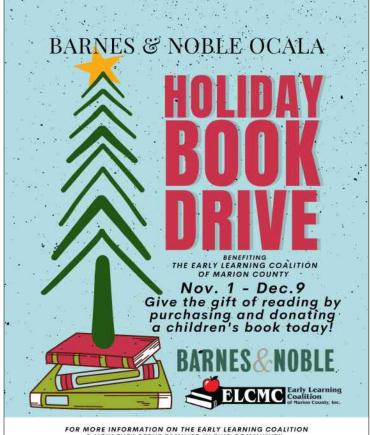
with Turkey and all the trimmings!

Saturday, November 5, 2022, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470



For information, please call Rose at (352)361-5044





FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION & HOW THEY SERVE FAMILIES IN THIS COMMUNITY, PLEASE VISIT WWW.ELC-MARION.ORG.





PARENT PARTNERSHIP FALL INTO LEARNING



WHEN November 12, 2022 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



WHERE

West Port High School 3733 SW 80th Ave., Ocala, 34481

FEATURING

Sessions targeting families of Kindergarten through 12thgrade students such as:

- Math, Reading and Science Curriculum, Support & Resources
- Social-Emotional Resources
- District and Community Resource Tables



Limited transportation to the event is available for adults and their children **5 years or older**.

VISIT <u>HTTPS://WWW.MARIONSCHOOLS.NET/DOMAIN/23555</u> FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PRE-REGISTER.

~An Equal Opportunity School District~



MCPS PARENT PARTNERSHIP

is a collaboration of schools, departments, and community organizations providing families opportunities to assist their child(ren) with strategies to be used at home and to link families with community resources.

DETAILS

The event will begin at 9 a.m. with the welcome presentation. Participants are encouraged to attend our presentations and browse our tables to view district and community resources.

OUR GOAL

Cultivate a strong family, community, and school partnership.



HOWARD ACADEMY COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENTS

2022 . - ******

HARVEST LUNCHEON

We need you and your generous support of the wonderful programs and opportunities we have here at Howard Academy for our community.

We cordially invite you to join us on

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 11:30 am

Howard Academy Community Center 306 NW 7TH AVENUE OCALA, FLORIDA 34475

Come see all of the wonderful opportunities available here at the center and see how you can assist us. We will be serving a FREE LUNCH for all who attend!

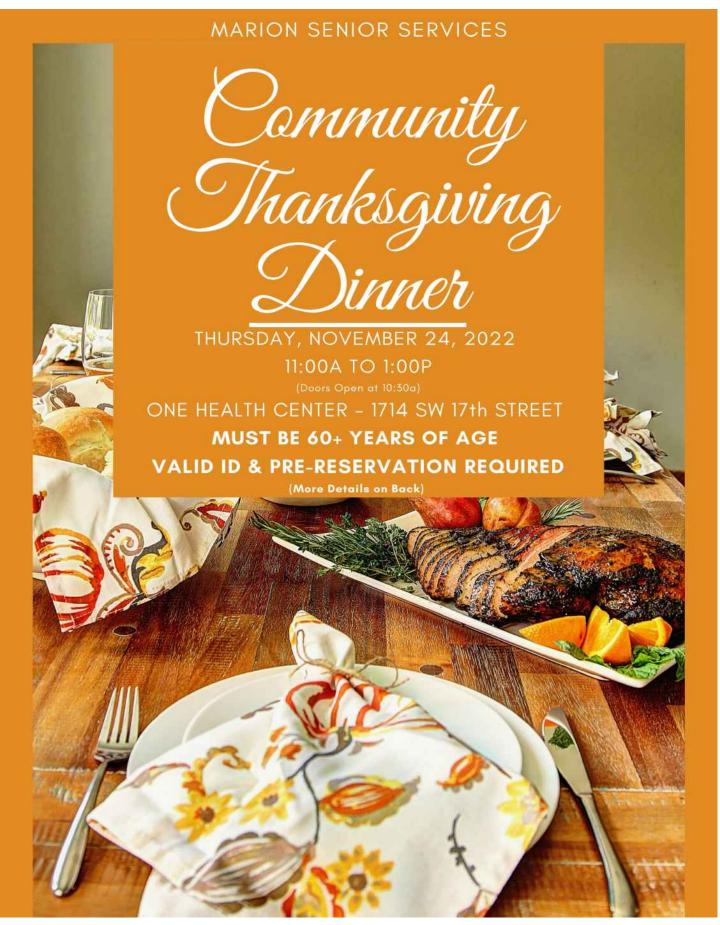
Registration available at Eventbrite





For more information or to donate toys, contact Monica Bryant at (352) 438-5993 or Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org





"At Marion Senior Services, we get to serve some of the best seniors in the community; work with the most dedicated team of staff and volunteers; and are generously supported by our partners, donors, and sponsors year-round. We have lots to be thankful for, and this year we could not think of a better way to express our gratitude than with a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Our mission is to serve the larger community of seniors by reaching out to those who live alone and/or are isolated during the holiday, to provide a hot nutritious meal, in a safe environment, created for good food, good fun, and good fellowship."

Who Can Attend?

Seniors that are age 60+ (ID is Required)

Are Reservations Required? **Yes!** Reservations are required for all attendees. Call MSS main office at 352-620-3501, prior to **November 15th** for reservations.

Will Transportation be Provided?

No transportation is provided for this event.

Additional Questions?

Please contact

Marion Senior Services 352-620-3501

Thank You to Our Sponsors







Marion Senior Services is funded through the State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs; Florida Department of Children & Families Services; Florida Department of Transportation; Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; United Way of Marion County; Marion County Commissioners; Community Support; & Client Contributions.

Don't get Wrapped up in the Holiday Stress

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

Friday, December 9 through Saturday, December 24, 2022 available during holiday hours at the Paddock Mall Gift wrapping Booth located near Starbucks Coffee.

Bring any unwrapped gifts to the Mall and our volunteers will wrap them for you. We provide everything needed i.e wrapping paper, bows and gift tags!

~ Volunteers Needed ~

Must be at least 18 years or older **and** have previous experience wrapping gifts.

Pick the days and hours you want to volunteer. Groups welcome!

For information or a volunteer form, call (352) 438-5993 or email

Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org

All proceeds benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence

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Gift Wrapping Booth located near Starbucks Coffee

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Volunteer Gift Wrapping Form

(Please Print Clearly)

* Required I	nformation		
*Name:			
*Address:			
City:	Stat	te: Zip:	
*Phone: (1	or - Cell: ()	
*E-mail:			
Please list do	ates and times you want to volunte	r 9 through December 24, 2022 eer:to	
Date	Time	to	

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

Fax completed forms to **(352) 438-5994**, or e-mail to **monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**. For more information, available times and dates, call **(352) 438-5993**.



FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 18
@ 6:00 PM





FOOD **6** AUCTIONS **P** RAFFLES

SUPPORTING INTERFAITH'S FOOD PANTRY THE NEED IS GREAT, BUT OUR COMMUNITY IS GREATER!

Join Interfaith for a night of great food, music and fun.

AUCTION & RAFFLE ITEMS

Kayaks • TVs • Weekend Getaways Theme Park Tickets • AND MORE!

Shop early for Christmas for unique and special items.

THANK YOU TO SPECIAL SPONSORS:





Music By
WARREN
MCCULLOUGH

Advance Tickets \$35 • At the Event \$40

Purchase Tickets Online @ eventbrite

(Search Bids and Bites)

or the Center For Life, 108 N Pine, Ocala, FL 34475

Corporate Sponsorships: \$500 & \$250

Contact Sonya for more information (352) 644-9202 or Sonya@iesmarion.org

Proceeds Benefitting





The 2022 Paychecks for Patriots Job Fair connects veterans and their spouses to veteran-friendly businesses interested in hiring *now*. This event is open exclusively to US veterans, active services members, and their families.



Thursday, Nov. 10 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

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

REGISTER TODAY:

tinyurl.com/P4Pjobfair

NEED HELP? CALL: 800-434-5627, EXT. 2225



CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids/services are available upon request to persons with disabilities and in Spanish. Phone numbers may be reached using TTY/TDD equipment via Florida Relay at 711. For accommodations, call 800-434-5627, ext. 7878. Programs funded by CareerSource CLM as grantee of the U.S. Department of Labor as part of awards totaling \$8.2 million, revised annually, with no funds from non-governmental sources. A proud partner of the American Job Center network and member of CareerSource Florida.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ? ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

Love to read? Enjoy working with children? Become a ReadingPal! The United Way of Marion County's ReadingPals program has served the children of Marion County since 2012. The students that are served, have been identified as needing additional literacy support. Some of the children served, do not know their alphabet or basic social skills like sitting still when being read to.

Help to instill that joy of reading in kindergarten students with just your investment of one hour on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Volunteers read a book, selected by the school district, that has questions in the back to guide your conversation. There are also vocabulary words that can be used as a seek a word game. Every child that has a ReadingPal will be given a book each week for their home library. This extends the classroom into the home setting as the person who reads to the student will have the focused questions to ask. Just imagine the smile on the student's face when they read their first sentence! Help bring that smile to the kindergarten children of Marion County.

The process to become a ReadingPal is easy. Attend a workshop and pass a background screening. There is no cost to the volunteer for the background screening. Here is a recent video that will give you some insight into the program.

https://youtu.be/T2JT9BLSTAw.

For additional information please contact Jan Hathaway at **jhathaway@uwmc.org** or at (352) 732-9696 x212.



THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION IS HIRING

POSITION: Client Services Counselor: Quality II – Professional Development, Quality Improvement and

Technical Assistance

DEPARTMENT: Programs

REPORTS TO: Quality Coordinator II

Wage & Hour Status: Non-Exempt / Full-Time

Date: July 2022 **Pay Grade:** 110

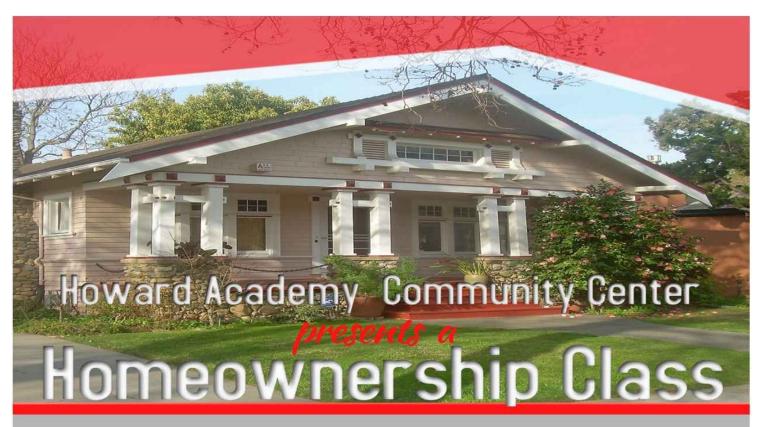
Salary Range: \$18.01 – \$21.25 / Hour

PURPOSE: To provide training, technical assistance, assessment, and monitoring services to School Readiness providers in School Readiness (SR) and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) classrooms/care areas to promote high quality early learning

opportunities for children.

For a list of primary duties and responsibilities and other job openings visit **www.elc-marion.org.**





You will get information on the following:

-Down payment and closing cost assistance

-Questions to ask an inspector

> -The importance of an appraisal

Understanding contracts and much more! This class will give you the information you need to become a educated homeowner. You will also recieve your first time homebuyers certificate to be used when you purchase your home. This class is best attended by a person who has been pre-qualified for a mortgage.

When?

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Where?

Howard Academy Community Center 306 N.W. 7th Ave - Ocala, FL 34475

Time?

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information, call (352) 671-4175







Sponsor For Good Concert for Good Tis ALWAYS the Season

\$2,000

- † Concert tickets: 12
- † Pick a song from the set list to be presented by you.(first come first served).
- † Your choice of four merch items.
- † Logo on screen at The Marion.
- † Shout-out from the emcee at Concert for Good

All sponsors' logos/names

will appear on all collateral including on any tickets donated to those in need of sponsored tickets in order to attend. \$1,000

- † Concert tickets: 8
- † Pick a song from the set list to be presented by you (first come first served).
- † Logo on screen at The Marion.
- † Shout-out from the emcee at Concert for Good.

\$500

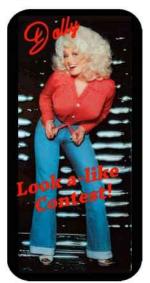
- † Concert tickets: 4
- † Logo on screen at The Marion





STIRRUPS 'N STRIDES PRESENTS





GET TICKETS: stirrrupsnstrides.com/events

EARLY BIRD 4PM Gilley's Saloon, Line Dance Class, Bull Rides & Silent Auction opens!

EVENT 5-9PM Country Dancin', 2 Steppin', Line Dancin' to Urban Cowboy Era music, Mojo Catering Specialty Beer & Wine, Drawings & Raffles, Silent Auction, Dolly Diva's & more!! A GREAT NIGHT OUT!







Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization. Tax ID#20-5935626. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS Guidelines.



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ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

November 9 Safe Kids Marion

Wednesday 9 a.m.

Florida Dept. of Health

Monday

November 14 Family Violence Prevention

11 a.m.

(Zoom Meeting)

November 21 CCASA

Wednesday Noon

(Zoom Meeting)

November 22 Substance Exposed Newborns

Tuesday

9 a.m.

OPD Community Room

December 7 Alliance Meeting (Vendor Fair)

Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

MCSO Multi-purpose Room

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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

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

November 2 Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

MCSO Multi-purpose Room



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"Community With a Heart Application Process"

Guest Speaker:

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