2020-2022 Community Grants

Arnette House 352-622-4432
**Non-Residential Family Counseling** Provides counseling to students who are experiencing behavioral problems in school which interfere 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.

**Money Matters** Promotes financial responsibility and independence among Teen Club members by building their basic money management skills.

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
**Brother’s Keeper 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.

**Emergency Utility Assistance Program** Maintains continuous services or re-connection assistance if a client’s services were disconnected due to an inability to pay.

Children’s Home Society of Florida 352-732-1412
**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
**VPK Expansion** Initiative to increase the number of VPK students in Marion County.

Episcopal Children’s Services 904-726-1500
**Early Education** Provides better starts for children and ensures that they are eager to learn and ready to succeed when they enter kindergarten.

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.

His Compassion 352-362-8383
**Mobile Food Access Delivery** Provides food delivery to increase the availability to those who are experiencing food insufficiency.

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.

**Child Abuse Prevention** Provides youth with internet safety knowledge and teaches them to identify unsafe situations to reduce/prevent unintentional injuries.

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.

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 Centers, Inc. 352-291-5555
**Coordination of Care** Increases and supports the accessibility of mental health services to all community residents through streamlined and enhanced access to services.

The Pearl Project 352-405-5005
**Healing Homes** Provides counseling and therapeutic sessions to teach children pro-social behaviors and problem-solving skills, and provide caregivers with training and self-worth sessions.

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.
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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