



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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SPRING FLING

CORNHOLE FUNDRAISER

MARCH 25, 2023

GREEN GAITS

7029 FL-40, Ocala, FL 34482

Registration at 10am
Bags Fly at 11am

Payouts
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

\$25 per player
\$50 per Team

Organized by
OMCHC and
Ocala Cornhole Crew
Sponsorships Available
Competitive &
Backyard Divisions

Title Sponsor:



PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BE THE
Marion County Children's Alliance

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Raffle prizes and sponsors still needed. See Page 7 for details.

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 ~

Barrett, Liner & Company; 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 Department of Health in Marion County; Friends Recycling, LLC; Jenkins Auto Group; Kids Central, Inc.; Macy's; Marion County Board of County Commissioners; Marion County Hospital District; Marion County Public Schools; Marion County Sheriff's Office; Ocala Police Department; Paddock Mall; Palmer Family Foundation; Radiology Associates of Ocala; Renasant Bank; Signature Brands; Tri-Eagle Sales; United Way of Marion

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Thank You

Caleb and Luke Lombardo for your

\$10,000 gift

to the Marion County Children's

Alliance through Concert for Good. Your dedication

and contribution will help us continue our mission of

"Improving the Lives of Marion County Children."

HAVANA

Nights

—KIDS CENTRAL CASINO NIGHT—

MARCH 3 • 2023

WORLD EQUESTRIAN
CENTER • 7PM

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of cool casino action benefiting abused and neglected children in our community! Tickets are regularly priced \$75. Get a spectacular discount rate of Two tickets for \$125.

Please contact Maureen Quinlan at 352.387.3411 to learn more about the event, or become a sponsor.



- Featuring Craps, Blackjack Roulette, a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, and Slot-Style Games!
- Use your winnings to bid on fabulous prizes!
- Hors d'oeuvres will be served.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

KIDS CENTRAL, INC.®
Building Better Lives

Kids Central, Inc. is a community-based care lead agency contracted with the Department of Children and Families.

OUR MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON



Join Us!

for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at the MCSO Multi-purpose Room
3300 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Agency Spotlight:

**John Podkomorski, Executive Director
NAMI**

**Guest Speaker:
Kayla Palacios,
North central Florida Executive Director**



UPCOMING EVENTS

9th Annual Habitat Ocala Strawberry Festival

March 4th, 2023



Fun for the entire family. Strawberry Festival will feature live music & entertainment, over 200 vendors, car show, pie eating contest, kids area, food court, and lots of strawberries.



4th Annual Missy King's Hookin for Habitat Fishing tournament

May 21, 2023

A fun, Saltwater Fishing Tournament that will promote a healthy and friendly outdoor experience for the entire family. There will be a Youth Division for two age groups to encourage our future leaders to stay & play outdoors, and learn about the ecosystem.

Become a sponsor, a vendor or attend the
upcoming Habitat events

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT HABITATOCALA.ORG/EVENTS



Title Sponsor - \$2,500 (1 available)

- Customized Set of Boards and Bags with Company Logo
- Customized Boards Used for Championship Round
- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Vendor Booth Available (Must Provide Own Tent)
- Signage Throughout the Event
- Recognition on Awards
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Up to Four Teams (8 Players) Entrance Into Tournament
- Logo on Tournament Brackets And Score Cards
- Access Into VIP Room
- Printed Representation on Swag Bags
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up To 160 Players)

Gold Sponsor - \$500 (10 available)

- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Vendor Booth Available (Must Provide Own Tent)
- Designated Signage at One Sponsored Board
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up To 160 Players)
- Two Teams (4 Players) Entrance Into Tournament
- Access to VIP Room

Silver Sponsor - \$250 (10 available)

- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Designated Signage at One Sponsored Board
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up to 160 Players)
- One Team (2 Players) Entrance Into Tournament

VIP Room Sponsor - \$1000 (1 available)

- Exclusive Company Branding Throughout VIP Room
- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Signage Throughout the Event
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up to 160 Players)
- Sponsor Remarks Opportunity During the Event
- Opportunity to Staff Employees within VIP Room

Beer Garden Sponsor - \$750 (1 available)

- Provide Branded Koozie or Cups
- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Vendor Booth Available (Must Provide Own Tent)
- Designated Signage at One Sponsored Board
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up To 160 Players)
- Two Teams (4 Players) Entrance Into Tournament
- Access to VIP Room

Custom Board Add On - \$400

For an additional \$400 custom boards and bags representing your company can be made. The custom boards as well as the signage will represent your sponsored lane. The deadline to order is February 21st.

For more information on sponsorships, email tready@dillonmediagroup.com.

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER



To donate prizes for the raffle, call Monica at (352) 438-5993

Please join us
for the College of Central Florida's
**ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
BUILDING**



Ribbon Cutting

Friday, March 3 | 10:30 a.m.
College of Central Florida Ocala Campus
Allied Health Sciences Building



Please Join Us!!!

CASINO *Night*



March 10, 2023 | 7PM - 10PM

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
3600 SW 38th Ave OCALA, FL

KUT DIFFERENT, INC CHARITY EVENT

Live Casino · Drinks · Food
Dessert · Live Entertainment

For more info: (410) 253-9963

Buy Tickets at:

www.eventbrite.com/e/kut-different-inc-go-all-in-casino-night-tickets-526723242397



PRESENTS

FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAIRCUTS

KIDS 17 & UNDER

MARCH 19TH 1:30PM-4:30PM

**Location: Greater New Hope Church
Senior Pastor Bishop James David Stockton III
484 Emerald Rd Ocala, FL 34472**

For more information
GNH C.D.C
Community Outreach
Director
Bishop Al B Sermon
352-687-1130



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ELCMC

OPEN
HOUSE

Thursday, March 16
5 - 7 p.m.

2300 SW 17th Road, Ocala

YOU ARE INVITED

Tour the ELCMC office and learn how the
Early Learning Coalition is
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MARION COUNTY

- Meet our new CEO, Carrie Theall
- Win awesome door prizes

This **FREE** event is the perfect opportunity to network with
community leaders and business professionals

Refreshments provided

For more information, visit ELC-Marion.org/get-involved/OpenHouse



YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US

for the 5th Annual
Marion County Children's Alliance

Children First Gala



Table Sponsorships and
Individual Tickets Available
Scan the QR to purchase!



Country Club of Ocala
Thursday, April 13, 2023
Gala begins at 6:00 PM
Cocktail Attire Recommended

Dinner will be served
Cash Bar Available

Dr. Mike Jordan Award of Excellence & Vision Award Nomination Form

This award will be awarded annually to a Marion County Organization that is doing outstanding work for and with the children of Marion County.

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email: _____

Nominator Phone #: _____

Organization to be nominated: _____

Organization Address: _____

Executive Director / CEO: _____

Year Established: _____

Organization Mission: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe why this organization should receive the Dr. Mike Jordan Award of Excellence. Information must not exceed one page.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS BY 5:00 P.M. April 3, 2023.

Awards will be presented on April 13, 2023, at the Children's First Gala at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Club of Ocala.

EMAIL TO: executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org

OR MAIL TO: Marion County Children's Alliance

PO Box 3862

Ocala, FL 34478

OR DROP OFF AT: 3482 NW 10th St



MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER CAMP!

MarionSchools.net

~ An Equal Opportunity School District ~



March 8th, 2023
4:00-6:00pm

Join Marion County Public Schools for our inaugural Career Camp as you prepare to apply to various positions within our District! Career Camp will offer you the opportunity to participate in Application Assistance, a Mock Interview, and a Resume Review. These skills will not only help you leave Career Camp prepared to join our team, but will also provide the benefit of leaving the event "Camp Certified," which will be shared with our leadership team as they make hiring decisions for the 2022-2023 School Year!

Three Locations

- **Marion Oaks Elementary**
280 Marion Oaks Trail, Ocala
- **Legacy Elementary**
8496 Juniper Rd., Ocala
- **Howard Academy**
306 NW 7th Ave, Ocala



Scan to RSVP or email
nora.choquette@marion.k12.fl.us

ABOUT THE CAREER CAMP SESSIONS!

Application Assistance

Career Camp participants will have the opportunity to begin their application for employment. Team members will be on site to assist. The creation of a Career Camp application will allow for a more streamlined process as you apply for careers in the future and/or when you attend our MCPS Career Fair at the World Equestrian Center on April 15th, 2023.

Mock Interview

Career Camp participants will have the opportunity to prepare for an interview with MCPS leadership and/or at the MCPS Career Fair at the World Equestrian Center on April 15th, 2023 by participating in Mock Interviews and preparing their 60-90 second "Elevator Pitch." What's an Elevator Pitch? It's a summary to describe why YOU are the best candidate for the job!

Resume Review

In partnership with Career Source, Career Camp participants will have the opportunity to review their resumes, update resumes, and obtain individualized assistance from Career Source to ensure their resumes are up-to-date and include well-rounded, informative information related to past job experiences and future career aspirations.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I have to attend the MCPS Career Fair if I attend this event?**
No, you do not have to attend the MCPS Career Fair; however, MCPS Career Camp will help prepare you for success at the Career Fair, should you decide to attend.
- **Will I have the opportunity to participate in all three sessions?**
Yes, the sessions will be offered in a rotation, which will give you the opportunity to participate in all three sessions.
- **When is the MCPS Career Fair and what positions will be available at the Career Fair?** The MCPS Career Fair will be held on April 15, 2023 at the World Equestrian Center, Expo 2, from 9:00am-12:00pm. MCPS will hire: teachers, paraprofessionals, clerical, bus drivers, custodians, food service workers, and various other positions at the Career Fair.
- **Who should register for this event?**
Anyone interested in joining the MCPS team!



Leave "Camp Certified"

What's Camp Certified? Candidates who participate in our Career Camp will leave "Camp Certified." The list of Camp Certified candidates will be distributed to hiring authorities as a way to recognize your dedication to preparing for our Career Fair.



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There's a more affordable way to attend your dream university: Start at the College of Central Florida!

Earn an Associate in Arts degree at CF with **credits guaranteed to transfer** to a top Florida university like FAMU, UCF, UF Online or USF.

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Presents

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT EVENT

Howard Academy Community Center
306 NW 7th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475

Saturday, April 29, 2023

(9:30 Registration) 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LEARN HOW TO: Take Steps to Own a Home, Improve Credit Score, Connect with Financial Institutions, Leave a Financial Legacy, Talk to Your Children about Saving, Connect with Community Resources

Vendors | Food | Prizes (1) \$250 Basket

This is a FREE EVENT!



Contact: Barbara J. Brooks, Ph.D.
(352) 875-4237 • www.ramalservices.org

SPONSORSHIP/VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN ADMINISTRATORS' COUNCIL PRESENTS



Come Jazz with Me!

SPONSORED BY:

The African-American Administrators' Council

**SATURDAY
MARCH 25th
7PM-11PM**

Mary Sue Rich
Community Center at
Reed Place
1812 N.W. 21st Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34475

Featuring **LIVE JAZZ BAND**



Refreshments & Hors D'oeuvres Provided - \$50 DONATION

For tickets or more information please call: Ronald Jones at (352) 895-1429

A promotional poster for the 2023 Superman Awards. At the top, a person in a white shirt is pulling it open to reveal a blue superhero chest. The background features a sunset over a city skyline. Two large gold trophies are positioned on either side of the central text. The text is set against a blue and red background with a white brushstroke effect.

WOMEN AND MEN OF PURPOSE & DESTINY INCORPORATED PRESENTS

2023 SUPERMAN AWARDS

COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA OCALA CAMPUS
SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRISSY VICKERS (352) 304-3908 OR AUTHORCHRISSYVICKERS@OUTLOOK.COM
WRITE TO CHRISSY VICKERS

A poster for the 2023 International Women's Day Celebration. The background is a grey and white houndstooth pattern. On the left is a red ribbon with a silver buckle. On the right is a red and purple silhouette of a woman's head with flowing hair. At the bottom right is a red handbag and a pair of red high-heeled shoes. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, purple, and black.

Save the date!

2023 International Women's Day Celebration

Honoring Marion County's
WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
11:30am-1pm
at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center
1812 NW 21st Ave, Ocala
Luncheon and Celebration \$25

For information and tickets:
IWD2023ocala.eventbrite.com

Come run with the Bulls!!! Have fun learning the game of football, becoming disciplined, and getting developed to take your game to the NEXT LEVEL. Decades of experience from youth, high school, and college is what your child has to look forward to as part of the Ocala Bulls 352 Football & Cheer.

Online registration for Football and Cheer ages 4 -14 is now live! Limited spots are available per age group. For more information, visit our website, www.ocalabulls352.com, or email ocalabulls352@gmail.com.

www.ocalabulls352.com



- Discount for multi-registrant households
- \$75 off All former players of Bulls Coaches
- 50% discount if a parent is a member of coaching or cheerleading staff

Flag

Football (5U)

\$120

Tackle

Football 6U-14U

\$200

Cheerleading

6U-14U

\$250

Tribute to the Women of Song

CONCERT BENEFITING PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS
THURSDAY, MARCH 2 AT THE MARION THEATRE

Doors at 6 PM | Show at 7 PM | Tickets \$35



THIS CONCERT FEATURES AN ALL-STAR LINEUP OF LOCAL MUSICIANS JOINED BY VOLTRON COLLECTIVE. PERFORMANCES WILL FEATURE DECADES OF INSPIRATIONAL HITS, BY FEMALE ARTISTS SUCH AS:

NO DOUBT
NINA SIMONE
TINA TURNER
BONNIE RAIT
JEWEL
AND MORE!

For tickets and more information visit www.mariontheatre.org. All ticket proceeds benefit Pace Marion.

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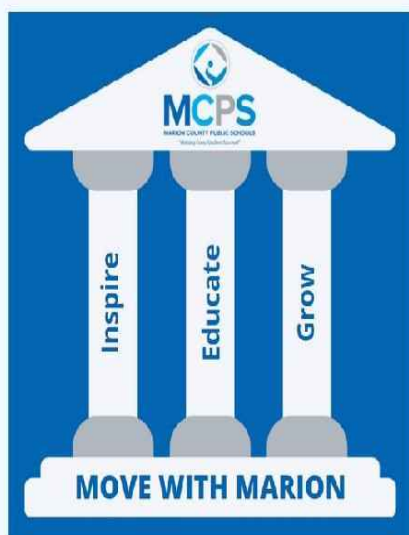
SAVE THE DATE!

Marion County Public Schools *Annual Career Fair!*

When: Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Where: World Equestrian Center, Expo Center 2

More information to follow as we approach the event



The Talent Management Team is
excited to announce our
Annual Career Fair!

Please mark your calendars and join us
in hiring various positions to fill our
vacancies and positively impact
student success!



REGISTER NOW!!

KCRACE.COM



**APRIL
29
2023**



**CREATE A
GROUP OR
COMPANY
TEAM
FOR THE RACE!***

Ina A. Colen Academy | 66 Ct Rd SW | Ocala | 34474

7 AM REGISTRATION & PACKET PICK UP

8 AM RACE | WALK STARTS

**\$30 PER ADULT | \$10 PER KID
(UNDER 10)
\$35 REGISTRATION DAY OF**



SCAN HERE



SHIRTS GUARANTEED TO THE FIRST 250 PEOPLE WHO REGISTER.
***AN AWARD WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GROUP WITH THE LARGEST PARTICIPATION
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO MAKE A
DONATION, PLEASE VISIT KIMBERLYSCENTER.ORG**



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WE'RE MOVING OUR MEETING!

*The Marion County Children's Alliance
 "April 5, 2023" Monthly Meeting will be held at
 the Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place,
 1812 N.W. 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475*

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- March 8** Safe Kids Marion
Wednesday 9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health
- March 13** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
Zoom Meeting
- March 20** CCASA
Monday Noon
- March 28** Substance Exposed Newborns
Tuesday 9 a.m.
OPD Community Room

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- March 1 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
MCSO Multi-purpose Room



Agency Spotlight:

**John Podkomorski,
 Executive Director
 NAMI**

**Guest Speaker:
 Kayla Palacios,
 North central Florida
 Executive Director**

**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.
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