



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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OCALA RECOVERY FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, TAKE ACTION

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Saturday,
September 14th

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at Tuscawilla Park.

Thanks to the
generosity of our
sponsors
EVERYTHING IS FREE!

Visit this link for
Sponsor and
Exhibitor
Opportunities:



Don't miss the
presentation of the Annual
Recovery Champion
Award!

EXHIBITOR BOOTHS
RECOVERY RESOURCES
FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS ZONE
SWAG AND GIVEAWAYS

[HTTPS://MCCHILDRENSALLIANCE.NETWORKFORGOOD.COM/
EVENTS/73661-7TH-ANNUAL-OCALA-RECOVERY-FESTIVAL](https://mcchildrensalliance.networkforgood.com/events/73661-7th-annual-ocala-recovery-festival)

Event Details: Tuscawilla Park
500 NE 9th Street Ocala, FL 34470
have questions? email us at mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

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.; 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; Radiology Associates of Ocala; Renasant Bank; Signature Brands; Tri-Eagle Sales; United Way of Marion County

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We need you!

Howard Academy is in need of Mentors for our Dare 2 B Great Girls Mentoring Program. If you have a passion for working with teenage girls and would like to be the change in their lives, join us on

Thursday, September 5th
5:30pm to 6:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there!



For more information, contact our office at:
(352) 671-4175

Howard Academy Community Center



Join Us!
for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Sponsored by Jenkins Auto Group

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

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

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

Agency Spotlight:

Leigh-Ann Vidal

Co-Founder/Executive Director
Refuge of Hope IL, Inc.

"Providing Homes for Youth who have
aged out of Foster Care

Guest Speaker:

Dawn Westgate, Executive Director
Kimberly's Center for Child Protection



**BROWN & BROWN
INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.
2024 BOWLING EVENT**



Marion County Children's Alliance



Enjoy 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental,
& appetizers.

For more information about Marion County
Children's Alliance

Visit: www.mcchildrensalliance.org

RSVP – Room for 40 Teams!

For entries please contact
Leslie Caswell at
Leslie.caswell@bbrown.com
Or 352-387-4227

September 19, 2024

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Bowlero East Ocala
3225 SE Maricamp Road,
Ocala, FL 34471

\$400 per team

6 Bowlers per team

3 Team Max

Can't Make the Event?
Sponsor the Raffle - \$200
or Donate a Gift



Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center

**HOSTS ITS 3RD QUARTER
TOWNHALL MEETING**

819 NW 7TH ST.
OCALA, FLORIDA
34475

COME OUT AND BE HEARD!

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER
21, 2024 AT THE MARY
SUE RICH COMMUNITY
CENTER AT REED
PLACE**

1821 NW 21st Ave.
Ocala, Florida 34475

10AM-1130AM
YOUR HEALTHCARE CONCERNS ARE OUR PRIORITY! STOP BY AND
SHARE THEM WITH THE TEAM. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.

WWW.EBWCHC.ORG
352*875*2226

AFTER SCHOOL VIRTUAL TUTORING AUG. 19 TO SEPT. 27

**NEED HELP IN
ELA OR MATH?
LOG IN AND TALK TO A TEACHER ONLINE!**

MCPS Online Tutoring
Monday through Thursday evenings

Log in to your MCPS Desktop and click on the
"Virtual Tutoring" icon. You'll be placed in line to
enter a TEAMS chat with an MCPS teacher
who can help.

Elementary tutors are available from 5-9 p.m.
Secondary ELA and Math tutors are available
from 6-10 p.m.

*This is a FREE service for MCPS Students
in 3rd to 12th Grade!*

MADE FOR TEACHERS PRESENTS THE...

Chat & Chew FALL EDITION

TEA PARTY

**SATURDAY
NOV. 9TH
1-3PM**

**A CELEBRATORY EVENT DESIGNED
TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE
HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF
OUR LOCAL EDUCATORS**

APPLETON MUSEUM
4333 E SILVER SPRINGS BLVD., OCALA, FL 34470

\$50.00 PER PERSON

TEACHERS ARE FREE

LIVE MUSIC-PRIZES-GAMES-HAT CONTEST-SWEET & SAVORY TREATS
EVENTBRITE: CHAT & CHEW FALL EDITION TEA PARTY

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MADE FOR TEACHERS GRANT PROGRAM.
AN EFFECTIVE TEACHER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

Volunteer ORIENTATION

Do you have a desire to be part
of a group who is working
together to make a difference in
the lives of others?

Come experience the magical
healing powers of the horse at
Stirrups n Strides!

Returning volunteers 8AM-12PM
New Volunteers 10AM-12PM
**Please arrive approx 15 min
early to complete paper work.**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
21, 2024**

Leading, side walking, grooming, farm
maintenance, fundraising, camps, horse shows,
office help, interns and more.

- No experience necessary, we will train you!
- We could always use a maintenance, grounds keeper.
- Come make a difference in someone's life #giveback

352-286-2519 | www.stirrupsnstrides.com | 4246 W HWY 318, Citra, FL

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE ~ PLEASE JOIN US

SAVE-THE-DATE

NIGHT OF HOPE

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Dinner ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Survivor Testimonies ~ Vendors

Keynote Speaker

Pastor Michael Neely
Senior Pastor of New Millennium
Community Church

~ Domestic Violence Survivor ~

Author of
“Black Eyes and Sweet Talk.”



Tickets:
\$40 per person

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

College of Central Florida,
3001 S.W. College Rd., Ocala

FREE Childcare for children 2 years old or older.
For information, sponsorship opportunities
or to purchase tickets, scan the QR Code
or call Valerie at (352) 438-5990.

Buy Tickets using the QR Code above or by visiting:
<https://bit.ly/NOH2024>

SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



at our
Annual Night of Hope
honoring victims
and survivors on
September 26, 2024



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 Theme**

Baskets or supplies can be dropped off at the
Alliance Office, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala , FL 34475

Deadline: **Friday, September 20, 2024.**



Scan the **QR Code** to purchase tickets to attend
the event or for Sponsorship Opportunities

Call Valerie at **(352) 438-5990** for more information.

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 26, 2024** honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence as well as advocates for the amazing work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the **2024 CONQUEROR AWARD** designed to recognize three outstanding survivors in our community that have overcome challenges and flourished despite their circumstances.

We need your help! If you work in the field of domestic violence, are a community supporter or know someone who is a survivor, 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 have made a positive change in their lives
- How the nominee’s actions have influenced attitudes, policies or practices in the field of domestic violence

Conqueror Awardees receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Night of Hope, a special gift and highlights of their story and recognition at the event.

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

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

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you willing to have part of your story shared 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 Valerie at **(352) 438-5990** 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 **Fvpinfo@mcchildrensalliance.org**. Put Conqueror Nomination in the Subject Line. Deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, September 6, 2024** at 5 p.m.

Safety Workshop



For Elder Awareness

September 25th, 2pm-3:30pm

Ocala Police Dept. Community Room



All are welcome to attend a free safety workshop on issues dealing with Scam Prevention, Dementia & Alzheimer's education and elder resources.



Topics Include:

- Scam Prevention- presented by: Elder Options Leslie Andrews
- Co responder team- Presented by: Dr. Kelley & Capt Hickman
- Dementia & Alzheimer's - Presented by: DJ Ryan
- Guardianship- Presented by: 5th District Public Guardian
- Programs & Services- Cindy Irving MCSO & Donna Guinn OPD

Please sign up through Eventbrite at the below link or call (352)369-7158 and ask to speak with a Victim Advocate.

[Safety Workshop for Elder Awareness](#)

REGISTRATION OPEN ~ RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Lunch-n-Learn

Monday, October 14, 2024

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

Ocala Police Department's Community Room
402 S. Pine Ave., Ocala, FL 34471



The Impact of Domestic Violence - How to Help!

The **FREE** workshop explores the Cycle of Violence, Lethality, Options, Local Services and How to Assess and Use Real Case Scenarios.

Guest Presenters:

*Donna Guinn, Ocala Police Department
and Michelle Green, CASA Marion*

~ Plus ~

A Community Panel

featuring local experts sharing their expertise!

Seating is limited. Lunch is provided.

R.S.V.P for lunch by September 30, 2024

For questions, call Val at **(352) 438-5990**.

To reserve a seat, e-mail your name to
fvpinfo@mcchildrensalliance.org.

*A confirmation will be sent.

Panelists Include:

Rachael Franklin,
Victim Services Director,
Office of State Attorney

Carlean Harris
IFP Project Attorney,
The Spring of Tampa Bay/
CASA Marion

Bishop Tanya Hanks
Senior Pastor,
Greater New Bethel MBC

Sgt. Erik Dice
Special Investigations -
Domestic Violence Unit
Commander, Marion
County Sheriff's Office

Darnitha Johnson
Domestic Violence
Survivor



Sponsored by:



**JOIN US AND HELP SUPPORT
VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Sponsors
Still Needed**



WEAR YOUR WINGS 5K RUN/WALK

Shirts and finisher medals guaranteed to first 250 registrants. First place overall male/female and top three finishers in each age group awarded. Proceeds benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence.



**College of Central Florida
Dassance Fine Arts Center**

3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala, FL 34474

**Runners Register
Here**

[https://bit.ly/
WearYourWings2024](https://bit.ly/WearYourWings2024)



Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024

7 a.m. registration and packet pick up
8 a.m. race/walk start

Register Now!

\$30 / adult early rate through September 25
\$10 / child early rate through September 25
\$35 / late registration Sept. 26 through Oct. 4

\$40 Day of Race Registration
Group Rates Available



To Sponsor or Donate:

[https://bit.ly/
2024WearYourWingsSponsor](https://bit.ly/2024WearYourWingsSponsor)



**For sponsorships, donations or race information,
contact Valerie at (352) 438-5990.**



WEAR YOUR WINGS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

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

2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 5, 2024 ~ 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. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, 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. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, 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. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, 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. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, 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. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ 1 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ Acknowledgement of your support on social media platforms

Scan QR Code
to pay online.



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

THANKS TO FLORIDA'S GREAT FINANCIAL STANDING,
GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE

BACK TO SCHOOL

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

JULY 29 - AUGUST 11, 2024 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TAX-FREE:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES SELLING FOR \$50 OR LESS, SUCH AS:

- Lunch boxes
- Notebooks
- Binders
- Pens & pencils

LEARNING AIDS SELLING FOR \$30 OR LESS, SUCH AS:

- Jigsaw puzzles
- Interactive books
- Other toys that teach math or reading skills

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SELLING FOR \$100 OR LESS, SUCH AS:

- Backpacks
- Skirts
- Pants
- Sweaters
- Shoes



PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES SELLING FOR \$1,500 OR LESS, SUCH AS:

- Personal computers
- Tablets
- Computer batteries
- Printers
- Headphones

GIRLS ON THE RISE FOUNDATION

1st ANNUAL GALA

Girls on the Rise



Take The Runway

FRIDAY, 18TH OF OCTOBER 2024
at six o'clock til nine o'clock in the evening

Formal Attire

DIAMONDZ AND PEARLZ EVENT CENTER
4875 SW 60TH Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34480

Purchase your gala tickets now!



Individual



or Table

Kingdom Revival Church
Women Walking on Purpose

Invites you to partner with us in our:
COMMUNITY RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS SCAVENGER HUNT

September 21 from 11am-1pm
Begin at- KRC: 3318 E Silver Spring Blvd
End at- Wolfys: 2159 E Silver Springs Blvd.

Join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP and
SPREADING LOVE AND KINDNESS

SIGN UP AT INFO DESK OR CALL
(352) 239-6248
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Send a gift

FREE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Certified Teachers for Grades 1st - 5th

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
FROM 4:30PM-5:30PM

HOWARD ACADEMY COMMUNITY CENTER
306 NW 7TH Ave, Ocala, FL 34475



Contact:
Dr Barbara J. Brooks
352-875-4237
www.ramalservices.org





R.A.M.A.L. Educational and Social Services, Inc.

presents

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP

Join our panel of experts to expand your knowledge and understanding of Dementia Caregiving



**Thursday
September 26, 2024**



9 to 11 am



**Hospice of Marion County, Inc.
3231 SW 34th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474**



**Call to register
352-875-4237**





FREE

Ocala-Marion Cty

Baby & Family EXPO

Sat, September 14th 10:00-2:00pm

- ✓ Programs & Resources • Giveaways • Free Activities
- ✓ Baby Bump Painting • Soft Play Zone • Balloon Twister
- ✓ Crafts • Ninja Obstacle Course • Dozens of Vendors
- ✓ Fun Classes & Demos • Games • Temporary Tattoos

Sponsored by



PRIORITY PEDIATRICS
EVELYN & RANZER

Please RSVP at bit.ly/OcalaFamily

PADDOCK MALL 3100 SW College Road
Ocala, FL 34474

To become a vendor, email Info@TouchofMagicalEvents.com

DIASPORA WHISPERS INC PRESENTS



Amara's Adventures

Book Signing Party

COME, MEET THE AUTHOR, RECEIVE A FREE SIGNED
BOOK FOR EACH FAMILY AND ENJOY GAMES
CRAFTS AND REFRESHMENTS.

 September 28th, 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MARY SUE RICH COMMUNITY CENTER AT REED PLACE

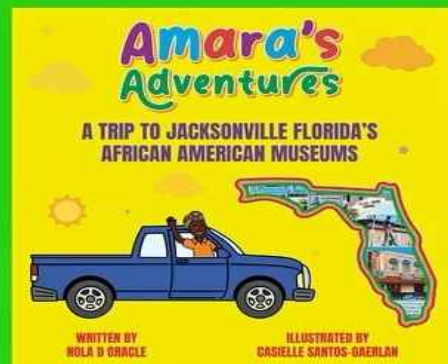
 1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475



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Books

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**NAMIWalks
Marion County**

**Sunday,
October 13, 9AM**

**Baseline Trailhead
Park
Ocala, FL 34480**



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Walks



MentalHealthForAll



Learn more at
namiwalks.org/marioncounty



SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Yes! We are proud to support the 2024 NAMIWalks Marion County event. We authorize NAMI to include our name and/or logo on all the materials and digital content for the event consistent with our sponsorship selection below.

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Sponsor | \$7,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsor | \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premier Sponsor | \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsor | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor | \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter Sponsor | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Experience Sponsorship (Name) _____ | | | \$ _____ |

Company name: _____

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____

Email address: _____

- Check enclosed (please make payable to NAMI Marion County)
- Credit card payments accepted online at www.namiwalks.org/marioncounty
- Please send an invoice

- Yes, we plan to use our exhibit space on Walk Day (Bronze Sponsor and higher):
 - Walk Day contact name: _____
 - Walk Day contact email: _____

- No, we do not plan to use our exhibit space on Walk Day (Bronze Sponsor and higher).

- Yes, we would like to host a corporate team for NAMIWalks:
 - Team Captain name: _____
 - Team Captain email: _____

PLEASE MAIL SPONSORSHIP CHECKS TO:
 NAMI Marion County
 324 SE 24th St. Ocala FL 34471

PLEASE EMAIL SPONSORSHIP LOGO TO:
 Deborah Cooper
executivedirector@namimarioncountyfl.org

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Terms and Conditions for all Sponsorship Levels
 Sponsor warrants and represents that all its products and services comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. NAMI has the right to immediately cancel this sponsorship agreement in the event that Sponsor has: a) Had its license(s) revoked by any governmental authority exercising jurisdiction over Sponsor; b) Sponsor has voluntarily surrendered its license(s) after being cited for misconduct by any governmental authority exercising jurisdiction over that party; c) Sponsor has been alleged to have willfully violated the laws, rules or regulations of any jurisdiction or any governmental authority exercising jurisdiction over Sponsor; d) Otherwise violated the terms of sponsorship, which will be determined at the sole discretion of NAMI.

THE FRIENDS OF HILLCREST THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM PRESENT

THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN

SATURDAY November 2, 2024

STONE CREEK UNION CENTER

615 SW 8th Court Ed Ocala, Florida 34481

4:30 PM

8:00 PM

Live Motown Entertainment by

THE RUSTY TRUMPET

Tickets: \$50 / \$65 VIP*

*VIP includes 4:00 entry, premium seating
and Meet and Greet photo with the band

For more information or
to buy tickets contact:

Liz Turnage (941) 447-6602 or

Denee Garcia (352) 228-1010



WEAR YOUR BEST MOTOWN STYLE

A BYOB EVENT

**Seated Dinner catered by
Carrabba's Italian Grill**

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

DOOR PRIZES

**LIVE & silent
AUCTION**



Split the Pot

RAFFLE

in partnership with Stratus II, Stratus a 501(c)(2) nonprofit organization
Tax ID 20-5055526. Donations are Tax Deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines.



You are invited to the
**1st Annual Charity
 Taste of The Town Fundraiser!**

Please join us on
**Friday, September 13th at 5:00pm
 at the Ocala Downtown Market**

A fun-filled night of delicious food and giving back to the community. Sample dishes from the best local restaurants while supporting a worthy organization. This in-person event is a great opportunity to connect with friends, enjoy wonderful food and drinks, and make a difference with affordable healthcare in the West Ocala area.

Don't miss out on this chance to eat for a cause!

**\$55 Pre-Event
 \$60 at Door**



Estella Byrd Whitman
 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

FEATURING



819 Northwest 7th Street Ocala, Florida 34475
 352-875-2226 (p) 352-389-1013 (f)
www.estellawellness.com



MARION COUNTY JOB FAIR

**Wednesday, Sept. 25
3 - 5 p.m.**

**College of Central Florida
Klein Conference Center
3001 SW College Road, Ocala**

With over 150 candidates attending last year, it's possible to fill your open positions at this year's Marion County Job Fair. All industries are welcome to attend.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 800-434-5627, ext. 1145.

REGISTER NOW:
bit.ly/MARIONJOBS

SCAN HERE



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 \$15.4 million, revised annually, with no funds from non-governmental sources. A proud partner of the American Job Center network and member of CareerSource Florida.

FALLTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 • 5 - 9 PM

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | DANCING | FOOD TRUCKS | BEER SAMPLES*
CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW | SELFIE STATION | FAMILY FUN GAMES



The Town Square at Circle Square Commons
8405 SW 80th Street, Ocala, Florida 34481 | (352) 854-3670
CircleSquareCommons.com

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5 - 5:15 PM

SMILETIME DJ

5:15 - 6:15 PM

NORTHERN SOUNDS

(POLKA BAND)

6:15 - 6:30 PM

BMX TRICKSTARS

6:30 - 7:45 PM

BAY KINGS BAND

7:45 - 8 PM

BMX TRICKSTARS

8 - 9 PM

BAY KINGS BAND

*BEER SAMPLES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

KIOSK WILL BE SELLING BEER,
WINE, WATER, AND SODA.

THE TOWN SQUARE

Marion County
FLORIDA
VETERANS SERVICES

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23RD ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

OCALA-MARION COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION

2601 E. FORT KING STREET
OCALA, FL 34470

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 8:30 A.M.

Please Join Us for a Community Remembrance Ceremony

Mayor of Commission: Tom Acharya, the Voice of Ocala Today

- Marion County Memorial Honor Guard
- Global War on Terror Guest Speaker
- First Responders (Police & Fire)
- Military Active Duty & Veterans
- Gold Star & Blue Star Families
- 9/11 Wall
- Bandhead of Motorcycle Escorting Old Glory
- Ocala Jay Club
- Food & Drink (Mimosas, Pancakes, Waffles, Lemons)
- Bring Your Own Chair & Parking Permit



PATRIOT DAY

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 10:30 AM

HIGHLAND MEMORIAL PARK, 1515 NE 3RD STREET, OCALA, FLORIDA 34470

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PATRIOT DAY

PATRIOT RIDE TO THE WALL



SATURDAY, SEP. 7, 2024

MEET AT SOUTHEASTERN LIVESTOCK PAVILION (WEST SIDE)
2232 NE JACKSONVILLE ROAD, OCALA, FL 34470

STAGING/REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30AM - 8:45AM
Poker chips for the first 200 riders
Kickstands up at 9:03 am

The Ride will proceed on a scenic route around Ocala to
HIGHLAND MEMORIAL PARK
1515 NE 3rd St. Ocala, FL 34470

Arrival at 9:40-9:45am, Formal Program begins at 10:30am

PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRS
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September 17 - September 18



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- September 4** Safe Streets of Marion County
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
at Reed Place
- September 9** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
Zoom (Call 352.438.5990) for link
- September 11** Safe Kids Marion
Wednesday 9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health
- September 23** Community Council Against
Monday Substance Abuse (CCASA)
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lunch-n-Learn
Sheriff's Office Multi-purpose Rm

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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



Agency Spotlight:

Leigh-Ann Vidal

Co-Founder/Executive Director
Refuge of Hope IL, Inc.
"Providing Homes for Youth who
have aged out of Foster Care"

Guest Speaker:

Dawn Westgate, Executive Director
Kimberly's Center for Child Protection

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