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Citrus County Comes Together in One Voice Celebration on April 1st

Parents, children, government officials, and representatives from various health and human services agencies and organizations will come together for inaugural celebration of Children's Month in Citrus County. The event is entitled "One Voice at the Steps" and will take place on Tuesday, April 1st at 4:00pm on the steps of the old courthouse in Inverness.

This initial kick-off will host a variety of speakers to commemorate the event, including three local youth speakers from Citrus County Schools representing the elementary, middle, and high school populations. Also speaking at the event will be local officials including School Superintendent Sandra Himmel, Magistrate Keith Schenck, Commissioner J.J. Kenney, and Commissioner Rebecca Bays.

With the various speakers, a variety of topics will be covered such as the protection and safety of children, and efforts supporting families, to helping children reach their potential. The event will promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month, as well as celebrating all the important work that local agencies and organizations do in our community concerning children and youth.

Also attending the event will be a very special guest, Chief Child Advocate for the state, Zackary Gibson. Mr. Gibson is appointed by Governor Rick Scott, and is the Director of the Office of Adoption and Child Protection for the State. Gibson is scheduled to meet with Community Alliance members in the morning, followed by a tour of Jessie's place, and meetings with other local officials before attending the 4:00pm kick-off event.

For more information on the "One Voice at the Steps" event or other activities that are planned for Children's Month, please contact the Community Alliance at (352) 341-7075 or visit the Community Alliance website at www.citrusalliance.org.