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**Drayton Florence Foundation to host
Day of Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving meals will be provided for 110 Marion County families

Ocala, Fla (November 15, 2010) – On Monday, November 22, 110 students in the local Take Stock in Children program will be receiving Thanksgiving dinner baskets for their families at a Day of Thanksgiving event sponsored by the Drayton Florence Foundation.

Representatives from the Drayton Florence Foundation will be on hand at the Ed Croskey Recreation Center in Ocala beginning at 6 p.m. to present the baskets. House Rep. Marlene O’Toole will also attend, speaking on behalf of the Take Stock In Children state office.

The event serves as the official celebration of Take Stock In Children Awareness month, and includes an official proclamation to be presented by Marion County Commissioner Stan McClain. Take Stock In Children is a premier statewide mentoring program for at-risk, low-income students. Locally a program of the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, Take Stock in Children provides students with a caring mentor throughout high school and a Florida PrePaid scholarship upon successful completion of the program.

Ocala native Drayton Florence, cornerback for the Buffalo Bills, established his Foundation to educate, motivate and stimulate youth, empowering them for a lifetime of success. Programs include technology labs at local community centers, Thanksgiving dinners for families in need and community outreach to schools and non-profit organizations.

Other supporters of the Day of Thanksgiving include Winn-Dixie, Papa John’s, Publix, Terry and Lori Boring and Rick and Claire Shonter. In addition, Ocala residents Kris Clere, a US Army Staff Sergeant currently serving in Iraq, and his wife Mandy, have established a fund to help support the giveaway, reaching out to supporters throughout the world to make this day possible.

As a community celebration, the public is invited and light snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Michelle Robie, executive director of the Drayton Florence Foundation at (727) 501-6767 or via email at michelle@draytonflorenc29.com.