



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Your undesignated dollars support the following United Way of Marion County's internal initiatives, as well as the agency programs listed on the reverse side.



Strong Families is a financial stability effort that helps families get out of poverty and enhance their housing opportunities through skill building, case management and mentoring.



2-1-1 is a free 24-hour help hotline providing information and referral services for Marion County residents.



ReadingPals is an early literacy initiative partnering with Marion County Public Schools.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a free tax preparation service for Marion County residents.



Success By 6 is an early childhood initiative, partnering with the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

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Call 24 Hours
7 Days a Week

Get information and referrals by calling 2-1-1



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Dial 2-1-1 from any phone, text your zip code to **TXT-211(898-211)** using a cell phone, or visit our website to live chat with a specialist uwmc.org/2-1-1



2018-2020 Community Grants

Arnette House 352-622-4432

Non-Residential Family Counseling Provides counseling to students who are experiencing behavioral problems in school which interferes with their academic success.

Boys & Girls Club of Marion County 352-690-7440

Project Learn Reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school through "high-yield" learning activities at the Club and in the home.

Triple Play Sports Fitness & Recreation Improves overall health of Club members, ages 6-18, by increasing their daily physical activity, teaching them good nutrition and helping them develop healthy relationships.

Brother's Keeper 352-629-1292

Soup Kitchen Ensures that a warm meal is available to men, women, and children who lack the resources for safe and healthy living in our community.

Children's Home Society of Florida 352-620-3474

Mid Florida Community Counseling Provides in-home and in-school behavioral health services to Marion County residents via telehealth.

Community of Gratitude 352-288-3499

Emergency Food Center Provides emergency food for low-income clients in East Lake Weir, Ocklawaha and Weirsdale areas.

Creative Services 352-351-4009

Crisis Intervention Provides 24 hour crisis intervention, safety planning, crisis counseling, and safe shelter for domestic violence victims to prevent further domestic violence and murder/suicide.

Sustainable Housing/Economic Self-Sufficiency Ensures that food, emergency safe housing, basic needs, and future stable housing are available to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County 352-369-2315

Supporting Early Education Literacy (S.E.E.L.) Provides financial assistance for childcare to eligible parents.

Episcopal Children's Services 904-726-1500

Head Start Provides research-based, family-centered services for low-income families with young children in Marion County.

Fifth Circuit Public Guardian Corporation 352-401-6753

Marion County Public Guardian Program Assesses, obtains and oversees the medical and mental health services for indigent, mentally incapacitated senior citizens who have no one to help them and are unable to help themselves and places them in safe homes.

Florida Center for the Blind 352-873-4700

Vision Buddies Screening Program Provides a comprehensive vision screening to students, including functional vision assessment of central vision, peripheral vision, static movement, binocular function, and colorblindness.

FreeD.O.M. Clinic 352-209-1900

Childhood Community Dental Hygiene Education Program Provides oral screening, fun and engaging oral hygiene instruction on proper brushing and flossing techniques, nutritional counseling and education, and fluoride application.

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County 352-351-4663

Mortgage Program Provides mortgage assistance to eligible Habitat homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure. Owners must demonstrate a financial hardship.

Heart of Florida Health Center 352-732-6599

Pediatric Dental Program Provides compassionate, family-centered dental care and oral health education to primarily low-income children in Marion County.

Kimberly's Center for Child Protection 352-873-4739

Therapeutic Counseling & Advocacy Provides highly specialized services, in an all-in-one, child-friendly environment to minimize trauma after an allegation of child abuse.

Marion County Homeless Council 352-732-1369

Homeless Prevention Provides families and single persons with medium term direct financial assistance necessary to stabilize their current housing situation.

Marion County Literacy Council 352-690-7323

Building Adult Literacy Skills Provides self-sufficiency and independence by offering quality instructional services to illiterate adults who seek personal educational growth.

Marion Senior Services 352-620-3501

Meals On Wheels Provides meals, nutrition education and risk screening for Marion County citizens and their spouse, and encourages socialization and better health.

National Association on Mental Illness of Marion County 352-629-8868

Mental Wellness Now: Hope & Help Provides mental wellness screenings and a link to counseling via telehealth until established with a mental health professional.

Outreach Autism Services Network 352-462-0168

Autism Behavioral Education Program Provides a core understanding of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and offers case management services until long-term ABA therapy is in place.

Shepherd's Lighthouse 352-347-6575

Direct Services Provides a safe environment for the rescue, empowerment and renewal of women and children in their time of need.

The Salvation Army 352-732-8326

Feeding Program Serves nutritious meals every day of the year to homeless and low income individuals in Marion County.

Shelter Program Provides emergency shelter beds for single men, women and families, and assists clients with developing a self-sufficiency plan.

United Way of Marion County 352-732-9696

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