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THE MCS INSIDER

The official newsletter of
Manatee Children's Services, Inc.



Our History and Mission

"To advocate for and provide the resources, skills, and shelter to alleviate abuse through prevention and intervention for all children and their families."

Manatee Children's Services was founded in 1977 by Carol Chamberlain: a librarian, teacher, and social worker with a passion for child advocacy. Through her work in social services, Carol learned that Manatee County had a dire need for shelter to house abused children removed from their homes. She rallied a group of citizens to make the shelter a reality and, to this day, MCS continues to operate as Manatee County's only emergency shelter for child victims of abuse and the county's only Child Advocacy Center.

We provide a full spectrum of programs serving over 12,000 children and families annually. We offer programs in treatment, prevention, intervention, and residential services. Such programs include an emergency shelter, long-term group homes, mental health services, parenting education and training, forensic medical and specialized child victim interview services, support services for relative caregivers, teen pregnancy prevention, and children's personal safety. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY: A MIDYEAR GIFT OF JOY

While we await the joy of our Holiday Project, foster children need our help now. This July, your gift of \$50 or more will fund incentives for good behavior and academic success: helping children feel seen, supported, and motivated. Incentives build confidence, encourage learning, and reward positive choices.

Join our mission by giving today, or become a Pinwheel Pal and make a difference all year long.



<https://www.manateechildrensservices.com/donate/#holiday>

\$50 or more supports:

- Gift cards
- Pizza parties
- Fun events
- Arts and crafts
- Sports activities
- Ice cream outings

Giving Period:

July 1 through July 31, 2025

Payment via cash, check, or card



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TRIVIA

NIGHT



BENEFITING "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"
FOR MCS FOSTER CHILDREN

JULY 29TH
7-9 PM

GOOD LIQUID
BREWING COMPANY

1570 LAKEFRONT DR, SARASOTA

SPECIAL SWAG & GIFT CARDS FOR TOP 3 WINNERS

FREE APPETIZER FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS!

PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH QR CODE
WITH A \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION:

WWW.MANATEECHILDRENSSERVICES.COM/DONATE/#TRIVIA





Benefiting Christmas in July

Treat yourself or someone special to Kendra Scott's stunning collection while supporting child abuse prevention. Enjoy complimentary champagne as you shop in-store, or shop online with the GIVEBACK code below at checkout.

All proceeds benefit Christmas in July, bringing midyear joy to the children we serve.



Shine Bright, Do Good

JOIN US FOR A
KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT

DATE & TIME

July 18th from 4:00PM – 6:00PM

Sarasota | University Town Center

DETAILS

Sip, Shop, Support!

Join us for a giveback event

20% of sales will be donated back to
Manatee Children's Services

Shop online using code:

GIVEBACK-JPFVP

July 18th – July 19th



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SUMMER FUN AT MCS



Thanks to the generosity of our monthly donors and previous Christmas in July supporters, our foster youth are enjoying unforgettable summer moments — including a thrilling day at Busch Gardens!

Agency News & Updates



Our staff celebrated reunification at the Safe Children Coalition Reunification Celebration! Seated here are Becky and Sean from SCC, who led the reunification teams with heart and dedication. We welcomed nine families who have been reunited with their children, a powerful reminder of hope, healing, and new beginnings. The day was filled with inspiring speakers and an amazing lunch. What a truly special event!

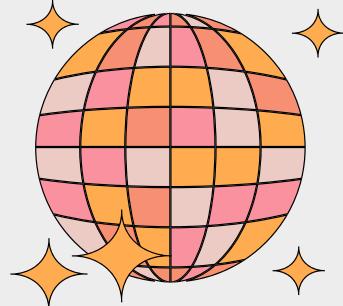
We're so thankful to the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers for their funding to support the After-Mouse PLAY therapeutic table. Now part of our Child Protection Team waiting area, this tool helps children feel safe and supported during medical exams and interviews through healing, therapeutic play.



Thanks to a generous grant from the Bishop-Parker Foundation, our new dual-purpose vehicle is already making a big impact at MCS! It provides safe, reliable transportation for the children in our care and helps our staff with essential maintenance tasks that keep our homes running smoothly. Thank you to Bishop-Parker for investing in the well-being and daily care of the children we serve!

Save
The Date

GROOVIN' FOR GOOD



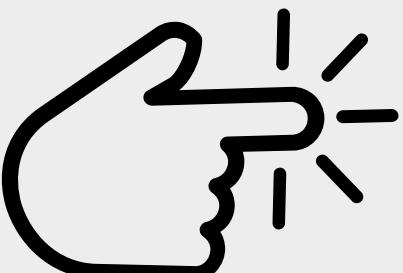
A 70S GALA FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

Palmetto Marriott Resort & Spa
600 US-41, Palmetto, FL 34221

6:00 to 10:00 pm

VIP Cocktail Hour: 5:00 pm
\$150 per person



Click here for sponsorships,
tickets, and more event details



Premier event sponsor



Manatee Children's
Services Annual Gala

Groovin' For Good

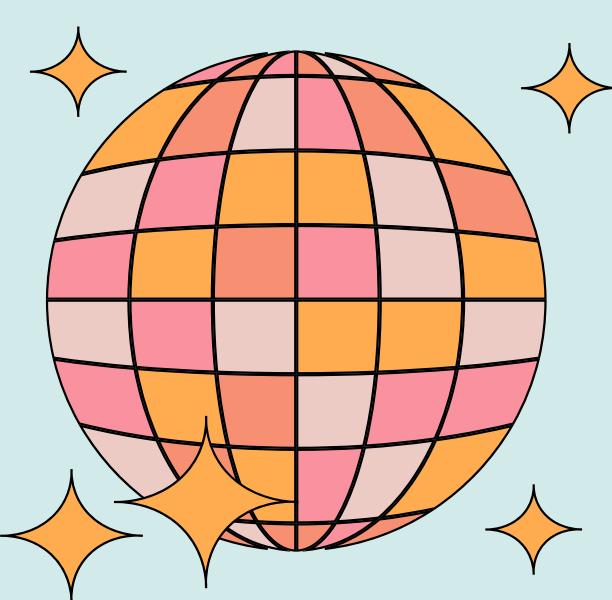
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Child Abuse Protection

Table Sponsors

Stayin' Alive	\$12,000
Boogie Wonderland	\$7,500
Disco Inferno	\$5,000
Saturday Night Fever	\$2,500
Peace Love & Disco	\$1,000
Individual Tickets	\$150

Our "Groovin' for Good" gala is more than just a night of disco and fun: it's a powerful opportunity to support child abuse prevention and help children in our community thrive. Please see our website for details on each sponsorship type and what your dollars will support.

Whether you're a business or an individual, your support makes a lasting impact. Let's come together, get groovy, and make a difference.



Groovin' For Good

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Child Abuse Protection

Brand Sponsors

Happy Hour Hustle	\$9,000
Disco Memories	\$9,000
Boogie Nights	\$7,500
Solid Gold Gavel	\$6,000
Flower Power & Funk	\$5,000
Sweet Soul	\$4,000
Stationary Disco	\$3,000
Strike-a-Pose	\$3,000
Flashback Video	\$3,000
Cruisin' in Style	\$2,000
Jive Java	\$1,500
Ticket to Funky Town	\$1,000
In-Kind / Custom	\$7,000

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MCS SUCCESS STORIES



We're thrilled to share this amazing 5-star review of our KIDS Personal Safety Program from Alpha Martial Arts! "Our speaker, Britney Guerra, was amazing. She had 90+ campers completely engaged and enthralled with her presentation."

 **Alpha Martial Arts**
1 review

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They came out to speak to our Summer Camp about the 5 Safety Rules and Anti-Bullying. Our speaker, Britney Guerra, was amazing. She had 90+ campers completely engaged and enthralled with her presentation. What an awesome resource to help our kids!

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Have you had a positive experience with MCS? If so, please follow Alpha Martial Arts' lead by leaving us a review. Your feedback helps us grow and continue making a difference!

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