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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

**Women of Worth is proud to announce that Marion County
Commissioner Barbara Fitos is the 2008-2009 WoW Chair**

Welcome to an exciting new chapter as United Way's *Women of Worth* celebrates its fifth year of philanthropic service to Ocala/ Marion County! I am honored to serve as your Chair for the upcoming year. In these difficult and trying economic times the United Way's theme of "LIVE UNITED" resonates with all of us now more than ever.



Barbara Fitos

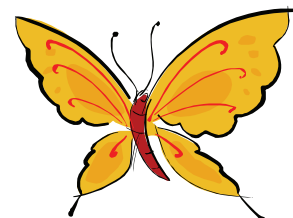
It is with that renewed sense of "re-uniting" that we as *Women of Worth* refocus on our mission of women's philanthropy "through leadership, fund raising and community service". To date we have funded nearly \$200,000 to a diverse group of social service agencies throughout Marion County with another \$40,000 plus to be allocated this year.

Your steering committee has been actively at work structuring our strategic plan for 2009 that emphasizes the United Way goal of *community impact* with a broad based fund raising partnership event and focused membership outreach to attract a broader demographic to *Women of Worth*. And perhaps most importantly, our allocations process will be re-directed toward a more focused giving again to maximize impact and to create that true synergy and partnership with United Way while still preserving the integrity of our core mission of women's philanthropic giving.

To that end, we have planned a wonderful *Reunite with WoW* event on November 12th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Marion Cultural Alliance's Brick City Center for the Arts downtown. It will be an evening to reconnect with friends and colleagues who share your passion for women's philanthropy and will be your opportunity to hear about the exciting plans for the upcoming 5th year of our United Way's *Women of Worth* initiative.

It is truly through community that we stay *united* – my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your commitment to our *Women of Worth* community and the tangible impact we make in the lives of so many.

ReUnite with Women of Worth
Wednesday, November 12
5:30-7:30 pm
Marion Cultural Alliance



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Judy Webb
Kathy Whisenhunt
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Kay Yancey



Susan, Tom and
Ashley Lightbody



Cyndi Chambers, Barbara Griffin,
and Michelle Foster

4th Annual Favorite Things Sponsored by Ocala Volvo



Melinda Freeman and Lori Busch



Dr. Alana Keough and Brian Shields

Reminder



When considering your WoW membership, just a reminder that along with the standard means of paying for your membership, you can choose to have your gift deducted from your credit/debit account either quarterly or monthly.

United Way's Community Impact Agenda Announced!

The mission of Community Impact is to mobilize resources to make lasting changes in a community condition. In 2005, the United Way of Marion County's Board of Directors agreed to work on a plan to identify a community issue for which the organization could have an impact. On July 9, 2008, United Way announced its future direction with community impact: to reduce the number of homeless school-aged children in Marion County with a secondary focus on elder care issues.

To determine that the issue of homeless children was where United Way and its community impact volunteer's could make its most positive impact; United Way looked to the Marion County Public Policy Institute's 2005 Quality of Life Study, results of surveys, research and focus groups to make its decision.

By searching even deeper, it was found that more than 1,700 homeless school age children currently live in Marion County. Choosing this area as a main focus will enable United Way to make an impact in an issue that will move the dial versus placing a band-aid on an issue. Currently agencies and community leaders are working on a plan for the impact area. Look for more information about this subject in upcoming WoW newsletters and events.

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