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Support Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens



Members of MARC making jewelry. The handcrafted jewelry is for sale and funds benefit the program.



Denise Malefy's daughter, Kristi Jean before she passed away from spinal meningitis.



The beautiful handcrafted jewelry made by the ReMARCable citizens.

When I was 17 I got pregnant and married. My daughter, Kristi Jean, was born prematurely and had to have brain surgery. At three and half months old she died of spinal meningitis. We buried her on a freezing cold Valentine's Day in a snow-covered hole in the ground. That was 38 years ago.

Back then, the doctors did not know if she would have been retarded or not. As a mother I could tell that she wasn't normal. And now I wonder what my life would be like had she lived.

I had a cousin that was

retarded. She was always a happy lovable person, but mentally she never passed the age of 10. Her name was Arlene but everyone called her "Toots." Unfortunately, she never got to go to school or join in any activities outside the home because there wasn't any available where she lived back then.

Luckily times have changed and Monroe County has a fantastic program, Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens, available to adult clients with developmental disabilities that include mental retardation (I.Q.

69 or below), cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Prader-Willi Syndrome, and traumatic brain injury sustained prior to age 18.

As part of the program and also as a source of funds, MARC operates a thrift store located at mile marker 90 next door to Coral Shores High School. Stop by to shop or donate and see what this wonderful program does for these people.

Perhaps you have seen their jewelry on display around town. Making the jewelry is a chance for them to express themselves artistically and gain a sense of what it is like to have a job. Each piece of jewelry comes

with a card signed by the MARC artist.

This program, like many others in a recession, has experienced budget cuts, so please remember them and the thrift store when you are shopping this holiday season. Stop in the shop to buy something or donate items to be sold. They take unwanted clothing, household items and anything of value they can sell.

Thrift shop hours are Monday to Saturday 9am to 4pm. For more information about this program or about how you can help please call 305-852-3282.

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27. THE REGS 1-6 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	04. Mr. Nice Guy 1-6 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	11. THE REGS 1-6 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	18. Mr. Nice Guy 1-6 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	25. Kim Bankston 1-6	02. David Bowman 2-5 pm THE REGS 6-10	03. Luke & Dave 1-5 Gypsy Road Band 6-10
05. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	12. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	19. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	26. David Bowman 1-5 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	27. Luke 1-5 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	06. Luke Bowman 2-5 pm Blackwater Sound 6-10	10. Luke & Dave 1-5 EGO 6-10
07. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	13. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	20. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	27. Luke 1-5 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	28. Allen Truesdell 1-5 pm and Whipping Post 6-10 pm	08. Luke Sommer Glenn 1-3:30 pm Kevin Hurley 6-8:30pm	17. Luke & Dave 1-5 Whipping Post 6-10
09. David Bowman 2-5 pm Blackwater Sound 6-10	16. David Bowman 2-5 pm Colbert the Band 6-10	23. David Bowman 2-5 pm NO RESTRICTIONS 6-10	30. David Bowman 1-5 pm EXIT 19 6-10	29. John McKinna 1-3:30 pm Blackwater Sound 6-10	01. John McKinna 1-3:30pm Kevin Hurley 6-8:30pm	24. Luke & Dave 1-5 Karaoke Contest 10-2am

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