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Honorary Governor!

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Our fundraising campaign officially ended. We really want to thank the Chamber and it's staff for hosting this event. We also want to thank our candidate Amanda Murphy for all of her hard work, and dedication to this cause. We want to thank the campaign staff for all of their work on this. A special thanks to, Angel Cook for donating her event planning time, Sheelah Neece for donating her design skills and time for this event, and Magdeline Wise for donating her time to us for these events. We would also like to thank the numerous sponsors that came out in support of us and our candidate. If it were not for all of you, this campaign would not have been the success that it has been. We also want to thank all of the candidates for donating their time and their agencies efforts for their own causes they ran for, Alex Castriota for Prostate Cancer Awareness, Eric Mullins for the Mullins Music Studio, Brian Anderson for the Veterans Alternative, and Barry Horvath for the West Pasco Business Association. We hope that your campaigns were successful, but we still want to win. Thank you to every one of you that donated time or came to our events, or sponsored them. We appreciate everything that you did for us! Thank you! We cannot say it enough!

Thank You!

Do you need Case management?

If you or someone you know is in need of case management, we are always taking new clients. We do not believe in a wait list. We currently provide case management in Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, Citrus, Sumter, Pinellas, Manatee, and Polk Counties.

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Our plans for growth!

As a lot of you know, our little agency has grown in size over the years. This recent fundraising campaign has helped us to raise a lot of money to try and help our agency continue to grow. We have a lot of plans for what we want to do with that money and we base it on the clients survey's we send out every year. We read them and pay attention to the comments we receive. So thank you to our clients that sent them in. Some of the things that we are in the process of working on are, increasing our food and toiletry pantry, expanding to offer support groups, outreach, housing, and free in office HIV testing. We know that there is a great need in this community and we are always trying to accommodate and help our clients with what it is that they tell us they need. So remember when you get that survey, send it back completed.

Open Enrollment!

Don't forget that the open enrollment period for this area, ends in May! If you need to change plans then you will either need to call AHCA at 1-877-711-3662, or go to the website and change your plan,

<https://www.flmedicaidmanagedcare.com/MMA/enroll.aspx>



"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."
Will Rogers



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On May 10th 2017 come on out to Hamburger Mary's in Clearwater to support our agency and win some awesome prizes.

For only 20 dollars you can win the honor of being in the room and playing Bingo at Hamburger Mary's. It is a good time for all and a great way to raise money for our cause. So if you are going please RSVP to 727-400-6996.



Case Management Confusion!

There has been a great deal of confusion in Pasco County in regards to case management. At this time, there are only 3 PAC Waiver providers that are located in Pasco County. They are Us, Metro, and Baycare/The Harbor. We have been hearing a lot of rumors that there is another agency that has started. This agency is not approved by AHCA and if they are telling you that they are, this is fraud. Not having a case manager will close your benefits. You need to be with an approved agency in order to receive these benefits. If someone is telling you that they are an agency and they are not one of the 3 listed, then that is a lie. This is upsetting because they are then taking advantage of a group of people and putting their health at risk. If someone has told you that they are an agency please contact AHCA at 727-552-1900.



"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."
Margaret Mead

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Maxcare

Our area lost a great supporter, advocate, and friend this past month. We know that the loss of Maged Shoukry is tough and our hearts go out to his family and friends.

We will miss him here because we have grown very close with him and he was an amazing man. We know that Maxcare will continue on, but his place will be hard to fill. We express our deepest sympathies and condolences at the loss of such a great man. We know how saddened we are by his loss and cannot imagine the loss you are feeling. We know that it is tough moving forward after such a loss, and we are going to be there for you during this time.



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

**“We understand death
for the first time
when he puts his hand
upon one whom we
love”**

Madame de Stael