

Ozark Outreach Fair

Osage Beach Outlet Marketplace May 10

Greetings!

My name is Henry Chamberlain, and I am the Events & Partnerships Manager at Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association (CMFCAA). We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting foster, adoptive, and kinship families and youth throughout Central Missouri. With offices in Osage Beach, Jefferson City, Columbia, and Rolla, we strive to connect families with the resources they need to thrive.

We're excited to announce that CMFCAA is planning to host the first Ozark Outreach Fair on Saturday, May 10, and we'd love for your organization to be part of it! We hope to make this an annual event. It aims to bring together nonprofits across the Osage Beach, Sunrise Beach, Camdenton, and Lake Ozark, giving our community members a one-stop opportunity to explore the incredible resources and services available to them—all in a fun, welcoming atmosphere.

Here's what we envision:

- **Nonprofit tables:** Each participating organization will host a table to share information about its services. To make the event engaging and enjoyable, we're encouraging each organization to include a fun activity at their table—like a spinning prize wheel, a duck pond, or a ring toss.
- **Immediate impact:** If you have a service or tangible that you can provide right there at the event, we believe it will go a long way towards building trust with the community we serve - for example we plan to bring our mobile Trunk clothing closet.
- **Entertainment:** While we're still in the planning stages, we're considering adding attractions

like a face painter or balloon artist to make it a family-friendly event. We are trying to execute this event at zero cost to any of the charities and non-profits involved so, this might be an individual organization decision.

- **Community connection:** This fair will not only provide visibility for your organization but also create an opportunity to collaborate with other nonprofits and connect with those in need of services.

Details about the exact time and location will follow, but we have early approval from the Osage Beach Outlet Marketplace to use their parking lot! Again, our goal is to do this without local sponsorships. We aren't asking you for a tabling fee and we are not going to solicit additional funding. It is important to us that this is strictly a "What can we do for the community," event - we will not be soliciting donations of any kind.

We don't know of any comprehensive resource fair like this currently existing in our area, so we're excited to take the lead in creating one. With your involvement, we believe the Ozark Outreach Fair can make a real difference in our community.

Please let me know if you'd like to participate or have ideas to share. I'd love to hear your thoughts and work together to make this event a success. You can reach me at HenryChamberlain@CMFCAA.com.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Warm regards,

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