

Marion County Children's Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Invocation:

Given by Rev. John Delcamp, Shores Assembly of God.

Introductions:

Scott Hackmyer requested introductions from new attendees.

Mr. Hackmyer stated that the Hands Expo last Saturday was a great success!

Minutes:

The March minutes were approved as written.

Staff Report:

Dr. Jordan thanked all the participants for the "Hands Are Not For Hurting" Expo last Saturday. 250 different families were interacted with.

Parking for the monthly Alliance meeting is becoming a problem. Remember you can now park on the west side of the building in the grassy area.

Mike Jordan thanked Phil Scarpelli, Department of Children and Families for organizing the provider fair for today.

A lady has contacted the Alliance about any non-profit organization interested in fundraising on EBay. She is willing to come and train people. She does not have anything to actually do with the Alliance but is offering this training.

Family Violence Prevention Workgroup – Monica Bryant thanked her Hands Expo chair, Rene Lewis, Nancy Castillo and all the participating organizations for all their work at the event last Saturday.

Speakers:

The first speaker was Katie McLean, MS, RD, LD/N and a dietician at MRMC. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on Chronic Disease & Nutrition.

The second speaker was Sylvia Miller, Founder & Executive Director of Parents Helping Parents of Florida, Inc. (PHPF). She discussed "Disability Acceptance and the Role You Play."

Roundtable:

Major Lumpkin stated that the PPI through CFCC has a current study on Kinship Care and meets on Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. For more information call 368-3547.

Phil Scarpelli, DCF, introduced Heather and Nora, two new workers on a grant to ensure food stamps to eligible residents. They are targeting Hispanics and the elderly.

Cynthia Graham said anyone interested in free Early Educational Programs in Marion or Citrus Counties can contact her at 629-0055, Ext. 293.

Pastor Luis or Wanda DeJesus, 615-2366 El Faro Church announced they will have an outreach at the Marion Oaks Community Center on Saturday, May 30 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Marsha Holloway, Habitat for Humanity of Ocala will hold an orientation on Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. at St. Paul's AME Church. For more information call 351-4663 or check the website at: habitatocala.org

Bruce Seaman belongs to Marions United for Public Education which advocates for school funding. Their website is: www.marionsunited.org

Nancy Young, Marion County Public Library stated that they now have toys for disabled children. They hope to expand their adaptive toy collection at the Belleview and Dunnellon libraries soon.

Kim Sandstrom, Arnette House said there would be a Golf Tournament on April 18 and an "Annie" matinee on May 2 to benefit Arnette House. Call 622-4432 for additional information.

Ire Bethea 368-5550, City of Ocala-Parks & Recreation Dept. is hosting a Fishing Derby for the Young and Young-At-Heart on Saturday, April 4 at Tuscawilla Park from 8-12 p.m. for ages 14 and under. Saturday, April 11 there will be an Egg Eggstravaganza from 10-2 p.m. at Tuscawilla Park sponsored by Signature Brands/PAAS. Check out their website: http://www.ocalafl.org/event_calendar.aspx

Carolyn McCarthy, Trinity World Outreach Ministry - 351-0033 will hold a Community Health event on Tuesday, April 28 from 9-2 p.m. The Blood Bank, Interfaith and Senior 'Part D' will be there in addition to others.

Judge Cochran 438-2303, MCBCC invited all to the Commissioner's Auditorium on Tuesday, April 28 at 10 a.m. to discuss the Census 2010 with the Advisory Committee to the U.S. government. It should last about 1 hour.

Rev. Jim Bullock reminded everyone about the next Faith Community Network meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at noon, OPD and the Mentoring Workgroup on Wednesday, April 15, 11:30 a.m. at the Jail Adm. Conference Room.

Danielle Damato, KCI announced "Give Kids in Need A Sunnier Summer" to be held on Wednesday, April 15, 3-5 p.m. at the KCI All-Purpose Room. Call 873-6332 for more information.

Rev. John Delcamp, Shores Assembly of God Church is teaching construction skills to 8 young men, 5 of whom have landed actual jobs. For more information on the "Carpenter Shop" call 687-0190.

Julie Linhart still has Girl Scout cookies for \$3.50 a box which helps girls attend 5 camps and summer programs. Call 684-4425 Ext. 1821.

Karla Grimsley announced the 5th Annual Light of Hope Ceremony sponsored by GAL will be held Thursday, April 9, 5:30 p.m., Downtown Square, featuring Jim Kallinger, Florida's Chief Child Advocate and Special Guest, Dennis Baxley and a Musical Presentation by Caylenn Renee. Call 369-2525.

Desiree Anderson announced Kimberly's Cottage 10th Anniversary Open House to be held on Thursday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. Call 873-4739.

Linda Foy, CDS 629-0055 stated that kids entering kindergarten don't know their alphabet (0-1 letters only usually) and they will be blitzing Marion County this fall to promote this.

Adrian Fletcher said Workforce Connection will be holding a Job Fair at the Klein Center on Tuesday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For more information call 732-1700 and press 0. Adrian wants people to know that they work with people without high school diplomas and criminal records and the latter this doesn't necessarily disqualify people.

Joy Williams, Parents Helping Parents is collaborating with the libraries with a flyer "Children First" and putting out bookmarks to know the signs of Autism and ribbons to promote Autism Awareness.

Monica Bryant, MCCA said that the blue ribbons being passed out represent Childhood Abuse Prevention month in April.

Connie King-Young, Eckerd Mentoring Program said they are offering a free medical fair on Saturday, May 30 from 12-5 p.m. Call 445-1410 for more information.

Future Meetings:

Safe Kids Coalition	2 nd Wednesday, April 8 – 9:30 a.m., Health Dept.
Faith Community Network	2 nd Wednesday, April 8 – 12:00 p.m., OPD
Family Violence Prevention	2 nd Monday, April 13 – 11:00 a.m., Sheriff’s Office
Autism & Other Disabilities	2 nd Tuesday, April 14 – 11:00 a.m., 2810 NE 14 th St.
Childhood Nutrition	2 nd Tuesday, April 14 – 3:30 p.m., MRMC Dining Room
Mentoring Workgroup	3 rd Wednesday, April 15 – 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Conf. Rm.
Grant Advisory Workgroup	4 th Thursday, April 23– 11:30 Committee; 12:00 Open to Public at the Children’s Alliance Office
Quarterly Board	1 st Wednesday, May 6, 2009 - 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg.
Alliance Monthly Meeting	1 st Wednesday, July 1 - 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg.
9 th Annual “Children First” Breakfast	– Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Reminder: No monthly Alliance meeting in the month of June

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.