



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Dare 2 B Great
Girls Mentoring Program

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MENTORING PROGRAM

*An Enchanted
Evening in Paris*

*3rd
Annual Cotillion*

*Saturday, July 19, 2025
4:00p.m.*

*Mary Sue Rich Center at
Reed Place
1821 N.W. 21st Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34475*

*Admission is free
Donations 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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SUMMER BREAK SPOT

at Marion County Public Library System

Make memories all summer long. Bring your family to these library locations, do something fun and let your kids, 18 years of age or younger, enjoy free, delicious BreakSpot meals. Check out this menu of offerings!

BreakSpot meals are USDA sponsored in partnership with the Shores Assembly of God. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. program | noon meal

*Bellevue Public Library
13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview 352-438-2500*

Tuesdays, noon program | noon meal

*Reddick Public Library
15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick 352-438-2566*

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. program | 11:30 a.m. meal

*Fort McCoy Public Library
14660 NE Highway 315, Fort McCoy 352-438-2560*

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. drop-in program | noon meal

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala 352-671-8551*

Thursdays, 11 a.m. program | 12:30 p.m. meal

*Freedom Public Library
5870 SW 95th St., Ocala 352-438-2580*

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. program | noon meal

*Dunnellon Public Library
20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon 352-438-2520*

Fridays, 11 a.m. program | 12:30 p.m. meal

*Forest Public Library
905 S. Highway 314A, Ocklawaha 352-438-2540*

June 2-Aug. 8



BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH & WELLNESS



MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE GETTING BACK INTO THEIR ROUTINES BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

KEEP KIDS STRONG FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Your child's overall good health can be fostered through eating nutritious foods, getting regular physical activity, and maintaining good sleep habits.

Healthy Eating

Proper nutrition is essential for children to grow and develop. Focus on fruits, vegetables, and protein. Limit sugar, saturated fats, and processed foods.



Regular Exercise

Encourage your children to be physically active for 60 minutes or more each day, like active play at the park or organized sports.



Getting Enough Sleep

Sleep is just as important to your children's development as nutrition and physical activity. Recommended sleep by age:

3-5 years	6-12 years	13-18 years
10-13 HOURS	9-12 HOURS	8-10 HOURS

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

Contact your health care provider or local county health department about back to school health and wellness to get your children ready for a successful school year, inside and out. County health departments provide **year-round services**, including:

Wellness Checkup

Disease Screening

Birth Certificates

In anticipation of the new school year, your local county health department will be providing back to school wellness activities at:

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, July 26, 2025 E.D. Croskey Center, 1510 NW 4th St., Ocala, FL 34475
- 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, July 29, 2025 DOH-Marion, 1801 SE 32nd Ave., Ocala, FL 34471
- 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2025 DOH-Marion, 1801 SE 32nd Ave., Ocala, FL 34471
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, August 9, 2025 DOH-Marion, 1801 SE 32nd Ave., Ocala, FL 34471



By Appointment Only: Bellevue Back to School Services
7055 SE 110th St. Road, Belleview, FL 34420
Mondays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
352-644-2637

For more information, please visit Marion.FloridaHealth.gov

BOW IN THE CLOUD PRESENTS 5TH ANNUAL **BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

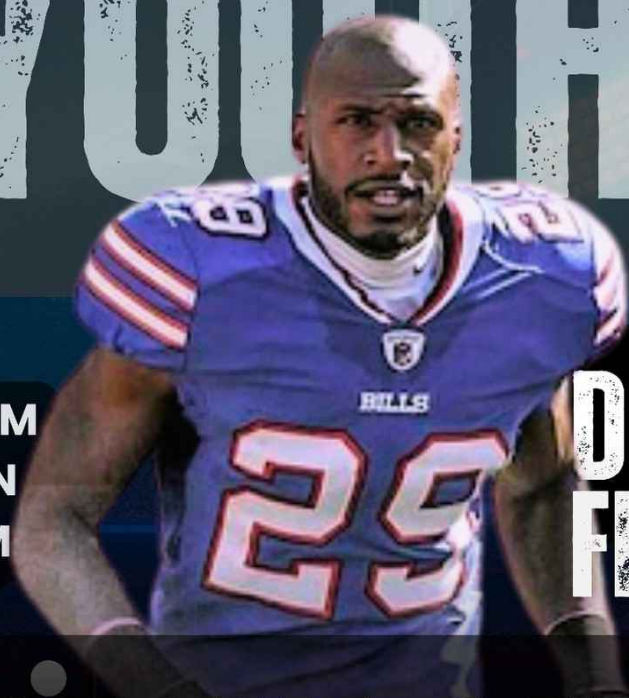
AUGUST 3, 2025 12:30-3:30PM

MILLA'S AT MAKING IT MATTHEWS
BACKPACKS • FOOD • GAMES • MUSIC

PARENTS PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) VIA WWW.BOWINTHECLOUD.ORG TO ENSURE THEY WILL RECEIVE A BACKPACK FILLED WITH SUPPLIES

45 Laurel Park, Ocala, FL 34409
CONTACT TERRA FOR MORE INFORMATION
(352) 496-0036

21ST ANNUAL
MAKE IT HAPPEN
YOUTH



JULY 19TH
CAMP 5PM-8PM
REGISTRATION
5PM - 5:45PM
AGES 6 - 16

DRAYTON
FLORENCE

FOOTBALL CAMP

VANGUARD HIGH
SCHOOL

7 NW 28th St, Ocala, FL 34475

REGISTER AT: [MIH2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Art in the Attic 2025

Annual y**ART** Sale Benefitting **MCA**

Sponsored by:



VIP 'Sip & Shop' Pre-Sale: Tuesday, July 1 | 5-7 p.m.

\$25 Members | \$30 Non-Members

Unlimited bubbly, Artists' Pop-Up Market & Ambient Music!

Sale Dates: July 1 - 19 | during gallery hours

at Brick City Center for the Arts

23 SW Broadway Street, Ocala, FL. 34471

**To purchase tickets and for gallery hours go to
www.mcaocala.org**



We're taking the Summer off



Join Us!

for the next
Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

★ ★ ★
PATRIOTIC

Skies

at Tuscawilla Park



FRIDAY, JULY 4 | 6 - 10 P.M.

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD VENDORS | KID'S ZONE
FIREWORK SHOW PRESENTED BY

OCALA
MAIN STREET

**PATRIOTIC
CELEBRATION**

CIRCLE SQUARE
Commons

THE
TOWN
SQUARE

JULY 4, 2025 | 4:30 - 9:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC ★ DANCING ★ FOOD TRUCKS
BEVERAGE KIOSK ★ PHOTO KIOSK ★ FIREWORKS

"THE THOMPSON'S COMPOUND"

7th ANNUAL

**BANG OUT
JULY 4TH 2025**

FIREWORKS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**\$1500 KICKBALL
TOURNAMENT
PICK YOUR TEAM**

*Food Vendors

*DJ

3PM TILL THE LAST FIREWORKS IS LIT

7131 NE HWY 41

WILLISTON, FL, 32696

AKA RALEIGH, FLORIDA

HOSTED BY JT FUNNY

Water Day for Children
& Adults

LEVY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE DOING RANDOM CHECKS



TICKETS
\$25

**Join the Pilot Club of Ocala
for an afternoon of fun, food and friends while
rolling dice for a cause!**

**RAFFLE
BASKETS**

50/50

SATURDAY, SEPT 6, 2025
Doors Open at 12:45 pm / Dice Roll at 1:30 pm

Ocala Golf Club
3130 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala



**Collecting Arts & Craft Supplies for Marion County Children's Alliance
SKIP Program** (clear glue, paint, markers, small canvas, stickers, glitter, clay, etc).
1 Extra Raffle Ticket per 2 items donated

Tickets available at PIP Printing,
Holder Insurance or through Zeffy.
or call: 352-875-5352

Pay with
Zeffy



Pilot Club of Ocala Florida Inc is a 501c3 Organization - EIN# 59-6173298

11TH ANNUAL OCALA YOUTH ENERGY ACADEMY



A TWO-DAY EVENT OF CAREER EXPLORATION THROUGH INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS DESIGNED TO EXPOSE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CAREERS IN ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES AND RELATED STEM FIELDS.

July 16th & 17th @ 8:00AM

Click here to register

(DAY 1) LILLIAN BYRANT COMMUNITY CENTER > 2200 NW 17TH PLACE, OCALA, FL 34470

(DAY 2) LILLIAN BYRANT COMMUNITY CENTER (TRANSPORT TO AND FROM OCALA ELECTRIC WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS)

INTERACTIVE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

BE EMPOWERED AS YOU NAVIGATE THE ENERGY INDUSTRY WITH US



WORKSHOPS ON "A DAY AS A LINE TECH", ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EV), CYBERSECURITY, PANEL DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS, COHORT-BUILDING GAMES, AND MUCH MORE

OCALA AREA YOUTH IN GRADES 8TH - 12TH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

REGISTRATION WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS.



THE YOUTH ENERGY ACADEMY WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:

- EDUCATE AND SPARK THE INTEREST OF A DIVERSE POPULATION OF THE EMERGING WORKFORCE IN THE ENERGY ARENA.
- ALIGN EDUCATION WITH WORKFORCE NEEDS.
- PROMOTE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND REPRESENTATION ACROSS ALL SECTORS OF THE UTILITY INDUSTRY.



TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR SPECIAL YE A PARTICIPANT SWAG PACKAGE, REGISTER TODAY! EARLY REGISTRANTS (BY FRIDAY, 7/2) WILL BE ENTERED INTO A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR A \$50 GIFT CARD!

- 8:30AM - 4PM each day, (Continental Breakfast 8:00AM - 8:15AM)
- Registration and waiver *signed by parent or legal guardian required*
- Continental breakfast, snacks and lunch provided
- Bring your mobile phone to participate in various activities
- Closed toe shoes required

GIFT CARDS & PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

CLICK THE REGISTRATION LINK ABOVE OR GO TO YEA2025OCL.EVENTBRITE.COM BY 7/11/2025!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
MIKLE GORDON @ 813.525.6559, MIKLE.GORDON@DUKE-ENERGY.COM
JANICE SHAW @ 352.272.8297, JANICE.SHAW@DUKE-ENERGY.COM

KINGDOM REVIVAL CHURCH

PRESENTS



FALL FEST

"EVERYTHING'S FREE"

CLOTHING ~ HYGIENE ITEMS AND MUCH MORE! LUNCH AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!)

**Saturday, August 16, 2025
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd.**

Donations accepted through Friday, August 8, 2025

For more information or to donate items,
Call Rose at (352) 361-5044

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

RAIN OR SHINE

KIDS FUN FEST

HULA HOOP CONTEST • KNOCKERBALL
KIDS KARAOKE • FACE PAINTING

OVER 60 KID-FRIENDLY VENDORS

JULY 20, 2025

12PM - 4PM

LOCATED AT

OCALA DOWNTOWN MARKET

403 SE OSCEOLA AVE, OCALA, FL 34471

Want to become a vendor? Text Ryan at (352) 897-0193



Picking Up The Pieces
SMALLER LIVES

4TH ANNUAL

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION DAY Event

DATE: August 30th, 2025

TIME: 11* & 12:30

LOCATION: 1712 SE Lake Weir Ave, Ocala, FL 34471

Table Vendors: \$75

Food Trucks: \$115

Activities: Panels, Speakers, Variety of Vendors, Family Friendly, Music, Raffles/Prizes, Bounce House, Ponies, Food (for sale)

Memorial Ride led by The Punishers LEMC. Proceeds benefitting PUTP

The Event is FREE and open to all

Register Today!

*KICKSTANDS GO UP AT 11 FOR ALL RIDERS

WWW.PICKINGUPTHEPIECES.US

Join us on **August 30th** FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL **IN THEIR LIGHT** IODAD EVENT

WELCOMING *As they kick off our Memorial Ride*

PUNISHERS FLORIDA EST. 3/26/22

Registration is open \$20 per bike \$30 with a passenger

12476 SE US Hwy 30, Belleair 34471

1712 LAKE WEIR AVE, Ocala 34471

RIDE

Picking Up The Pieces

Registration starts at 9am

Breakfast will be available

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. @ Eta Tau Omega Chapter

DENIM & PEARLS Gala

BOOTS ON THE GROUND EDITION

TICKETS \$75 Per Person

SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2025 7:00pm-11:00pm

Dinner • Silent Auction • Door Prizes

SOUTHEASTERN LIVESTOCK PAVILION 2232 NE JACKSONVILLE ROAD, OCALA, FL 34470

For more information, call 352-208-8514. For tickets, contact a member of the Eta Tau Omega chapter

YOUR DONATION TO AKA IS TO A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY, SUCH DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES. DONATIONS USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES.

KDC & THE SUNSHINE SLIDERS 4TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

BOOTS & SUNDAYS

IT'S A KDC THING

IN HONOR OF ANNIE MAE FLORENCE COLSTON

TICKETS \$35.00

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 4:00-8:00 PM

DINNER SERVED • MUSIC BY DJ 44 • 50/50 RAFFLE \$50.00 TO RESERVE TABLE

WESTERN AT IT'S BEST

KING OF LINE DANCE ED CROSKY RECREATION CENTER 1510 N.W. 4TH STREET, OCALA, FL 34475

FOR ADDITIONAL TICKET INFORMATION: KATRINA 352-512-5130

SUMMER JOB FAIR

Thursday, July 24 | 5 - 7 P.M.

Howard Academy Community Center | 306 NW 7th Ave, Ocala

Make a Splash in Your Job Search!

At the Summer Job Fair, find a position from a variety of industries including manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality, public service and more!

This event is held in partnership with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, Marion County Hospital District, and Community Home Project.

REGISTER NOW

 bit.ly/SUMMERJOBFAIR2025



CareerSource
CITRUS | LEVY | MARION



Community Home Project
Healthy Options Made Easy



MCHD
Marion County Hospital District

CareerSource CLM is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids/services available upon request in Spanish and to persons with disabilities. Phone numbers may be reached using TTY/TDD equipment via Florida Relay at 711. For accommodations, call 800-434-5627, ext. 7878. A proud partner of the American Jobs Center, member of CareerSource Florida. CareerSource CLM is supported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and other agencies as part of awards totaling \$15.4 million (revised annually).

Save-the-Date for the 22nd Annual



DRIVE -THRU ONLY!

**Saturday,
July 26, 2025
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friends Recycling
2350 N.W. 27TH Ave.
Ocala, Florida**

**~ FREE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES ~
STUDENT(S) MUST BE PRESENT ~ NO EXCEPTIONS!
THEN, STOP BY OUR BOUTIQUE**

**FREE CLOTHING AND HYGIENE ITEMS,
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) FOR TEENS!**

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**ED CROSKEY CENTER
1510 N.W. 4TH ST., OCALA**

***Backpacks and School Supplies
NOT available at this location!***



Immunizations (**Must Bring Current Shot Record**),
School Physicals, Vision and Hearing Screenings, dental cleanings,
fluoride, sealants and exams for children birth to 18 years old.

Vendors include: Marion County Health Department, Central Florida
Community Action Agency, Community Home Project, Estella Byrd
Whitman Community Health Center, Ocala Fire Rescue and more.

Sponsored by

Marion County Children's Alliance, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. and the City of Ocala

For information, vendor and sponsorship opportunities or to donate school supplies, call (352) 438-5990

**MCCA IS COLLECTING GENTLY USED
OR NEW CLOTHING FOR
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!
HELP STOCK OUR FREE
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BOUTIQUE**



**ALL
SIZES**

✓ We Need:

Teen Clothing -- hoodies, jeans, tees, sneakers, etc.

Hygiene Items -- deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes & feminine products, **(Must be New!)**

✗ Please No:

Adult/senior clothing, business wear or worn-out items.
Clothing Should be Appropriate for Teens Only!

📍 Drop Off:

MCCA – 3482 NW 10th St, Ocala, FL 34475

☎ Call (352) 438-5990 to arrange a pickup!





SAVE THE DATE

2ND ANNUAL CHARITY

Taste of the Town Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for

Friday, September 12, 2025, from 5-8p

at the Ocala Downtown Market

for an evening of fun, music, libations, and savory samplings of many of our community's different restaurants, including beer and wine vendors.

You won't want to miss this event that will offer something for every palate, Come Eat For a Cause!

HOSTED BY:



Estella Byrd Whitman

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

352.875.2226 | www.ebwchc.org

Strong Women
 Save The Date
 DEMOCRATIC
 WOMEN'S CLUB OF
 MARION COUNTY
 INVITES YOU TO OUR
EQUALITEA
SATURDAY August 23, 2025
12:30pm-3:00pm
 APPLETON MUSEUM
 4333 SILVER SPRINGS BLVD
 OCALA, FL, 34470
 AMA

Adult Spelling Bee
 At the Historic
 MARION THEATRE
 THURSDAY
 9/25/25
 \$25 TO
 COMPETE
 DOORS: 6PM
 FUN BEGINS: 6:30PM
 Benefitting:
 Marion County Literacy Council
 & Artify Ocala
 FREE ADMISSION
 FOR AUDIENCE
 READ
 MARION COUNTY
 LITERACY
 COUNCIL
 ARTIFY
 Ocala

the pearl project
 Online TBRI®
 Caregiver
 Training
 SCAN HERE!
 Tuesdays 7-9pm EST
 Cost is \$25 a session or \$150 for all

SESSION 1	JUNE 3
SESSION 2	JUNE 10
SESSION 3	JUNE 17
SESSION 4	JUNE 24
SESSION 5	JULY 8
SESSION 6	JULY 15
SESSION 7	JULY 22
SESSION 8	JULY 29

Trust-Based Relational Intervention®, developed at the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention, designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.

Register at thepearlproject.org



IMPOWER MARION INC.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Are you an adult or student with learning difficulties or other barriers to employment?

**EARN WHILE YOU
LEARN!!**

What We Offer

- **\$\$ PAID** Hands-on work-based learning and on the job trainings (up to 25 hours per week)
- Real workplace experience in an inclusive environment.
- **Self-Advocacy Trainings**
- **Workplace Readiness Trainings**
- One on One Job Coaching
- Ongoing Supports from trained staff and mentors.

Requirements

Students must be in school and have an IEP or 504 Plan

Ages 14-21 and who has learning difficulties, a disability, or obstacles to employment.

Veterans or Retuning Citizens seeking real hands on work experience, career skills development and more!

Get Started Today!

Contact us @ 352-282-0624 to apply
or your local Vocational Rehabilitation office
or visit www.rehabworks.org/student-youth/student-transition.html

Develop your resume and prepare for future employment!
We offer Summer and After-School Opportunities

**SPACE IS
LIMITED!!**

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Project Hope of Marion County, Inc. has a free-standing downtown office building available.

Discover all that Ocala, FL has to offer just moments from the property. Embrace the city's rich history at the Fort King National Historic Landmark, explore the vibrant local art scene at the Appleton Museum of Art, or take a stroll through the scenic Tuscawilla Park.

With convenient access to a variety of dining options, including the charming restaurants in the downtown area, your team will always have a new spot to try. Enjoy the ease of doing business with proximity to essential amenities and prominent landmarks. Ocala invites you to experience a perfect blend of work and play, making it an excellent location for your next office space.

Highlights include:

- Spacious and well-lit office suites
- 2 Blocks from the Downtown Square
- Ample parking for employees, clients, and visitors
- Convenient access to major transportation routes
- Nearby dining and retail options
- Prime location for business visibility

To see the property of for complete details, visit:

<https://beaubroker.com/properties/?propertyId=1503722-lease>

WAITLIST OPENING



HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (SECTION 8)

INCOME LIMITS

- 1 Person - \$27,000
- 2 Persons - \$30,850
- 3 Persons - \$34,700
- 4 Persons - \$38,550
- 5 Persons - \$41,650
- 6 Persons - \$44,750
- 7 Persons - \$47,850
- 8 Persons - \$50,900

Tuesday, June 24 @ 9:00 AM through Tuesday, July 8 @ 9:00 AM

(or until 2,000 applications have been received)

APPLY ONLINE ONLY

<https://ocalahousing.housingmanager.com>

- To apply online, applicants will need the following for all households members; income, social security numbers, and dates of birth.
- Any individual who is income qualified is eligible to be placed on the waiting list. Other eligibility criteria will be required when name is selected from waiting list.
- OHA has bilingual staff available for translation assistance.
- If you need special accommodations, please call Ms. Jacalyn Brown at 352-620-3350.

Computer Availability Sites:

Interfaith Emergency Services
421 NW 1st St.

Career Source
2703 NE 14th St.

Early Learning Coalition
2300 SW 17th Rd.

Mary Sue Rich - Sankofa Library
1821 NW 21st Ave.

Shepherd's Lighthouse
5930 SE Robinson Rd.

Wear Gloves
98 NE 9th St.

More sites may be available on our website

For questions:

Email: contactus@ocalahousing.org
Phone: Jenna Brown - 352-732-1233
or visit our website: ocalahousing.org



Ocala TTY: 352-368-2969
Ocala Video Phone: 352-414-1833
TDD: 1-800-545-1833 x507



the five survivor stories of domestic violence



**October 8, 2025
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Building 8, Room 110**

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CAR SHOW

Hoods Up for Homes!

Free For Public

Welcoming Vendors

Register on Eventbrite



Car Registration Fee

- \$15.00 Early
- \$20.00 Day of
- Multiple Trophies
- Car Club Challenge

SEPTEMBER **27** 10AM-2PM

FOOD TRUCKS | KIDS ACTIVITIES | LIVE MUSIC

Double S Red Barn
6736 NE 36th Avenue Rd, Ocala, FL 34479

**Saturday
October 11, 2025**

**WEAR YOUR WINGS
5K FUN RUN/WALK**

**Proceeds benefit victims and
survivors of domestic violence**

**College of Central Florida
3001 S.W. College Rd Ocala, FL 34474**

**SCAN
ME**



**\$30/ Early Rate Through 9/5
\$35/ Late Registration 9/6 - 10/10
\$40/ Day of Race Registration
Ask About Becoming a Sponsor**

REGISTER HERE



**7 a.m. Registration & Packet Pickup
7:30 a.m. Pre-Race Celebration Begins
8 a.m. Fun Run/Walk Race Begins**

**Shirts guaranteed to the first 150 registrants
Medals guaranteed to the first 150 finishers
Awards for top three male/female finishers in each age group**



**COLLEGE of
CENTRAL
FLORIDA**

-an equal opportunity college-



<https://runsignup.com/race/FL/Ocala/WearYourWings5KFunRunWalk>

The Fostering
— FOUNDATION —

Gala

ESTABLISHING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

Friday, September 26th

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

We invite you to be part of a transformative evening that reflects the heart of God and the strength of this community:

You will walk through a foster care experience, enjoy a wonderful dinner, hear others share their heart, join in the live and silent auction, and so much more! This night is about more than just awareness—it's about action.

Let's come together to answer the call, meet the need, and invest in the future of children in foster care.

For more information on sponsoring a table, please email amy@thefosteringfoundation.org or call (352)895-0161.



RISE UP

GRIEF AWARENESS FORMAL GALA 2025

Turning Pain into Power Through Healing, Hope, and Resilience

**August 30, 2025 | National Grief Awareness Day
6:30 PM EST | Formal Dinner & Attire
Klein Conference**

Florida 3001 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474

Experience an unforgettable evening featuring:

- Panelists of Local Resources
- Raffle Prizes
- DJ Showtime
- Community Tribute
- Elegant Dinner & Dessert
- And More!



SCAN TO PURCHASE
EVENTHRITE TICKETS!

EARLY BIRD TICKETS:

\$60 (Until June 30)

REGULAR TICKETS:

\$75 (Starting July 1)

 H3Haven.org

 **352-480-8868**

 solutions@H3Haven.org

To: T



HIGH TEA *Gala*



\$65/pp

\$500/table of 8



9TH AUGUST 2025

**DRESS CODE:
SMART CASUAL
TEA ATTIRE**

11:00AM - 2:00 PM
ST MARK'S
METHODIST CHURCH

1839 NE EIGHTH ROAD
OCALA, FLORIDA 34470



SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



at our
Annual Night of Hope
honoring victims
and survivors on
September 25, 2025



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 19, 2025.

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 25, 2025** honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence as well as advocates for the amazing work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the **2025 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 5, 2025** at 5 p.m.



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ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- July 14
Monday Family Violence Prevention Workgroup
11 a.m.
Via Zoom
Call (352) 438-5990 for link

- July 21
Monday Community Council Against Substance
Abuse (CCASA)
Noon

- August 6
Wednesday Safe Streets of Marion Cty. Taskforce
10 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
at Reed Place

- August 13
Wednesday Safe Kids Coalition Marion
9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

**We're taking
the
Summer off!
No Alliance
Meeting in July**

*Please
join us!*

- August 6
Wednesday Alliance Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community
Center at Reed Place

For more information regarding the Marion County Children's Alliance, Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or visit our website at:

<https://mcchildrensalliance.org>