



"Providing Food and Sharing Hope to Neighbors In Need"

SOUTHEASTERN LIVESTOCK PAVILION FACILITY USE REQUEST

Purpose: Operation Compassion Of Florida Incorporated (OCFL) is seeking to obtain use of the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion as a location to distribute much needed food assistance to local families. Six months ago (September of 2025), we began a partnership with Marion County to use the Rotary Sports Complex for Truck Drop Mobile Distributions to assist our neighbors in the Southern Ocala area due to outgrowing our church facility at Wings Of Faith Fellowship in Silver Springs Shores where we have been holding such events for several years. In November of 2025, we began a second Truck Drop each month on the North side of Ocala to assist neighbors in surrounding communities there. We are now in need of a larger venue for the Northern Ocala area.

Goal: *OCFL is desiring to partner with the Livestock Pavilion to use the parking lot to host a Truck Drop Mobile Distribution in which we team with Second Harvest of Central Florida / Feeding America to provide a semi load of free food to attendees 4 to 6 times a year as the Livestock Pavilion's schedule would allow. We can plan well in advance as not to interfere with any other activities.*

Facility Use Concept: OCFL would only need the parking lot area to line up attendee vehicles, stage the food, and run the traffic flow for distribution and exiting the grounds. We would provide traffic flow signs, safety cones, volunteer parking lot coordinators, along with portable tents, tables and thermal blankets for proper food handling. Our only additional need would be to have access to the restrooms closest to the parking lot for volunteers and neighbors as they wait. Upon conclusion of the event we will cleanup the parking lot and leave it as we found it.

Typical Timeline: On the days of such events our parking lot volunteers will arrive at 6:00AM to monitor traffic flow. We will begin setup shortly thereafter. Truck arrival time varies as it is coming from downtown Orlando but usually arrives between 8:30 and 9:30AM. Upon arrival it typically takes 30 minutes to unload the truck and to stage the food. We will immediately begin bagging any food that requires such for distribution. Under normal circumstances we have been able to bag enough food to start the distribution line flow within an hour of the trucks arrival. Once the distribution begins we can serve 450-500 families in three hours. Upon completion it takes 45 minutes to an hour to cleanup and vacate the facility. Most events are completely over by 2:30PM.

Promotional Opportunities: OCFL is open to any county or city leaders to join us for distribution events that can be utilized for promotional or awareness opportunities.

Previous Impact: Here are the numbers from 2 such recent events ...

10/29/25 (Rotary) Truck Drop: 504 Families, 1,926 People, 37,075 lbs. Distributed (72% healthy), Avg. 75.5 lbs. per family (valued at \$145), 56 Volunteers serving 289 Hours.

12/17/25 (Rotary) Truck Drop: 454 Families, 1,712 People, 42,488 lbs. Distributed (66% healthy), Avg. 94 lbs. per family (valued at \$179.69), 43 Volunteers serving 289.5 Hours.

Here is a link to a story that aired on TV over the holidays covering a previous event at Rotary: <https://www.wesh.com/article/mobile-food-distribution-marion-county/69605283>

Thank you for your consideration,

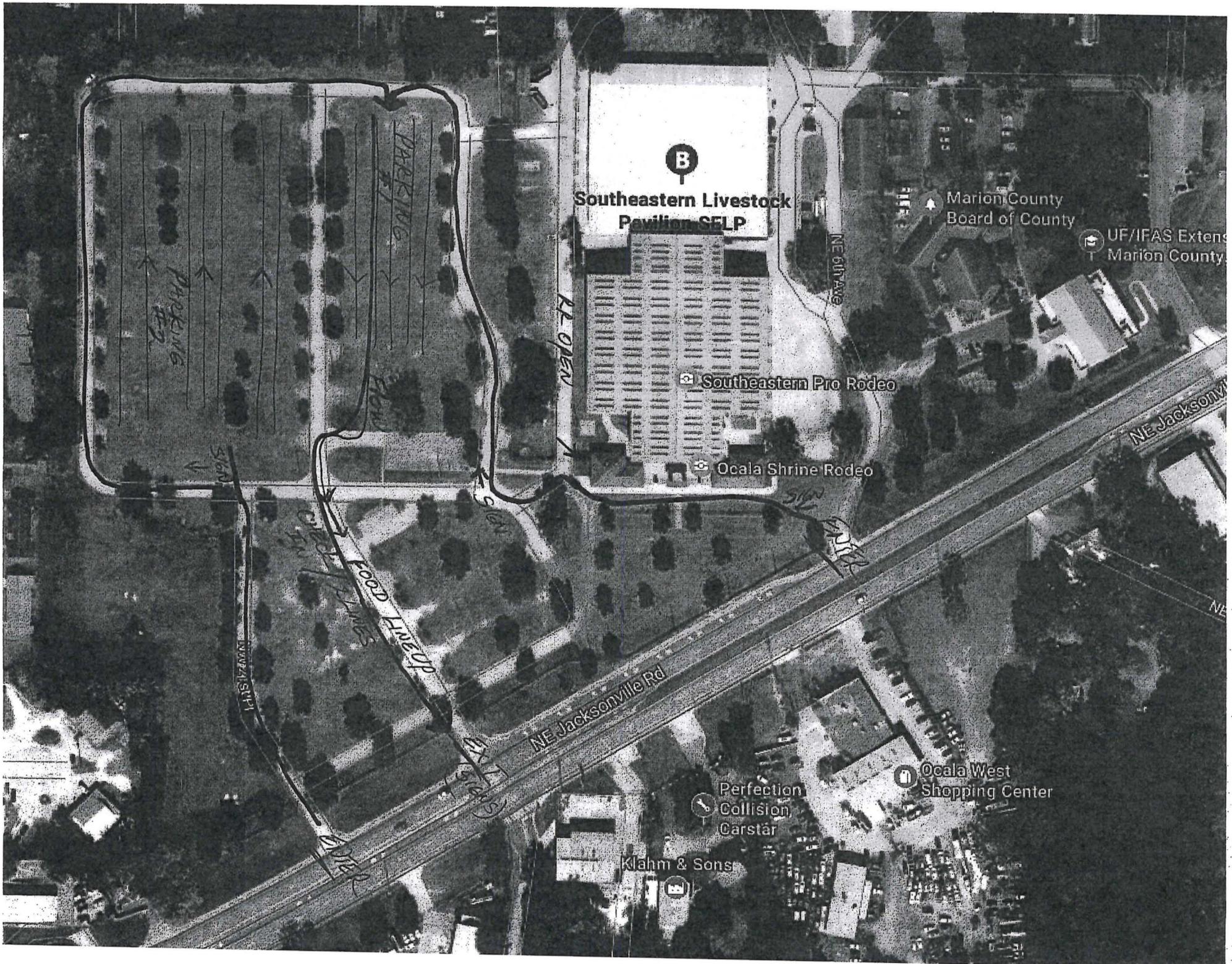


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Southeastern Livestock Pavilion SLP

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Southeastern Pro Rodeo

Ocala Shrine Rodeo

NE Jacksonville Rd

Ocala West Shopping Center

Perfection Collision Carstar

Klahm & Sons

PARKING

PARKING

R open

NE 6th Ave

NE 24th St

NE 25th St

NE 26th St

NE Jacksonville Rd

NE 27th St

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3 YEAR GROWTH REPORT SUMMARY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Families Served</u>	<u>People Served</u>	<u>1st Time Signups</u>	<u>Pounds Distributed</u>	<u>Healthy lbs. Distributed</u>	<u>Volunteers Serving</u>	<u>Vol. Hours Served</u>
2022	3,750	10,503	428	179,516	28,722	30	1,676
2023	12,464	38,861	1,080	885,794	454,502	86	3,709
2024	15,868	50,111	820	1,080,142	713,741	171	4,950
2025	22,997	75,917	927	1,446,196	924,530	219	27,231
3rd Year Increase %	513%+	623%+	117%+ (152%+)	706%+	3,119%+	630%+	1,525%+

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