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City of Belleview Ramps Up Fundraising Efforts for the United Way of Marion County

Belleview, FL – The City of Belleview is once again gearing up to support the United Way of Marion County through a series of fundraising efforts, kicking off with the annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Belleview Community Center. This year, the City will not host its own yard sale but will be renting out spaces inside and outside the Community Center for vendors and residents to sell their own items. All proceeds from booth rentals will go to the United Way of Marion County.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by renting a space or coming out to shop. Booth rentals are \$20.00 for an indoor space with one table provided, \$10.00 for an outdoor space without a table, and \$15.00 for an outdoor space with a table included. Additional tables can be rented for \$5.00 each. Spaces are still available for those looking to sell unused items, crafts, or other goods. To reserve your space, contact Angilia Pittsley at (352) 233-2119 by October 10, 2024.

“We’re thrilled to continue our partnership with the United Way and to support their impactful work in our community,” said Sandi McKamey, Belleview’s City Administrator. “The City of Belleview has always been dedicated to giving back, and this yard sale is a key part of that effort. Not only does it provide a way for residents to clean out their closets and make some extra money, but more importantly, every space rented helps support critical services provided by the United Way. Their programs touch so many lives here in Marion County, from helping families in need to providing educational resources. We are proud to stand behind this cause and encourage everyone to participate.”

In addition to the yard sale, the City will be hosting other fundraising activities, including a candy sale at City Hall and the Public Works office, and a sale of items during the Light Up Lake Lillian event on December 7, 2024. Donations for the United Way can also be made in person at City Hall, Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Angilia Pittsley, who oversees the City’s United Way initiatives, shared her enthusiasm for the event: “It’s wonderful to see the community come together for such a great cause. The United Way does so much for our neighbors, and events like these are a fun and easy way for people to get involved. Whether you’re renting a booth to sell some of your unused items or coming out to find a great deal, every action supports those in need. I encourage everyone to join us – there’s still time to reserve a spot if you’re thinking about participating.”

Robert Vass, Events and Promotions Manager for Belleview, spoke about the importance of community involvement: “The yard sale has become a signature event in our city, where neighbors meet, share stories, and hunt for hidden treasures. But it’s more than just a sale – it’s a way for all of us to contribute to the greater good. This year, all proceeds from booth rentals will go directly to the United Way of Marion County, an organization that continuously works to improve the quality of life for our residents. So whether you’re selling, shopping, or simply making a donation, you’re playing a vital role in that effort.”

The United Way of Marion County has been working for more than 60 years to improve lives and create lasting change in the community. The organization funds a variety of programs that focus on health, education, financial stability, and basic needs. Their mission is to mobilize the caring power of Marion County to advance the common good and strengthen the local community. Programs supported by the United Way range from early childhood education to crisis support services, helping to build a stronger and more resilient community.

For more information about the United Way of Marion County or to donate directly, visit www.uwmc.org.