

## 501(c)(3) Charities in Lake, Marion & Sumter Counties

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Adopt A School – The Club gathered school supplies that were given to an elementary school to be provided to students in need.

American Cancer Society – Participated in the Susan G. Komen Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Ocala and Bike Ride.

Best Buddies Friendship Walk in Orlando

Center Hill Children’s Mission provided a safe, fun, and loving after-school environment for elementary-age Hispanic children. Closed in 2023.

Dreams for Seniors was founded in 2005 by Debbie Davison in Pekin, Illinois; expanded to The Villages, FL. Grants wishes and helps make dreams come true. Unfortunately had to close their doors in 2020.

Hand In Hand, Lake County, Inc. is a merger of Ruth House, a women's recovery community providing transitional shelter and support for women in crisis, with His PowerHouse, a men's recovery community, in Eustis.

LovExtension, Inc. – *Serving to Improve Life!* A food pantry, including personal items, provided with a visitation service for elderly and disabled; a totally volunteer organization based in Tavares, serving Lake County and The Villages.

Marion Therapeutic Riding Association in Ocala offers the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding to persons of all ages who are physically, mentally or emotionally challenged.

Our Moment Café – Socializing those with memory loss and their caregivers.

PACE Center - Marion – *believing in girls* – provides alternative academic and counseling services to at-risk girls in the Ocala community.

Patriot Service Dogs trains quality service dogs for military veterans struggling with mobility and PTSD, using the skills and dedication of women incarcerated in Florida's largest women's correctional facility. This dual purpose allows them to serve veterans and uplift incarcerated women with life and job skills.

Ronald McDonald House of Charities – The Club collects pull-tabs to help families of children with cancer.

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Servant's Heart Awards – Civitan International's awareness project that honors people who support individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, and recognizes excellence in local educators.

Shepherd's LightHouse provides transitional housing and helps single mothers and their children navigate through tough times, in Belleview.

Special Olympics of Sumter County – Festival of Trees

Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center in Citra provides therapeutic horseback riding and carriage driving to anyone with physical, mental or emotional challenges.

Sumter County Fair – HCC supported 4-H & FFA youth at the livestock auction.

Sumter County School District - A wide variety of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Services are available at Sumter County Public Schools. We strive to meet the needs of each and every student in order to provide them with an equal-opportunity academic experience.

Sunrise ARC of Central Florida operates six residential homes in Lake County and Adult Day Programs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Sumter County ARC (SCARC) – *achievement through personal growth* – provides training, employment opportunities and group home living in Bushnell.

Voices for Children supports the critical physical and psychological needs of children who have a Guardian ad Litem assigned to them and supports recruitment, training, and retention of the volunteers who advocate for these children.

Young Performing Artists, Inc. of Royal – The Club has supported their annual concert fundraising efforts.

YOUR Humane Society of Sumter County – The Club helped build additional shelter space at the Lake Panasoffkee facility, monitored a display and collection box at Winn Dixie at Pinellas Plaza.