



Winter 2016

ARC Marion's mission is to create opportunities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, work, and play to the fullest of their capabilities in Marion County. We have been helping people develop their abilities since 1959!

December
11th

Join us at the First Annual Car & Bike Show

See more info on page 4.



President's Corner



Joining ARC back in April 2008 as CFO was one of the best decisions that I have ever made. It has been privilege to work for ARC and with Troy, the management team, the direct care staff and our clients over the past eight and a half years.

I am looking forward to the challenges that will come with my new role as CEO. With the incredible support that I have received from the Board, management team, direct care staff and clients I know that our best years are ahead of us. Together we will continue to put the "clients first".

Frank Sofia

Ribbon Cutting and Building Dedication

Photo Gallery



Troy Strawder and Terry Rushing posing for the camera.



Sean Yassen is working in the kitchen lab in our new ADT Annex.

September 30th marked the ribbon cutting of our newest building on the ARC campus. The Adult Day Training building named the ADT Annex was funded by a Community Development Block Grant. The building measures over 4,000 square feet and will be used to train our clients in daily life skills including: household chores (cleaning, laundry, kitchen), computer skills, exercise techniques, arts and crafts and music.

The event was well attended by dignitaries and leaders in our community along with all the clients, volunteers, and employees from ARC Marion. Over 100 people were in attendance and were fed a delicious BBQ lunch. Thanks to all who attended!



From left to right: Mounir Bouyounes, County Administrator; Brian Jones, ARC Client; David Moore, County Commissioner; Troy Strawder, Retired CEO ARC Marion, Inc.; Vicki Leviti, ARC Client; Frank Sofia, CEO ARC Marion, Inc; Stan McClain, County Commissioner; Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala; Cheryl Amey, Marion County Community Services Director



ARC serves over 160 intellectually and developmentally disabled clients in our ADT program daily.

ARC provides and manages group home housing (24/7/365) for 22 individuals.

Currently six clients work at various employers in Marion County with the assistance of ARC.

ARC clients travel in group enclaves to employers in the community. Transportation and supervision provided by ARC.

ARC serves over 60 children from birth to age three over the course of a school year.

Approximately 160 ARC clients get paid weekly for contract work supplied by local Ocala businesses.

Our staff has over 655 years of combined service at ARC with the average tenure of 6.5 years.

ADT clients develop goals they would like to accomplish on an annual basis with ARC staff...
(and they accomplish them too!!!)

Medicaid Waiver funding has decreased by 13% over the past eight years, while our service to clients has not decreased.
That's why we need and appreciate your help!

First Annual Car & Bike Show

Benefiting ARC Marion

Join Us on **Sunday, December 11th from 11-4PM**

at War Horse Harley- Davidson®

Open to All Makes, Models and Years

Entry Fee is \$10

(All for a great cause and a great time!)

Dealership Choice Trophy

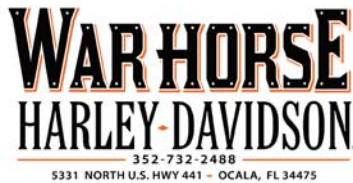
(Car & Bike)

Spectator's Choice Trophy

(Car & Bike)

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It will be a day full of trophies, 50/50 raffles, door prices, food and drinks.



CORKS & CANVAS

Featuring Art from ARC Clients



Corks & Canvas is hosted by The City of Ocala and is held at the Ocala City Hall. This is an annual Art Exhibit featuring artwork created by our very own clients with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

The artwork is displayed for two months and is available for purchase during this time. ARC will host an evening reception for this event on Jan. 26th from 5:30-7:30 PM where you may meet some of our amazing artists, purchase your favorite piece and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.





The 13th annual King of the Wing will be held at the ARC Marion campus on February 21st, 2017. All the best restaurants will be competing to be named, “King of the Wing” and you will be the judge! In addition, we will have an amateur competition where local companies and government agencies will compete for the 2017 crown! We look forward to seeing you in February.



Florida Feast 2016

Many thanks to the Marion County Roadbuilders Association for putting on another awesome Florida Feast. This year the event was held at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion and was attended by over 1,000 hungry guests who dined on gator, turkey, venison, frog legs and all the fixings. If you missed the event this year, we look forward to welcoming you next year!



Save the Date for the Ocala Bike Fest & Fundraiser

March 31, 2017— April 1, 2017

VENDORS & SPONSORS LOOKING FOR YOU!



FRIDAY, MARCH 31
1PM-11PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
10AM-11PM

ARC Marion Campus
2800 SE Maricamp Rd. • Ocala, FL

DRAWING
April 1st

\$100 DONATION

2017 Harley Davidson Street Glide

ONLY 500 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

Something For Everyone

- ✓ Poker Run
- ✓ Fashion Show,
- ✓ Custom Bike & Car Show
- ✓ Dog Rescue
- ✓ Tail Gate Party
- ✓ Car/Jeep/Truck Clubs

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Helping People Develop Their Abilities Since 1992

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The Ocala Bike Fest & Fundraiser is all new and improved! You spoke and we listened! The best news is we changed the date so it won't be so HOT! Here's what you can look forward to this year: amazing live music featuring The Bearded Brothers and Big Engine, host Radical Randy, poker run, Harley fashion show, custom car & bike show, chance drawing for a 2017 Harley-Davidson Street Glide, Dog Dayz animal rescue and adoption, tail gate party, car/jeep/truck clubs, retail & food vendors, bike games and all the fun you can stand! Don't forget this is a fundraiser for ARC! We need your support!

New Dates: **Friday March 31st 1pm-11pm - Saturday April 1st 10am-11pm**

If you would like to be a sponsor, vendor or volunteer please contact Cheri Craig at 352-351-9048 or ccraig@mcarc.com.