



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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SAVE THE DATE!

HOSTED BY:



ARRIVE EARLY!
FREE SNACKS AND ACTIVITIES PRE-SHOW!

Red Ribbon Kick Off

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023

Join Us for a
FREE movie night
to Kick Off
Red Ribbon Week
in Marion County!

Ocala Drive In
4850 S. Pine Ave
Gates Open at 5:30
Movies Start at Dusk

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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IF YOU ARE IN NEED
— CALL THE —

**FLORIDA
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
HOTLINE**

1-800-500-1119

(Hotline Open 24/7)



Marion County
**SEXUAL ASSAULT
SERVICES**

FREE SERVICES AT A GLANCE

- Individual Counseling & Therapy
- 24/7 Crisis Intervention & Helpline
- Assistance with Injunctions for Protection
- Resources and Referrals
- SANE Program

24/7 HOTLINE :
352-633-5563

**VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**

www.havenlakesumter.org

:txt-a-tip|

See something? Say something! Text keyword "Marion" to:

352-900-3161

Sometimes doing the right thing is hard.
We're here to help.

Marion County's Anonymous Tip Line for Teens

Marion County's anonymous youth tip hotline available 24/7 for reporting illegal activity or concerning behaviors such as:

- Theft
- Abuse
- Bullying
- Drug sales/use
- Underage drinking
- Emotional concerns
- Concerns about the safety of friends or others



SCAN ME



Provided To The
Community By:





Join Us!

for the next

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

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

Mary Sue Rich Community
Center at Reed Place

1812 N.W. 21st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475

Guest Speakers:

Sandra Harmon
JUSTSERVE

Bob Haight
CEO, United Way of Marion County
Alice Report ~ 211 ~ Investment in Families and Children

To learn more about the Children's Alliance
visit our website at <https://mcchildrensalliance.org>

WEAR YOUR WINGS 5K RUN/WALK

All Proceeds Benefit Victims and
Survivors of Domestic Violence

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Race Starts and Ends at the **College of Central Florida**
3001 SW College Rd., Ocala, FL 34474

(Park in the Dassance Fine Arts (Building 4) parking area)
Meet by the Bell Tower for Start

Register Now:

<http://wearyourwings5k.itsyourrace.com/>

7 AM REGISTRATION AND PACKET PICK UP
8 AM RACE | WALK STARTS



Early Registration

\$30 per adult

\$10 per child (under 10)



Day of Registration

\$35

Group Rate: **\$25** for groups of 10 or more
Call (352) 438-5990 for team discount code



-an equal opportunity college-

SHIRTS & FINISHER MEDALS GUARANTEED TO THE FIRST 250 REGISTERANTS

AWARDS: FIRST PLACE OVERALL MALE/FEMALE
AND TOP 3 FINISHERS IN EACH AGE GROUP MALE/FEMALE



or Scan QR Code to register

For sponsorship opportunities or to make a donation
to support the event, call Valerie at (352) 438-5990.



THERE'S STILL TIME TO SUPPORT



WEAR YOUR WINGS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

*Sponsored by MCCA's Family Violence Prevention Workgroup
in partnership with the College of Central Florida*

2023 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 14, 2023 ~ Walk starts and ends at the College of Central Florida

~ HOPE SPONSOR: \$1,500

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 6 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K Race Entries
- ✓ 5 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by September 18, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **HOPE** Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms and in Alliance monthly newsletter

~ LOVE SPONSOR: \$1,000

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 4 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ 3 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by September 18, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **LOVE** Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms and in Alliance monthly newsletter

~ PEACE SPONSOR: \$750

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 3 complimentary Wear Your Wings Domestic Violence T-shirts
- ✓ 2 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by September 18, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **PEACE** Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms

~ JOY SPONSOR: \$500

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 2 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by September 18, to attend)
- ✓ 2 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **JOY** Sponsor
- ✓ Acknowledgement of your support on social media platforms

~ FVP WORKGROUP COMMUNITY PARTNER: \$250

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 1 complimentary ticket to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by September 18, to attend)
- ✓ 1 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ Acknowledgement of your support on social media platforms

~ UNABLE TO SPONSOR, PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____

Scan QR Code
to pay online.



OCTOBER FUN!



BRING SOME CANDY
OR FAVORITE SNACK OR
TOY FOR **OCTOBER FUN!**
This occurs on October 24-
28; on your riding days-wear
your costume! and maybe
bring one for the horse too!

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

Friends of Hillcrest Therapeutic Riding Present

A Trip Back in Time...

A Fundraising Event

Supporting Stirrups 'n Strides at the Hillcrest School

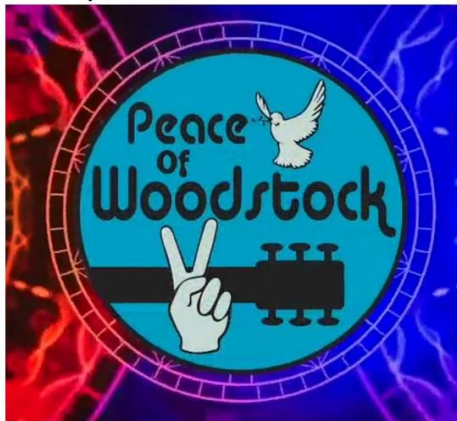
SATURDAY October 14, 2023 / 4:30-9 PM

THE LODGE AT CANDLER HILLS

Enjoy a BYOB Social Hour and Silent Auction at 4:30PM

Dinner catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill at 5:00PM

Featuring a Live Performance By



Peace of Woodstock is a show paying tribute to 1969 music and Woodstock the famous three-day festival of Peace, Music, Love, and Fun.

The Therapeutic Riding Program at the Hillcrest School Ocala provides horseback riding for children and young adults with physical, mental and emotional challenges.



A BYOB Event

Wear your favorite 1969 hippie outfit



Tickets \$50.00 per person
For more information or to buy tickets contact:
Renee Garcia
(727) 278-1610

LIVE & silent auction

Dozens of + Raffle Baskets





Strategic Community Alliance presents

Gentiva Ocala Diwali Celebration

November 19, 2023 from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm
Citizens' Circle, Downtown Ocala

**Indian cultural performances • Indian food • Indian handicrafts
Henna art • Wear a Saree • Indian Fashion Show • Indian Trivia Quiz
Cross-Cultural Fun Family Event to Share and Learn**

Free Event! Everyone is Invited!



We Thank Our Proud Sponsors:



For more information or to volunteer : www.scacommunities.org

Email: shenimeghani@yahoo.com Phone: 267.575.1227

Kut Different, Inc. is our local partnering nonprofit organization.



MARION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS
5TH ANNUAL

Carnival

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN  FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, October 7

5-9p.m.

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
222 NE Jacksonville Rd., Ocala

GAMES - CANDY - GIVEAWAYS
MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS -
FAMILY FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT
HAUNTED MAZE

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE DONATION FOR
BRING THE HARVEST HOME
TO BE ENTERED TO WIN A PRIZE



parks.marionfl.org | 352-671-8560

Marion
County
FLORIDA
PARKS & RECREATION

GET FIT FOR A GREAT CAUSE
ZUMBATHON



*In Honor of Breast Cancer
Awareness Month*

OCTOBER 21, 2023

1 PM - 4 PM

PADDOCK MALL

3100 SW College Rd

Ocala, FL 34474

Proceeds raised from the events go to Florida Breast Cancer Foundation For Cure to be used in a global research grant for prevention and awareness.

**HEALTH, FITNESS
NUTRITION
PREVENTIVE CARE &
EDUCATION**

\$15 IN ADVANCE

\$20 AT DOOR

**SURVIVORS
DISCOUNT**

getinformationfitness@gmail.com



**TOO YOUR
HEALTH
SPA
FITNESS CENTERS**



Contact:

352-999-1971 for info.

**FLORIDA
BREAST
CANCER
FOUNDATION**
Saving Lives



Smoothscape Tractor Service



How Can Your Community Join the Anti-Trafficking Movement?

What restorative programs are available for survivors at Created Gainesville?

Stabilization - Rehabilitation - Development - Empowerment



Human Trafficking Awareness

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3010 NE 14TH ST., OCALA, FL. 34470

HOSTED BY LOU JAMES
REGISTER NAME, PHONE, EMAIL TO LOU@COLOMBIM.COM.

Sex Trafficking, is it happening here?

Warning Signs & Tips for Helping.

Thursday
October 5

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Doors open at 5:30pm for coffee and lattes

Speaker



Alison Ungaro
Founder & Executive Director



For More Information: www.createdgainesville.com   

Prevention - Intervention - Restoration - Awareness

OCALA ARTS FESTIVAL



"ROSE WITH HIROSHIGE" BY FEATURED ARTIST DENNIS ANGEL



56TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL
FAFO.ORG
 FINE ARTS FOR OCALA

PRESENTING SPONSOR



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 ■ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
 10 AM - 5 PM ■ DOWNTOWN OCALA

STEARNS SPEAKER SERIES

ChatGPT



Presented by

CORINNE HOISINGTON

Professor of Information Systems Technology at
Central Virginia Community College

AI IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE

Career, Creativity, Productivity

As we better understand the implications of artificial intelligence for education and work, continued conversations are needed about how to ethically use this tool to enhance productivity and creativity. We'll discuss the latest information on ChatGPT and AI art generators and how automation changes the classroom and workplace.

Register at CF.edu/Stearns

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Stearns Learning Resources Center

College of Central Florida

3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala



COLLEGE of
CENTRAL
FLORIDA





Join us on October 21, at 10 a.m. at the Ocala Police Department Headquarters, 402 S. Pine Ave. in Ocala for the 5th annual Cops & Cars car and truck show that benefits the Chief Greg Graham Legacy Foundation.

This family-friendly event is sponsored by Gary Yeomans Ford and will be a fun-filled day for everyone! Bring your loved ones and enjoy an impressive display of classic and modern cars, delicious food trucks, vendors, music, and more.

If you would like to show your car, pre-register before October 13 for \$15. After that it's \$25. Please bring cash and the registration form to OPD Headquarters.

FREE admission to spectators!



COFFEE
WITH A COP



Coffee



**3595 West Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34475 from 8:30 - 10:30 AM**

Wed., October 4th

830 AM - 1030 AM



PSI CHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY AND FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH
FOUNDATION
PRESENTS

CELEBRATION OF UNITY & ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS BANQUET



NOVEMBER 11, 2023
6-9PM

HARVEY KLEIN CENTER
3001 SW COLLEGE RD, OCALA,
FL 34474

ATTIRE: SEMI-FORMAL

\$50



SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

Volunteer lawyers will meet individually with you to determine whether you are eligible to seal or expunge your criminal records. If you are eligible, the volunteer lawyer will fill out the forms with you.

To participate in the clinic, your criminal case must have occurred in Marion County, Florida.

If you qualify for sealing or expungement, you may be responsible for a \$75 application fee.

Not all records can be sealed or expunged.

Walk-ins welcome.
Priority given to pre-registered clients

**OCTOBER 6TH, 2023
11:00AM - 2:00PM**

**MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE
110 NW 1ST AVE,
OCALA, FL 34475**

Register at:
bit.ly/3qil2Aa

or by calling:
(321) 270- 7711

**SCAN ME TO
REGISTER:**



Gift of Christmas Toy Drive

All donations benefit the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup's annual Gift of Christmas Toy Drive

ALL AGES

BUT WE ALWAYS HAVE A HUGE NEED FOR ITEMS FOR OUR TEENS

EXAMPLES ARE:

CD PLAYERS
CAMERAS
MP3 PLAYERS
TABLETS
MAKE UP SETS
PURSES
PERFUME SETS
WALLETS
WATCHES
(Boys and Girls)
FOOTBALLS
BASKETBALLS
BOARD GAMES



**TOY
DRIVE**

Thank You for helping make Christmas special for families in our community!
We Appreciate Your Support



Sponsored by:



Deadline for donations is Friday, December 8, 2023

For more information or to donate toys, contact Valerie at (352) 438-5990 or email Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org

Gift cards or monetary donations can be mailed to MCCA, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475



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



December 8 – December 24, 2023
during holiday hours at the Paddock Mall

100% of the proceeds provide resources and services
to victims and survivors of Domestic Violence.

* All Volunteers **MUST** have experience wrapping
gifts **AND** be at least 18 years old to participate.

Volunteer Gift Wrapping Form

(Please Print Clearly)

* Required Information

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

*E-mail: _____

Volunteers Needed December 8 through December 24, 2023

Please list dates 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 are depending
on you to show up on the days and hours **YOU** sign up to wrap gifts.

Fax completed forms to **(352) 438-5994**, or to **monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**.

For more information, available times and dates, call Valerie at **(352) 438-5990**.



THE POWER OF LOCAL 

PEOPLE PAWS & PONIES

**NOV. 4
2023**

OCALA
CITIZENS CIRCLE
151 SE OSCEOLA AVE,
OCALA, FL 34471

REGISTRATION: 8AM
WALK STARTS: 9AM



**WALK FOR
EPILEPSY**
DOG & PONY AWARDS
WALKER PRIZES

MUSIC
**FAMILY-FRIENDLY
ACTIVITIES**
**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**
& MORE



REGISTER TODAY



scan or visit

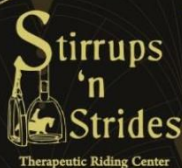
walkthetalkfl.org

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT: giving@eafla.org**



EpilepsyAFLA

STIRRUPS 'N' STRIDES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER PRESENTS



BOOTLEGGERS



JACKPOTS



December 2^{*} 2023



Saturday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Reserved Table
Sponsorships Available



SPEAKEASY LOCATION:
MARY SUE RICH
COMMUNITY CENTER
1821 NW 21ST AVE,
OCALA, FL 34475

Tickets \$100
suggested donation
Call 352-427-3569

NO PASSWORD NO PARTY!
DON'T TELL NOBODY!!!



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



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ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- October 9** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
Zoom Meeting
- October 11** Safe Kids Marion
Wednesday 9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health
- October 16** Community Council Against
Monday Substance Abuse (CCASA)
Noon
Zoom Meeting
- October 16** Teen Gun Violence Prevention
Monday 6 p.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center

Next Marion County Children's Alliance Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 11:30 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place

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

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- October 4 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place



Guest Speakers:

Sandra Harmon
JUSTSERVE

Bob Haight
CEO, United Way of Marion County
Alice Report ~ 211 ~ Investment
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