



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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PLEASE SAVE-THE-DATE

NIGHT OF HOPE

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Dinner ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Survivor Testimonies ~ Vendors

Keynote Speaker

Melissa Dohme Hill

Domestic Violence Survivor & Advocate

**Executive Director,
Hands Across the Bay**

Thursday, September 25, 2025



5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
College of Central Florida,
3001 S.W. College Rd.,

Tickets: \$40 per person



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.

See page 13 to Nominate a Survivor for the Conqueror Award

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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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TOWN HALL MEETING

with Police Chief Mike Balken



Aug. 7: NW & SW Residents
Aug. 14: NE & SE Residents



6 - 7:30 p.m.



Ocala Police Headquarters
402 S Pine Ave., Ocala



Join us for an informative session with Police Chief Mike Balken to learn about the Ocala Police Department's mission and goals! Come gain insight into crime trends, the latest safety initiatives and participate in a Q&A session to share your thoughts.

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS ANNOUNCES

FLORIDA'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

AUGUST 1 - 31, 2025

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE TAX-FREE:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES SELLING FOR \$50 OR LESS, SUCH AS: LUNCH BOXES, NOTEBOOKS, BINDERS, PENS, AND PENCILS	LEARNING AIDS SELLING FOR \$30 OR LESS, SUCH AS: FLASH CARDS, INTERACTIVE BOOKS, AND OTHER ITEMS THAT TEACH MATH OR READING SKILLS
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SELLING FOR \$100 OR LESS, SUCH AS: BACKPACKS, PANTS, SKIRTS, SWEATERS, AND SHOES	PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES SELLING FOR \$1,500 OR LESS, SUCH AS: PERSONAL COMPUTERS, FLASH DRIVES, COMPUTER BATTERIES, PRINTERS, AND HEADPHONES

FIND A FULL LIST OF
TAX-FREE ITEMS ONLINE AT
FLORIDAREVENUE.COM/BACKTOSCHOOL

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



CITY OF OCALA TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION

The City of Ocala will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, September 16, to fill the offices of Mayor, City Council District I, City Council District III and City Council District V.

Seven candidates Qualified for the Special Election:

Mayor:

Ben Marciano (Incumbent)
Zachary "Arbor" Feliciano

City Council District 1:

Barry Mansfield (Incumbent)

City Council District 3:

Jay Musleh (Incumbent)
Mark Clark
TamBoura Jenkins

City Council District 5:

James "Jim" Hilty, Sr. (Incumbent)

City of Ocala Special General Election

- **Election Day:** September 16, 2025 (Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
- **Voter Registration/Party Change Deadline:** August 18, 2025
- **Early Voting:** September 11 - 13, 2025 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- **Mail Ballot Request Deadline:** September 4, 2025 by 5 p.m.

***Please Note:** Mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.*



Marion County Human Trafficking Taskforce Training

Training Information

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Location: Ocala Police Department Community Room
402 S Pine Ave Ocala, FL

Coffee available from our local TLC (Transitions Life Center)

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marion-county-task-force-meeting-tickets-1450589144179?aff=oddtcreator>

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.



Marion County Public Schools 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar

July 2025				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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August 2025				
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November 2025				
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December 2025				
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January 2026				
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February 2026				
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March 2026				
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June 2026				
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1st 9 Weeks - 48 Days	3rd 9 Weeks - 45 Days
2nd 9 Weeks - 40 Days	4th 9 Weeks - 47 Days
Total: 88 Days	Total: 92 Days

- = Teacher In-Service Day – No School for Students
- = Professional Learning - No School for Students
- = Teacher Workday - No School for Students
- = Two Hour Early Dismissal for Professional Learning and Collaboration
- = School Holiday - No School for Students and Teachers

First Day of School

★ August 11, 2025

Last Day of School

★ May 28, 2026

End of Grading Period

October 16, 2025 - Quarter 1

December 19, 2025 - Quarter 2

March 12, 2026 - Quarter 3

May 28, 2026 - Quarter 4

Student Return from Winter Break

January 7, 2026

Teacher Work Day- No School for Students

October 17, 2025

January 5, 2026

March 13, 2026

In-Service Day:

January 6, 2026

Post-Planning

May 29, 2026

School Holiday - No School for Students and Teachers

September 1, 2025 - Labor Day

November 24-28, 2025 - Thanksgiving Break

December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026 - Winter Break

January 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 16, 2026 - Presidents' Day

March 16-20, 2026 – Spring Break

April 3, 2026 – Mid-Term Break

May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day

Weather Make-Up Options

Early Dismissal Days May Be Used for Weather Days
November 24, 2025 November 25, 2025 January 6, 2026
April 3, 2026



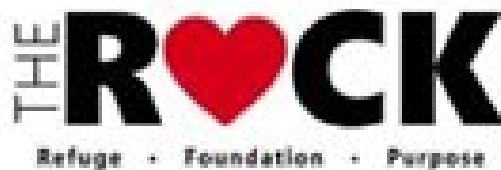
Join Us!

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

Agency Spotlight:

Troy Weaver, Executive Director



Guest Speaker:

Mary Pat King, CEO



NEW CELL PHONE LAW PASSED

Did you know that Florida's new House Bill 1105 went into effect on July 1, 2025? The bill bans cell phones completely during the school day for most Kindergarten through eighth grade students — no usage from bell to bell. High school students can only use phones outside of class or if a teacher gives permission in approved zones.

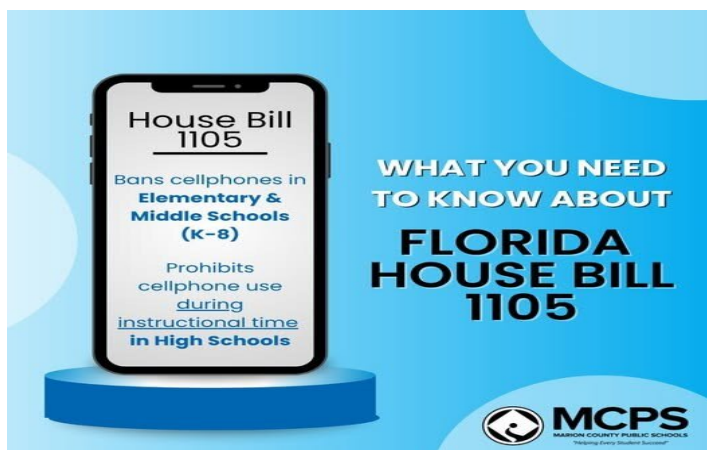
Families Should Talk Before School Starts:

Cell phone use during school hours is a huge distraction because students get bombarded with hundreds of notifications every day.

What parents can do:

- Sit down and chat with your kid about HB 1105.
- Rehearse scenarios. What should they do if they feel anxious, bored or need to call you during the day?
- Empower them with digital tools. Teach them how to build healthy habits around phone use like turning on "Do Not Disturb" or checking apps only after school.
- Partner with the school. Even as the district rolls out a "learning period" with warnings first, it helps when parents stay in the loop about school enforcement expectations.
- It's not about taking phones away forever, it's about helping kids focus during the school day and teaching them how to build healthier screen habits.

Supporting them with clear expectations and



Parents and Caregivers It's time to GET CONNECTED!

Wondering if your child is on track developmentally?

Help Me Grow Florida is here for YOU and your little one!

FREE services include:

- ✓ Developmental Screenings
- ✓ Milestone Checklists
- ✓ Expert Guidance
- ✓ Fun Activities to help your child grow

Get connected now through <https://helpmegrowfl.org/>

Ready for a FREE screening? Visit: <https://www.elc-marion.org/help-me-grow/>

Help Me Grow connects families with the tools, resources, and support they need to help every child thrive.





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

Driven for a Healthier You!



The Department of Health in Marion County's Mobile Health Unit serves county residents in their communities throughout Marion County. It provides services such as immunizations and other preventative healthcare needs. For more information or opportunities to partner with us, please contact Tammie Durden at 352-644-2627 or Tammie.Durden@FLHealth.gov

Visit Marion.FloridaHealth.gov for more information on the department and its services.

Come see us at

Interfaith Soup Kitchen
435 NW 2nd Street, Ocala, FL 34475

Wednesday, August 27 • 9:00–12:00 P.M.

Services offered are:
Preventative Healthcare Services
Health Screenings
Education
STD/HIV Testing

Picking Up The Pieces
SARAH 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

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

The Event is FREE and open to all

Register Today!

Memorial Ride led by The Punishers LEMC. Proceeds benefitting PUP

***KICKSTANDS GO UP AT 11 FOR ALL RIDERS**

WWW.PICKINGUPTHEPIECES.US

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF MARION COUNTY

INVITES YOU TO OUR

EQUALITEA DAY EVENT

SATURDAY August 23, 2025

12:30pm-3:00pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
TANYA E. SPENCER
BUILD LEAD, SUCCEED LLC

TICKETS FOR SALE \$65

WEAR WHITE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF MARION COUNTY

AMA
APPLETON MUSEUM
4333 SILVER SPRINGS BLVD
OCALA, FL, 34470

QR Code

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

WELCOMING

PUNISHERS FLORIDA
PORT KING
EST. 3/26/22

As they kick off our Memorial Ride

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

KICKSTANDS GO UP AT 11 AM

12496 SE US Hwy 301 Belleview 34412

1712 LAKE WEIR AVE OCALA 34471

Registration starts at 9am

Breakfast will be available

Picking Up The Pieces
SARAH LIVES

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.

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

LET'S FEED THE HUNGRY



BATTLE OF THE BANKS 2025



Interfaith is hosting a friendly competition to stock our food pantry and ensure local families have food for the start of the school year. We're calling on our community's banks to go head-to-head and see who can collect the most food!

HOW IT WORKS:

- 1. BANKS COMPETE:** BATTLE IT OUT TO SEE WHO CAN COLLECT THE MOST POUNDS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.
- 2. FAMILIES BENEFIT:** EVERY POUND OF FOOD COLLECTED GOES DIRECTLY TO FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- 3. BRAGGING RIGHTS:** THE WINNING BANK WILL EARN ULTIMATE BRAGGING RIGHTS AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM INTERFAITH!



DRIVE STARTS SEPT 1 AND ENDS OCTOBER 31

Contact Sonya at (352) 644-9202 or Sonya@iesmarion.org to sign up to win the Battle of the Banks!



CHARITY FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING

Estella Byrd Whitman
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER



Early "BYRD" Ticket Prices:

July 28th – August 18th

\$40 | **\$25** Children
under 10



CLICK HERE
OR VISIT OUR
WEBSITE:
www.ebwchc.org

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, food trucks including beer & wine vendors.

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

352.875.2226 | www.ebwchc.org

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.



Dare 2 B Great

Girls Mentoring Program



Dare 2 B Great
MENTORING PROGRAM

*An Enchanted
Evening in Paris*
*3rd
Annual Cotillion*

*Sunday, August 17, 2025
4:00p.m.*

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

*Admission is free
Donations accepted*



Are you prepared for floods?

Floods are the #1 natural disaster in the United States and can happen at any time. Even though a storm may not make landfall in Florida, it can still bring severe hazards to the state and your property. More than 20% of flood insurance claims come from moderate-to-low risk areas.

Before a Flood

- Sign up for Alert Marion to receive emergency alerts.
- Clean your rain gutters.
- In flood-prone areas, keep supplies like sandbags, ladders, and rope at home.



During a Flood

- Disconnect gas and electricity
- Follow evacuation orders, get to higher ground.
- Do not walk or drive through flood water.



After a Flood

- Document damage and start clean up.
- Avoid contact with flood water; no wading or swimming.



**FLOOD
INSURANCE**

BE PREPARED

STORM DRAINS

Consider Flood Insurance

Basic homeowner's insurance doesn't cover flooding. Flood insurance can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program, which offers City of Ocala residents up to a 35% discount on flood insurance. Non-Special Flood Hazard Area properties are eligible for a 10% discount.



**FEMA Flood Map
Service Center**

**National Flood
Insurance Program**



**Help prevent local flooding.
Keep trash and debris
away from storm drains.**



I AM MY SISTER'S KEEPER PRESENTS

Sister's KEEPER

EMPOWERMENT BRUNCH

2025 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT BRUNCH

HOSTED BY:
Lady Pinkie Tuggerson

GRACE

SEPTEMBER.13TH.2025
Circle Square Commons 8395 SW 80TH ST. Ocala FL 34481

SISTER'S KEEPER EMPOWERMENT BRUNCH

Build YOUR BRILLIANCE

EARLY SESSION FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS
// **SEPT. 13 • 9:00AM-10:15AM** //

\$35 ADD ON ————— **EXPERT GUEST**







ANGIE CLIFTON PETERS BREONNA ANDERSON ANGIE LESTER SHERILYN BENNETT LAUREN DEIORIO

THE YEAR OF *Grace*

Register now! www.pinkietuggerson.com

CIRCLE SQUARE COMMONS • 8395 SW 80TH ST. Ocala, FL 34481

For more information, to purchase tickets or sponsor the event, go to <https://www.pinkietuggerson.com>.

Girls On The Rise

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

SCAN TO PURCHASE
EVENTBRITE TICKETS!

H3Haven

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!

REGULAR TICKET:
\$75

*All funds raised during our Gala
contributes to our Give for Marion Goal.*

SCAN TO PURCHASE
EVENTBRITE TICKETS!

H3Haven.org 352-480-8868 solutions@H3Haven.org



PACK OUR PANTRY

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Canned vegetables & fruits
- Canned meats & beans
- Rice, pasta, and grains
- Boxed meals (mac & cheese, oatmeal, etc.)
- Peanut butter, jelly, and canned soups
- Pet food
- Clothing items for all ages/sizes
- Hygienic items
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned soups and stews
- Breakfast cereals and granola bars
- Snacks for children
- Water and Drinks

Drop off at:
 3601 W. Silver Springs Blvd.
 Ocala, FL 34475
 Every Tuesday 10am-1pm



SAVING MERCY
 FAITH COMPASSION DIGNITY

Every donation helps, no matter how big or small. Together, we can provide much-needed support for our neighbors in need.

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness)- Marion County, is pleased to share information about our ongoing support groups.

NAMI Peer Connection support group is a free recovery support group for any adult who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Groups are held every two weeks and are led by NAMI trained facilitators who have been there.

NAMI Family Support Group is a free support group for family members, partners and parents of someone living with a mental- health condition. Groups are held every two weeks and are led by NAMI trained facilitators who have loved ones living with a mental health condition.

For more information about the support groups and registration, please contact Steven Leilich, Executive Director, at steven@namimarioncountyfl.org




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**

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKGROUP
PRESENTS

PARTY IN purple DANCE FITNESS PARTY

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 04, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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

\$15 ADULT / CHILD 12 & UNDER \$5
100% OF PROCEEDS BENEFITS LOCAL VICTIMS &
SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT: VAL
352-438-5990



REGISTER NOW

SCAN ME



[HTTPS://PARTYINPURPLE4DOMESTICVIOLENCE2.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://partyinpurple4domesticviolence2.eventbrite.com)

**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**



**Race Coordinator
Heaven Colon**



**COLLEGE of
CENTRAL
FLORIDA**

-an equal opportunity college-



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

Adult Spelling Bee



At the Historic



THURSDAY
9/25/25

\$25 TO
COMPETE

DOORS: 6PM
FUN BEGINS: :
6:30PM

Benefitting:

Marion County Literacy Council
& Artify Ocala

READ
MARION COUNTY
LITERACY
COUNCIL

FREE ADMISSION
FOR AUDIENCE



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



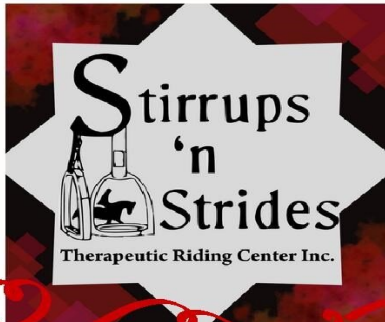
Choose from one of our themes (Personal Pampering, Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Board Game, A Night Out, Gardening, Summer Time, Scrap Book/ Memories, Music, Healthy Living) or ***Choose Your Own Theme***

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.

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.**

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**

Please CALL/text Brandi Lashinski
352-286-2519 to register!

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
20, 2025**



**If you cannot
make this
orientation but
would still like to
volunteer,
please call the
number listed.**



352-286-2519



www.stirrupsnstrides.com



4246 W HWY 318, Citra, FL

3rd

Golf

Tournament

GOLDEN OCALA
GOLF & EQUESTRIAN CLUB

October 27, 2025

Sponsorship Levels

Ace \$10,000

- 2 Golf Foursomes
- Name on Welcome Sign
- Logo Displayed on Website
- Hole Advertisement

Eagle \$5,000

- 1 Golf Foursomes
- Logo Displayed on Website
- Hole Advertisement

Birdie \$3,000

- 1 Golf Foursomes
- Logo Displayed on Website

Schedule

11:00 am: Registration and Box Lunch

12:00: Shotgun Start

4:00 pm: Awards - Drinks - Appetizers



SAVING MERCY
FAITH COMPASSION DIGNITY

Hole
Sponsors
\$200

Player \$500
Team \$2,000



Marion County Children's Alliance
3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475
Ph: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994

We are ready to have a great year!



Are You? School Starts Monday, August 11, 2025

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| August 6
Wednesday | Safe Streets of Marion Cty. Taskforce
10 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
at Reed Place |
| August 11
Monday | Family Violence Prevention Workgroup
11 a.m.
Via Zoom - Call (352) 438-5990 for link |
| August 13
Wednesday | Safe Kids Coalition Marion
9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health |
| August 18
Monday | Community Council Against Substance
Abuse (CCASA)
Noon |

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

<https://mcchildrensalliance.org>

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- | | |
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| August 6
Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community
Center at Reed Place |
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*Please
join us!*

Agency Spotlight:

Troy Weaver
Executive Director



Guest Speaker:

Mary Pat King, CEO

