



# MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE  
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKGROUP  
PRESENTS

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

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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"

## **~ CORPORATE HONOR ROLL ~**

**Platinum Members:** City of Ocala; Brown & Brown Insurance; Kids Central, Inc.; MC Board of County Commissioners; Marion County Health Department; Public Education Foundation of Marion County; United Way of Marion County; **Gold Members:** Citizens First Bank; Florida Express Waste & Recycling; Gallagher; Duke Energy; Heart of Florida Health Center; Marion County Sheriff's Office; The Palmer Foundation; **Silver Members:** American Panel; Jenkins Auto Group; Radiology Associates of Ocala; iServ; Friends Recycling; SMA Healthcare; Habitat for Humanity; Allstate Kevin McDonald; AdventHealth; Angie Lewis State Farm; Townley Engineering & Manufacturing Co., Inc.

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**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**

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**\$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**



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



# MARION COUNTY JOB FAIR

## DATE

Thursday, Oct. 2

## TIME

2:30 - 5 p.m.

## LOCATION

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

Explore career opportunities in Marion County across various industries and at all experience levels.

***This event is free and open to the public.***

Don't forget to bring copies of your résumé and dress to impress!

## REGISTER TO ATTEND:

Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/MCJOBFAIR25](https://bit.ly/MCJOBFAIR25)



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 \$9.4 million (revised annually).

# 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](mailto:Sonya@iesmarion.org) to sign up to win the Battle of the Banks!**



*Join Us!*

for the next  
**Alliance Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 1, 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:**

Cassidy Vaughn, Partnership Manager



**Guest Speaker:**

Samantha Poulin, Director of Business Development  
Purdie Burkes, Business Development Representative





# the five survivor stories of domestic violence



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

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# **Inaugural Marion County Nurses Association**

## **Community Awareness Fundraising Event: Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking**

**4 CEU/CME Provided by Chapters Health System**

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**Friday, October 17, 2025**

**4-9 P.M.**

**Tickets \$20 per person**

**CEU available**

**STUDENTS NO Charge**

**Proceeds to benefit sexual  
assault training for nurses**

**Raffles**

**Food & Vendors**

**Continuing and General Education**

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**For more info & tickets visit  
[marionnurses.nursingnetwork.com](http://marionnurses.nursingnetwork.com)**

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# 3D MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING EVENT

The MASS® breast health education & screening program's goal is to reduce late-stage breast cancer diagnoses targeting uninsured women in the state of Florida by providing access to FREE\* mammograms through the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) National Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP).

## JOIN US:

**DATE:** Saturday, October 11, 2025

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**ADDRESS:** Get "N" Formation Fitness Dance-A-Thon Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser at Paddock Mall, 3100 SW College Rd., Ocala, FL 34474

### Eligibility Guidelines for Uninsured Women

- Be a Florida resident.
- Do not have health insurance.
- Have not had a mammogram within a year.
- 40-64 years of age OR
- Under age 40 with a 1st degree family history of breast cancer (parent, sibling, or child) or symptomatic.
- Earn less than or equal to 200% of the poverty level.
- Women of any age who have completed treatment for breast cancer may be eligible.

### Eligibility Guidelines for Insured Women

- Have not had their mammograms within a year.
- At average risk for breast cancer should begin receiving mammograms at age 40.
- Most health insurance plans cover screening mammograms with no out-of-pocket cost.
- Florida women who are insured can schedule their mammogram directly with 3D MammoLink.

**UNINSURED WOMEN**  
scan this QR Code to  
complete FDOH  
application



**INSURED WOMEN**  
scan this QR Code  
to schedule



**FREE Gift Card** for eligible uninsured women who complete the virtual breast health education and keep their scheduled screening appointment. **FOR MORE INFORMATION** contact:

(386) 220-5761

[thebeautifulgateinc.com](http://thebeautifulgateinc.com)

[mass@thebeautifulgateinc.com](mailto:mass@thebeautifulgateinc.com)



# HEROES UNITE



**OCT. 4, 2025  
6PM!**

**FUNDRAISER  
EVENT**



**GENERAL  
ADMISSION  
INCLUDES 1 TICKET  
AND CONTEST ENTRY**

**\$50**

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
1839 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Road Ocala, FL 34470**

Families encouraged to attend! Children 10 and under are free. \$25 ticket for children ages 11 to 17

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Select General Fund

**FOOD! FUN!  
COSTUME CONTEST!  
SILENT AUCTION AND  
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**SPONSORSHIP  
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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
ORA CLUBHOUSE**

For more info contact 352-402-9001  
[Jeannesecastro@theoraclubhouse.org](mailto:Jeannesecastro@theoraclubhouse.org)

# A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ORA CLUBHOUSE

Join us in creating a spectacular success for **\*\*THE HEROES UNITE COSTUME CONTEST\*\*** while supporting **\*\*ORA CLUBHOUSE\*\***! Your sponsorship or partnership plays a crucial role in empowering individuals facing mental health challenges, offering them community, purpose, and hope.

Here are the available sponsorship levels for this exciting event.

## TITLE SPONSOR \$5,000

**EXCLUSIVE 1 AVAILABLE**

Recognized as the official presenting sponsor in all event marketing  
Heroes Unite Costume Contest presented by Your Company  
Prominent logo placement on all promotional social media and event banners  
Opportunity to speak at the event  
Featured logo and link on Ora Clubhouse website for 2 years  
VIP Seating, Contest Entry/6 Tickets  
Custom sponsorship plaque  
Booth space at the event

## DEFENDER \$500

Name or logo included on event signage  
Social media recognition  
Seating, Contest Entry  
2 Tickets

## FAN \$250

Name listed on event program  
Social media recognition  
Day of the event  
Seating, Contest Entry, 2 tickets

## HERO \$2,500

**4 Available**

Logo on event banner, promotional materials, and social media  
Verbal recognition during the event  
Featured Logo and link on Ora Clubhouse website for 1 year  
VIP Seating, Contest Entry, 6 Tickets  
Booth space at the event

## CHAMPION \$1,000

**4 Available**

Logo on event banner and promotional materials  
Social media recognition  
VIP seating  
Contest Entry  
4 Tickets  
Booth space at the event

## PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

In-Kind Partnerships  
We welcome partnerships in the form of donated services, products, and event-related contributions such as:  
Best Costume Prize (gift cards, merchandise, experiences)  
Event space, decorations, or equipment  
Food and beverage for event attendees

**BE A HERO**

**SCAN  
HERE!**



Select General Fund



## **“Look Up Marion, Put Down the Phone” Campaign**

How often do you see children playing in a park while their parents are glued to their phones instead of joining in the fun? Or families sitting in a restaurant, each person absorbed in their phone or tablet, with little to no real conversation happening? Groups of teens texting one another or scrolling through TikTok, even while sitting side by side, have become the norm.

Are you guilty of the same? Most of us are—at least sometimes.

Research shows that children aged 8–18 spend an average of 7.5 hours per day in front of screens—not including time for schoolwork. While digital media can support learning and connection, excessive use is linked to:

- Poor sleep
- Obesity
- Delayed development of social and learning skills
- Academic struggles
- Behavior issues
- Increased risk of online predators and cyberbullying

To spark change and inspire healthier habits, the Marion County Children’s Alliance is proud to launch the “Look Up Marion, Put Down the Phone” campaign, a community-wide initiative encouraging families to disconnect from screens and reconnect with each other.

Join us on **Saturday, November 15th** for *Put Down the Phone Day*. A day to engage with your loved ones by taking your children to the park, riding bikes, reading a book together, baking cookies, playing ball, or going to a concert. Let’s all put down our phones, turn off our laptops and laptops and spend quality time with our family and friends.

As part of the campaign, the Marion County Children’s Alliance will host the *Look Up Marion Summit* on **December 3rd** featuring nationally recognized speaker Mande Hamann of **ScreenStrong** to share the impacts of screen time on child development. The summit will offer expert insights, practical strategies, and community dialogue around building healthier digital habits at home and in our daily lives.

Visit [www.LookUpMarion](http://www.LookUpMarion) or scan the QR code on the opposite page for more information, including a downloadable toolkit with fun screen-free activities, tips for families, and a pledge form to commit to “Look Up Marion, Put Your Phone Down” on November 15th.

Let’s take a stand for our kids, our health, and our community, one unplugged moment at a time.

Beth McCall, Executive Director  
Marion County Children’s Alliance

**Put Down  
the Phone  
DAY**  
[LookUpMarion.com](http://LookUpMarion.com)



**LOOK UP...**  
**Real Life is  
Happening  
OFFLINE!**

**Don't scroll through moments... live them.**  
The most meaningful connections aren't made through screens, but through shared experiences in the world **right in front of you.**



**JOIN US NOV 15<sup>TH</sup>  
TO PARTICIPATE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**  
LEARN MORE: [www.LookUpMarion.com](http://www.LookUpMarion.com)



**LOOK UP  
MARION  
SUMMIT**  
**DEC 3, 2025**



**Wednesday, Dec 3rd**  
**College of Central Florida  
Klein Center**  
Doors open at **8am**  
Program begins at **8:30am**  
Continental Breakfast  
Cost **\$20**

### **Kids' Brains & Screens**

You leave **empowered** with practical solutions, clear how-to guidance, and the confidence to make informed decisions about screen time and personal devices in your home.



#### **Mandee Hamann**

**INAUGURAL KEY PRESENTER & WORKSHOP LEADER**

Mandee is businesswomen and former early childhood/children's pastor is mom to 2 young adults and 1 teenager. After her own family struggled with toxic screen issues, she was introduced to ScreenStrong. The ScreenStrong lifestyle changed everything for her family. Mandee became a ScreenStrong Ambassador and is committed to spreading this powerful message.

- National Speaker for ScreenStrong
- Lead Trainer for ScreenStrong Ambassadors
- Youth Speaker & Advocate
- Co-Host of the popular ScreenStrong Families Podcast
- Leader of Parent Workshops, School Assemblies, & Community Events
- Key Presenter at ScreenStrong Conferences & Community Forums, and National Conventions

**screen  
STRONG**

**JOIN US DEC 3<sup>RD</sup> RETHINK THE SCREENS.  
RECLAIM YOUR KIDS. RECONNECT YOUR FAMILY.**  
REGISTER AT: [www.LookUpMarion.com](http://www.LookUpMarion.com)



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# PLAY. SHOP. LEARN. ADOPT.



- Animal Adoptions
- Best Trick Contest
- Breed Paw-ty
- Costume Contest
- Dock Diving
- Doggie Races
- Free Microchip \*Sat 10-12
- Free Mobile Dog Run
- Free Nail Trims
- Obedience Education
- Pet Blessing
- Petting Farm
- Pet Vendors (100+)
- Reptile Encounters
- Tricks Demo
- And so much more!



**OCTOBER 11 - 12, 2025**  
**10am - 4pm**



**WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

1598 NW 87 Ct Rd  
Ocala, FL 34482

Well behaved, leashed pets are welcome to join the fun, provided they are up to date on their vaccinations! Please ensure your furry friends are under control at all times and cleaned up after.

## TICKETS & ADMISSION

\$10 - General Admission (13-59)

\$9 - Seniors/Military (60+)

Kids 12 & Under are Free

FREE PARKING

🐾 Save \$2 per ticket by purchasing your tickets in advance at [bmgevents.com/ocalapet](http://bmgevents.com/ocalapet)

🐾 The first 500 people in the door each day get a free tote bag, courtesy of JB Golf Carts.

The Ocala Pet Palooza  
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for more info and show schedule



Thank you to our sponsors:



# **Proceeds benefit the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup**





# FLORIDA GUARDIAN AD LITEM OFFICE



## THREE WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

to help abused, abandoned and neglected children in your community.



### GUARDIAN AD LITEM VOLUNTEER

Florida Guardian ad Litem Office Volunteers are everyday heroes from all walks of life Who are part of a multi-disciplinary team that always includes an attorney and a child welfare professional representing children's legal interest in dependency court making sure the foster child's needs and best interest are met. No experience necessary and training is free.



### MENTOR

Help the next generation by mentoring youth aging out of foster care. This initiative assists Florida foster teens transitioning out of foster care to adulthood. Youth are partnered with a mentor through our office who serves as a committed, caring adult to the teen, providing a lifeline for questions and advice related to living independently.



### PRO BONO ATTORNEY

The Guardian ad Litem Office offers a variety of opportunities for Florida attorneys to utilize their skills in supporting our most vulnerable children. The Office is committed to providing high-quality, supportive pro bono opportunities. Their focus is on ensuring that children receive independent and swift permanency, along with the services they need.



[www.guardianadlitem.org](http://www.guardianadlitem.org)

OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 & 8:00 PM



# HOPS WALKING GHOST TOUR

WALK THROUGH THE  
DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT  
WHILE HEARING CHILLING  
STORIES OF THE HAUNTINGS OF  
OCALA'S PAST



**\$15/PERSON**

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CALL  
(352) 484-0502**

# MENTORS NEEDED: DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?

## As a volunteer mentor what can you expect from Kids Central?



### Clear Goals and Objectives:

- We provide clear goals and objectives of the volunteering program which are then tailored to the mentee you will be assigned. This helps you understand where this young person is on various areas of development and sets a path toward their ultimate goals.



### Orientation and Coaching:

- We provide orientation sessions to familiarize volunteers with their roles, responsibilities, and organizational culture.
- We offer ongoing coaching and support to ensure volunteers feel confident and competent in their tasks.



### Accessible Resources:

- We ensure volunteers have access to necessary resources, whether it's materials, training modules, or support personnel.
- We establish clear channels for volunteers to seek help or guidance from case workers as needed.

## Get in touch!

Whether you are curious about the program or ready to partner with us, please reach out via phone at (352) 873-6332 or via email at [mentoring@KidsCentralinc.org](mailto:mentoring@KidsCentralinc.org).



Scan to learn more:



## Discover

*What the Kids  
Central Mentoring  
Program has to offer!*



*Are you looking to make a positive impact on the next generation while growing both personally and professionally? Become a Kids Central mentor today!*



**KIDS CENTRAL, INC.**  
A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN  
*Building Better Lives*

## About the Program

Kids Central offers a unique opportunity to share your expertise, guide youth, ages 16-23, on their journey, and develop valuable skills in a supportive environment. Our program provides clear goals and resources to help you succeed. By becoming a mentor, you will not only help shape the future of youth in the foster system but also benefit from learning new perspectives and life experiences. Join us today and become a catalyst for positive change!

## As a volunteer mentor, what does Kids Central expect from me?



### Submitting to a background check.

- As you can understand, mentors are placed in a position of trust with these young people. Thus, as is consistent with all Kids Central volunteers who have direct one-on-one contact with youth, all mentors must submit to and pass a thorough background check.



### Clear Timeline of Commitment:

- To allow sufficient time to build trust and make significant progress toward goals, we ask for a one-year commitment in the assigned relationship. We suggest weekly contact via phone or video and in-person meetings twice per month. A typical interaction may be having a meal out at a restaurant, visiting a nature park or a museum. We expect mentors to pay any cost of these outings for both mentor and the youth. Understanding that unexpected events may happen, we believe consistent interaction is a key to success. Knowing this commitment helps both the mentor and mentee manage their time and set realistic expectations. If you are partial-year resident to the area we would be glad to work with you to allow you to be a mentor.



### Regular feedback from interactions with your mentee

- To allow us to measure success and assist where needed as an organization, we ask for regular feedback via quick efficient electronic means. We will also be seeking feedback from the mentee to ensure they are benefitting from the mentor relationship.

## Commitment to Bettering Lives

### What do we hope to achieve together through a partnership?

Youth in the foster care system who are partnered with a mentor have a greater chance of transitioning well into adulthood and becoming productive citizens in our society. Studies show youth with engaged mentors have greater high school attendance and a greater chance of enrolling in college or trade schools. These youth also have much lower chances of using illegal drugs.



## Our Mission:

A community where families are supported so children are nurtured, safe, healthy, and thrive.

## Marion County Public Library System

If you have a need **RIGHT** now, the Library  
can help you find the **RIGHT SERVICE**.

Si usted tiene una necesidad **AHORA**, la biblioteca  
le puede ayudar a encontrar el **SERVICIO APROPIADO**.



# rightservicefl.org

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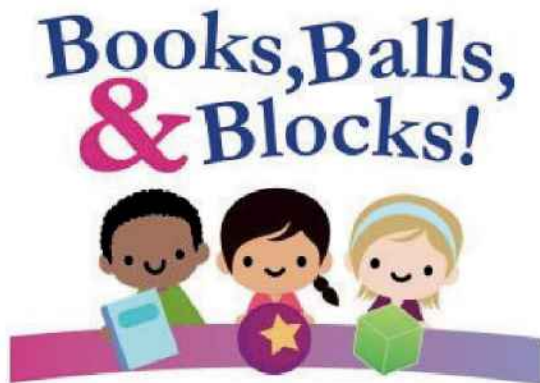
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Finanzas  
Salud  
Vivienda  
Inmigración  
Empleos  
Transporte

Call the Marion County Public Library System at 352-671-8551 for assistance.



This project was funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.  
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El programa LSTA de Florida es administrado por la División de Servicios Bibliotecarios y de Información del Departamento de Estado.



## FREE SCREENINGS!!

Developmental and behavioral screenings to include communication, problem solving, personal-social, and gross and fine motor skills

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**  
**10 AM - 12 PM**

**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY**  
**2300 SW 17<sup>TH</sup> Rd, Ocala, FL 34471**

**FREE event for children five and under with FREE:**

- games & activity stations
- educational toys
- children's books
- community resources

For more information, email [HMG@ELC-Marion.org](mailto:HMG@ELC-Marion.org)  
or call 352-369-2315, ext. 225.



**Early Learning  
Coalition** of Marion  
County



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**Early Learning  
Coalition** OF Marion  
County

**NEW LOCATION**

**Salvation Army**  
320 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Ocala, FL 34475

**FREE weekly playgroup  
for children birth to five  
& their parent or caregiver**

Join any Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sing Songs

Tell Stories

Create Art

Play



**SNACKS  
INCLUDED**



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www.ELC-Marion.org



# HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHT

## Gift of Christmas Toy Drive

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



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### ALL AGES

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

### EXAMPLES ARE:

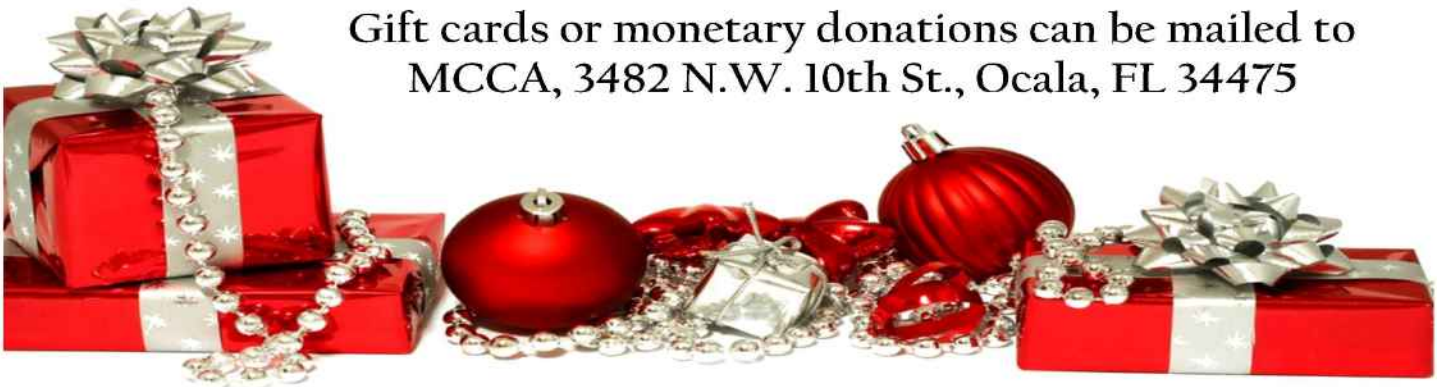
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Thank You  
for helping  
make  
Christmas  
special for  
families  
in our  
community!  
We  
Appreciate  
Your Support

**Deadline for donations is Friday, December 12, 2025**

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

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



3<sup>rd</sup>

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



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**Hole  
Sponsors  
\$200**

**Player \$500  
Team \$2,000**



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### ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- October 1** Safe Streets of Marion Cty. Taskforce  
Wednesday 10 a.m.  
Mary Sue Rich Community Center  
at Reed Place
- October 8** Safe Kids Coalition Marion  
Wednesday 9 a.m.  
Florida Dept. of Health
- October 13** Family Violence Prevention Workgroup  
Monday 11 a.m.  
Via Zoom - Call (352) 438-5990 for link
- October 20** Community Council Against Substance  
Monday Abuse (CCASA)  
Noon  
Via Zoom
- November 15** "Look Up Marion, Put the Phone  
Saturday Down Day"

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### UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- October 1** Alliance Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Mary Sue Rich Community  
Center at Reed Place

*Please  
join us!*

### **Agency Spotlight:**

Cassidy Vaughn,  
Partnership Manager  
Better Together

### **Guest Speaker:**

Samantha Poulin,  
Director of Business Development

Purdie Burkes,  
Business Development Representative  
The Vines Hospital