

Social Services Newsletter March 23, 2026





Upcoming Networking Events:

Houston County ASA - April 1 at 11:30
1001 Montana Street

Coffee County ASA- April 8 at 11:30
Bridge Church in Enterprise

Dale County ASA- April 6 at 11:30
Hopper Grass in Ozark

SEACH- April 2nd at 12 Noon
This month will be at Christian Mission
Center in Enterprise



CONGRATULATIONS!



ANGELA UNDERWOOD

Wiregrass Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is proud to formally announce **Mrs. Angela Underwood** as the **new Executive Director**. Mrs. Underwood brings a distinguished record of service, having devoted many years to advocacy and being a passionate voice for victims.

Her career is marked by impactful leadership as a Retired Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and having worked as Executive Director of The House of Ruth, she has touched countless lives through her dedication to justice and support for those in need.

She is excited to announce her new role as **Executive Director of CASA** where she will lead a dedicated team in advocating for children in the protective custody of The Department of Human Resources.

With a deep commitment to ensuring every child's voice is heard and their best interests are represented, she looks forward to working collaboratively with community partners and volunteers to make a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable children,

Wiregrass CASA is honored to have Mrs. Angela Underwood at the helm and looks forward to continued progress and positive impact under her guidance.



COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE DISASTER

THE ALFRED SALIBA FAMILY CENTER

301 W Lafayette St
Dothan Alabama 36301

**COME ASK
QUESTIONS**

**VOICE YOUR
CONCERNS**

DATE: MARCH 26TH 2026

TIME: 4 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.



FOR MORE INFO CALL:

334-828-4882



LADIES FIREARMS SAFETY CLASS

PROVIDED BY: SHERIFF MASON BYNUM & D.C.S.O.



26TH THURS. MARCH

CLASS WILL COVER FIREARM
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LAW, FUNDAMENTALS OF
SHOOTING, & MUCH MORE!
REGISTER TODAY! SPOTS FILL
QUICKLY!

LOCATION:

583 BIVINS DR. OZARK, AL 36360
BESIDE THE OZARK DALE CO.
HUMANE SOCIETY

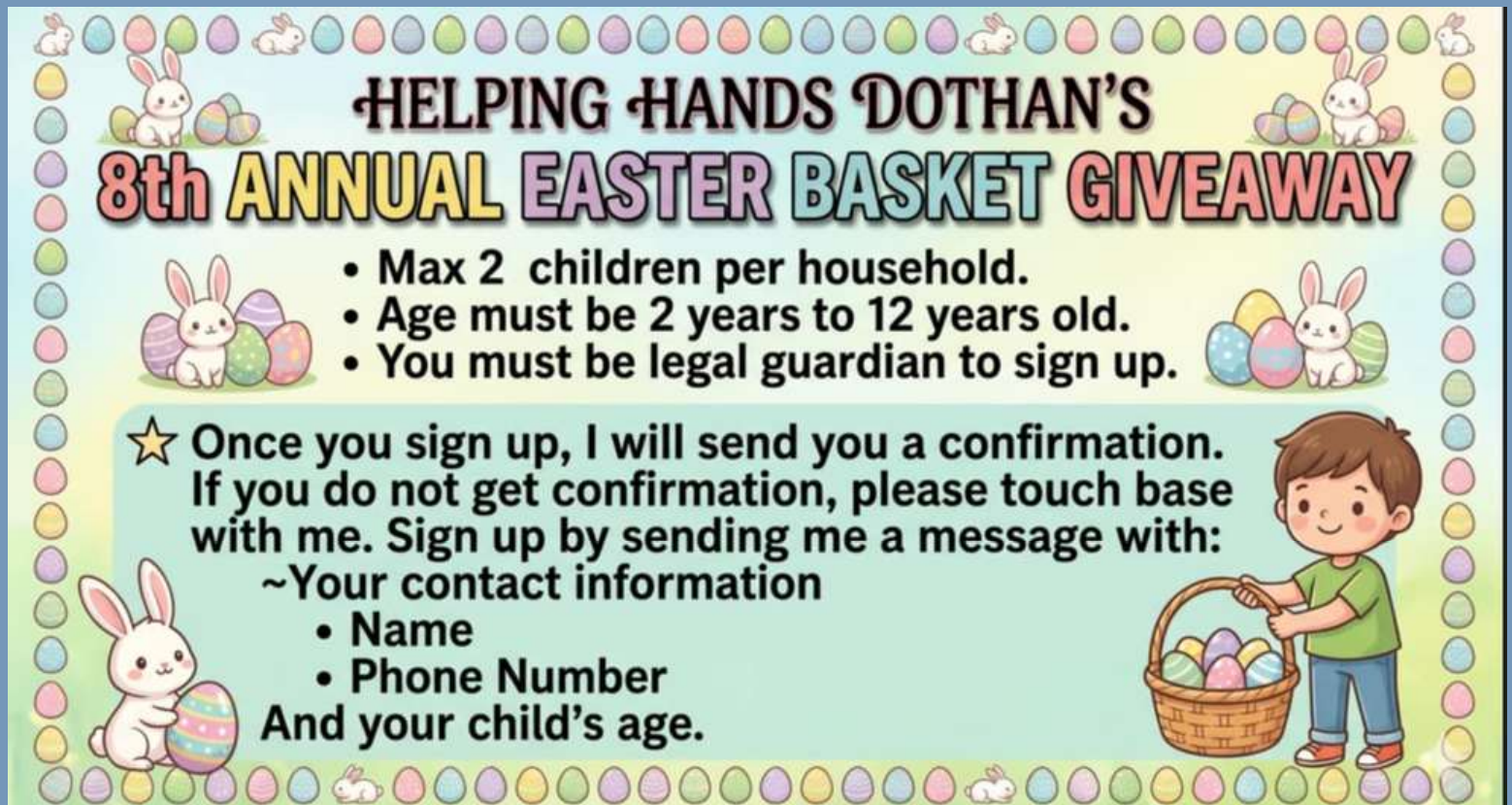
TIME:
5:00 PM

**CLASS IS
FREE!**



BRING 50 ROUNDS OF AMMO, HEARING / EYE PROTECTION, & BASEBALL STYLE HAT

TO REGISTER, CALL: (334) 774-2335



HELPING HANDS DOTHAN'S
8th ANNUAL EASTER BASKET GIVEAWAY

- Max 2 children per household.
- Age must be 2 years to 12 years old.
- You must be legal guardian to sign up.

★ Once you sign up, I will send you a confirmation. If you do not get confirmation, please touch base with me. Sign up by sending me a message with:

- ~Your contact information
 - Name
 - Phone Number

And your child's age.

To Sign up for the Giveaway OR to
Donate Easter Items:

Contact Helping Hands Dothan or
Anglia Hope Jones Key on Facebook

OR

Call / Text: 334-405-7046

4th Annual Wine Pull for Catholic Social Services of Dothan

Fundraiser

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hosted by:

The Thirsty Pig
257 S. St Andrews St.
Dothan



Tickets are \$30

**Each ticket
guarantees
one bottle
of wine!
Bottles
valued at
\$20 - \$100+**



*For more information
on the event or how
to purchase tickets,
please contact:*

Stephanie Cronin
334-793-3601



*All proceeds support
the direct aid
programs at Catholic
Social Services of
Dothan.*



FREE ADMISSION: Sunday, March 29, from 2-6pm for an Egg Quest Eggstravaganza!

Come see the Easter Bunny while enjoying numerous fun outdoor activities and see the beautiful eggs on display!

Activities will be held from 3pm-5pm and include relay games, face painting, and a planting activity. Come pick out a seed/pot to take home where you can watch your plant grow. - don't miss out!!

Don't forget to vote for your favorite egg and enter to win the Easter basket.

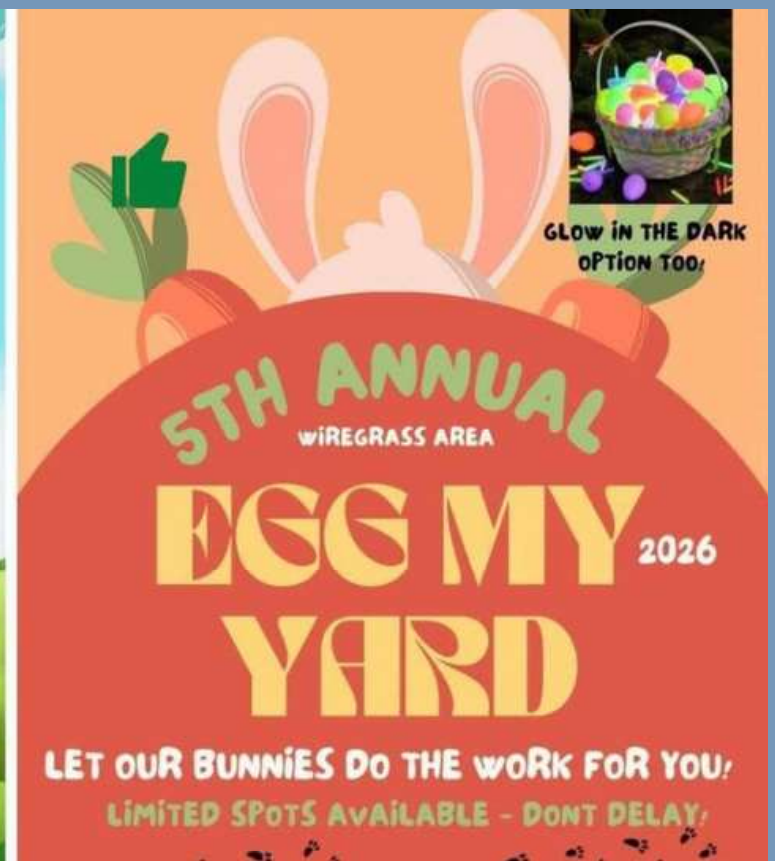
What is Egg Quest?

Egg Quest is a public art project hosted by the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. Now in its eighth year, this event combines the artistic skills of area students and local artists with the beauty of the 47-acre garden.

Approximately 25 four-ft wooden eggs painted by local schools and artists are now on display throughout the Gardens until Easter Sunday, April 5th.

The Dothan Area Botanical Garden is located at 5130 Headland Ave. in Dothan. Garden entry is through the Ralph & Carolyn Smith Botanical Center. The pet-friendly (must be on leash) facility is open from 9am to 6pm, seven days a week.

For more information, please contact the Garden office 334-793-3224 or visit www.dabg.com.



Our 5th Annual Wiregrass Egg My Yard! (Dothan, Enterprise, Daleville, Rehobeth & Midland City)

If your city is not located message us and we maybe able to assist! We also have a pick up and shipping option too!

Regular Egg My Yard

Link & Info:

<https://form.jotform.com/260018835002042>

Autism Egg My Yard

Link & Info:

<https://form.jotform.com/260028973084056>

FOOD BAG GIVEAWAY!

First United Methodist
Church of Dothan, AL

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
STARTS AT 12:00 P.M.

First Come, First Serve!

- ✓ Must be **Present** to Receive a Food Bag
- ✓ **Only ONE Bag Per Family**

Location:

**ASHFORD
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— 409 N County Road 33
— Ashford, AL —

— While Supplies Last —



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MARCH 24 | 1:00-5:00PM | OZARK CAMPUS

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Contact for more information:

AVIATION

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lsnell@escc.edu
334-348-7144

CDL

Kailah Dozier
kdozier@escc.edu
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MECHATRONICS

Aubri Hanson
ahanson@escc.edu

EMPLOYERS:
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- Basic to advanced maneuvers
- Safety procedures, emergency shut-off protocols, and accident response industry standards
- Regular maintenance and troubleshooting techniques

DATES:
MARCH
27-28



QUESTIONS?

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kdozier@esc.edu



Kim Johnson

Director of Community Relations

P.O. Box 8781 | Dothan, AL 36304

(334) 671-1779 | www.southeastcac.org

kim@southeastcac.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER TO HOST 32nd ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

DOTHAN, Alabama – The Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center (CAC) will host its Kick-Off for their 32nd Annual Blue Ribbon Campaign for Child Abuse Prevention Month on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026** at 10:00 AM. The Kick-Off event will take place at Porter Park in Downtown Dothan and will feature remarks from local elected officials from across the Wiregrass.

For 32 years, each April during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the CAC coordinates a community-wide Blue Ribbon Campaign. The blue ribbon is a national symbol of the need to protect children. The purpose of this campaign is to raise awareness about child abuse and to generate support for programs and services to help victims.

Last year, your Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center provided forensic interviews to 351 children with new allegations of abuse. More than 680 child victims of abuse received SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) exams, therapy, crisis counseling, and criminal justice support services.

“April is recognized nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month, symbolized by the Blue Ribbon. This year, the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center is honoring the theme ‘Hope Grows Here,’ highlighting the importance of community support, awareness, and prevention efforts that help children and families heal and thrive. Throughout April, the CAC encourages the community to stand together to protect children and promote hope for a safer tomorrow,” says Taknocca Harris, CAC Executive Director.

The Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center will also host its 3rd Annual Spring Fling on April 18 at Solomon Park from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Spring Fling is a free, family-friendly event that brings together local nonprofits and community partners to help children learn about the safe adults and helpers in their community. We’ll have food trucks, bounce houses, and other community organizations hosting fun activities for kids.

About Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center

Established in 1991, the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center is a private 501 (c) 3 non-profit agency dedicated to serving as advocates for children and to reduce the trauma and anxiety for child victims of severe physical and sexual abuse.

The CAC is a child focused facility designed to feel comfortable and safe for the children and families we serve. Our services are provided at no cost to children and their supportive, non-offending family members. The CAC’s vision is for a community where children are safe, families are strong, and child victims become children again.



**BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN
FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
KICK-OFF**



FEATURING



MASON BYNUM

Dale County Sheriff



BRANDON SHOUBE

Houston County Commission Chairman



**APRIL 1, 2026
10:00 AM**

PORTER PARK

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(334) 691-2451

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HANDS ONLY & COMMUNITY CPR TRAINING

Each month the Dothan Fire Department hosts opportunities to attend CPR classes and/or hands-only CPR training.

CPR Classes

- Held to the American Heart Association standards
- Receive AHA - BLS Certification
- Cost \$45/per student
- 4 hours long
- 1st Thursday of (most) Months

Hands-Only

- This program focuses on four lifesaving elements:
 - Early Identification
 - Early CPR
 - Early Defibrillation
 - EMS Intervention
- DOES NOT receive AHA - BLS Certification
- FREE
- 2 hours long
- 1st Thursday of (most) Months



CONTACT US

www.dothanfd.org

334-615-3915

100 Public Safety Way

Dothan, Alabama 36303

Previous attachment

QPR Suicide Prevention Training

Question. Persuade. Refer.

JOIN US:

May 23rd, 2026 | 1:00-3:00 PM

PEIR (People Engaged in Recovery)

1930 Wise Dr, Dothan, AL 36303

FREE & Open to ALL | Refreshments Provided

COMMUNITY MEMBERS - LEADERS - ADVOCATES - FRIENDS

Ask a Question. Save a Life

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is an emergency response for someone in crisis—just like CPR. Learn the three simple steps that can save a life from suicide.

Learn how to:

- ✓ Recognize the warning signs for a suicide crisis.
- ✓ Ask direct and compassionate questions
- ✓ Refer someone at risk to appropriate help

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: **988** (24/7, confidential)

Crisis Text Line: Text **START** to **741741**

Alabama Warm Line: **1-844-999-4647**



Sign-up!

jotform.com/theuncarried/qprm23

For more info: Tyler | **334-805-1743**
theuncarried@gmail.com

Training by: **ASPARC**
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Sherry Koogler at 334-793-4440



COMMUNITY-WIDE HEALTH FAIR

WITH THE DOTHAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Your
HEALTH
is our priority



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Dothan Housing Association
Michael C. Patton Event Center
1001 Montana St., Dothan, AL

REGISTER HERE



Learn from Experts

- Guest speakers on women's and children's health
- Mental health resources and support
- Healthy cooking demonstration featuring simple recipes you can use at home

Activities for the Whole Family

- Healthy Happy Kids program activities
- Kids' wellness games and education
- Fun for all ages

Free Health Screenings

- Blood pressure checks
- Glucose screenings
- General health assessments
- Basic screenings from healthcare providers

Food & Community

- Food trucks on-site
- Meet neighbors and community members
- Connect with local healthcare resources

Questions? For more information, contact Wiregrass Alabama AHEC's Dr. Ian McFadden at imcfadden@trov.edu or UAB Live HealthSmart's Anita Dawkins at anita26dawkins@yahoo.com

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PEIR|DOTHAN

***SPRING INTO RECOVERY Health Fair And
Easter Egg Hunt***

MANY PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY

A HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND EDUCATION DAY DEDICATED
TO RECOVERY, AWARENESS, AND REMOVING THE
STIGMA

FREE

HAIRCUTS

BOUNCE HOUSES

FACE PAINTING

EASTER EGG HUNT

HIV TESTING

P.E.I.R.



SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026

TIME: 9AM-12PM

WHERE: 1001 MONTANA STREET, DOTHAN. AL

Office: 334-446-1342

MEET WITH LOCAL ADDICTION AND RECOVERY
RESOURCE PROVIDERS.

TALK WITH OTHERS IN RECOVERY!!



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peopleengagedinrecovery.org

PEIR|DOTHAN

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS THIS SATURDAY

At PEIR Dothan, we are honored to serve those who have served us

This Saturday at our Spring Into Recovery Health Fair, we are making sure our veterans are seen, supported, and connected

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1001 Montana Street, Dothan, AL

The VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) will be on site
Veterans will be able to receive help the SAME DAY

A Crisis Room with therapists will be available for immediate support

Additional therapists will also be present throughout the event

Whether it's resources, support, or just someone to talk to — you do not have to do it alone

We are a safe space. We are a community. We care.
If you or someone you love is a veteran, come out and let us help connect you to the support you deserve

Questions? Call 334-446-1342

Many pathways. One community. Recovery is possible.

ALABAMA CARES PRESENTS



GRANDHELP FOR Grandfamilies

MARCH 26, 2026

9:00AM - Noon

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1065 S. Brannon Stand Rd. - Dothan, AL
Register at www.sarcoa.org

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FOR MORE INFO CALL :

334-793-6843

REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 20





R.I.S.E. & Thrive Financial Workshop



Budget Boldly. Spend Wisely. Thrive Fully.

Budgeting

How to create a simple monthly budget

Needs vs. wants

Understanding Credit

What a credit score really means

Common credit mistakes to avoid

Games & Activities

Prizes

Free Food



Eufaula Carnegie Library

217 N Eufaula Ave

Eufaula, AL

March 28, 2026

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Register Here



OR

Call: 334-790-6262

Email: info@risealabama.org

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Mental Health **FIRST AID**

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for

FIRST RESPONDERS

WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Mental Health First Aid for First Responders teaches you how to **identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders**. This training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. It focuses on the unique experiences and needs of first responder personnel and is a valuable resource that can make a difference in their lives, their coworkers' and families' lives, and the communities they serve.

WHAT IT COVERS

- A discussion of first responder **culture, stigma** and their relevance to the topic of mental health.
- **Outreach tactics** to respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- A discussion of the specific **risk factors** faced by many first responders and their families.
- A review of common **mental health resources** for first responders, their families and those who support them.

FREE

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- 100% **IN PERSON**- interactive
- Earn **3-year CERTIFICATION**
- Awarded **8.0 CEUs**
- Course **MATERIALS** & Manual
- Local & National **RESOURCES**

REGISTER TODAY!

Date and Time:

Mon. April 13 OR Tues. April 14 (Choose One)

8:15am-3:30pm

Location:

Troy University Dothan Campus
502 University Dr., Everett Hall Room 138
Dothan, AL 36303



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Register Here, or use QR Code to the Right:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019bffdcd6ac7bfb9858cf813d5be2a8>



For questions or more information, contact Jessica Hoggle at
jjhoggle@ua.edu or (205) 534-4202

Who We Are: Hopes's Closet is a program of Helping Hands Dothan, a non-profit 501 © (3) organization dedicated to ensuring every young woman has the opportunity to attend special events with confidence and joy, regardless of financial circumstances.



How it Works:

It's Simple!

1. Make an appointment with us to schedule a personalized shopping experience.
2. Visit our location to try on our dresses!
3. Complete your look with our accessories (when available) at no cost!



What we do: We collect formal dresses through the year and provide them FREE of charge to young women in need.

To Schedule an appointment or to Donate to our program, please call/text (334) 405-7046 or (601) 934-0554 or email: helpinghandsdothan@gmail.com
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DAY



ARMED FORCES DAY FREEDOM RIDE

MAY 16TH, 2026

ALL PROCEEDS GOES TO VETERANS HELPING
VETERANS AND COMMUNITY 501C3

\$20 PER RIDER + \$5 PER EXTRA

Registration 9-10AM

KSU 10:30AM



Ride from Harley-Davidson of Dothan to
National Peanut Festival
Freedom Ignited Celebration

Previous attachment



LEADERSHIP
DOTHAN

Class 44 Presents

DENIM & Diamonds

MAY 8TH 6PM
AT THE PLANT

Denim & Diamonds is a big, family-friendly night of fun benefiting Girls Inc. of Dothan. Enjoy a lively draw down, dinner, Live entertainment, special performances from the girls and more as our community comes together to help provide a new roof and a brighter future for the girls we serve. Grab your denim, add a little sparkle, and join us for a night that makes a real difference.

Tickets can be purchased at:
girlsincdothan.org/events

Couples Ticket(2): \$200 Adult
Individual Tickets: \$125
Children(5-13): \$50
Kids 4 and under free

girls
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May 16, 2026

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2nd Annual

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JUNE 24, 2026 3-5 PM

**DOTHAN CIVIC
CENTER**



Vendors:

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Volunteers:

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