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Local events mark Prevent Child Abuse Month

Port St. Lucie - Throughout April, local businesses and service groups are joining the child-welfare community in recognition of National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Blue pinwheels - a national symbol of child-abuse prevention - are spinning in gardens, front yards and store fronts throughout Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast.

And several local groups are partnering with Devereux Community Based Care to mark ongoing efforts to improve the lives of abused, abandoned and neglected children.

"These children don't just belong to a system- they belong to a community," said Carol Deloach, Chief Executive Officer for Devereux Community Based Care. "Our community has always shown extraordinary concern when it comes to the well-being of its most vulnerable members."



Pinwheels in support of Child Abuse Awareness Month

For example, Florida Community Bank established its Change for Change program in 2015 to provide its associates and customers the opportunity to make monetary contributions to support local foster care organizations, like Devereux Community Based Care. The bank will present the organization with a \$1,163 contribution during its April 25 Board of Directors meeting.

Florida Community Bank also is collecting new shoes at all branches and promoting its efforts through a series of social media videos.

And girls in foster care will have new bras thanks to an April 29 event hosted by the Junior League of Martin County.

The event is the culmination of a month-long project called Support the Girls, and will include food, music, manicures and a gift-basket give off for girls in foster care and their caregivers.

"There are so many ways to get involved this month," said Christina Kaiser, Devereux Community Based Care community relations director. "Drop off some shoes, donate your spare change, support the Junior League."

One of the simplest ways to help, she said, is to follow Devereux Community Based Care on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

"Throughout the month, we'll be sharing facts, tips and information relating to preventing child abuse, as well as sharing the events and activities of our partners and providers."

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to stay informed on all the month's events.

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