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Teen Empowerment Council

The University Area Community Development Corporation's (UACDC) **Teen Empowerment Council** is a leadership development program for teens that care about the University Area.

The Teen Empowerment Council provides youth with the opportunity to get involved in the University community through service based projects and community programs. Commitment to the University Area can also be turned into service hours for graduation, meeting college entrance requirements, and boosting scholarship applications. A leadership program doesn't look too shabby on a resume either.

Participants are also given the opportunity to strengthen their own personal, professional and social development skills while they embark on numerous workshops, trips and partnering events. Supporting the efforts of the University Area Community Development Corporation will also strengthen a participant's level of communication and professionalism.

If you know of any youth who want to make a difference in the University Area while increasing their own level of leadership and personal development, while having lots of fun in the process; just talk to any Teen Empowerment Council member or call the UACDC at 813-558-5212 or 813-727-1707. You can also go online to www.uacdkids.org.

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My Anytown Experience

By Lauren – Anytown 5 Delegate

It's almost impossible to describe Anytown by comparing it to any youth "camp" or by using highly descriptive metaphors and similes. Simple and true, the Anytown experience is beyond 1,000 pages of explications. I arrived with a head full of knowledge that I then witnessed the counselors and advisors show the delegates through intense, hands-on experiences. They taught not as teachers but as advocates and that made all the difference.

I saw my fellow delegates, whom I met just a day ago, snap and let their true, compassionate emotions leak out. We all encountered essential workshops that let us break out from our trained way of thinking. These concepts were delivered through experience instead of a book, together yet still personal, instead of alone when it's harder to find support. Most of the delegates were grasping these peaceful ideas for the first time; it was amazing to watch them unravel then rethink and recreate their personal morals. Personally, these concepts were all too familiar to me;

I had countless discussions with my friends at home about culture, ethnicity, peace, sexual orientation, and stereotypes. However, there was something missing from my views. I understood and spoke with morally correct accusations; I knew what was right and what was wrong. But the last night at Anytown, instead of just knowing that things like prejudice, stereotypes, and heterosexism were wrong, I opened up and felt that they were wrong. Even weeks later, it is still so hard for me to even begin to explain those sick feelings in my stomach from workshops when I let my heart feel those horrid things, instead of just knowing they're awful in my head.

Anytown helped give birth to my new self, a more aware, more compassionate, more positive self. The feeling that we all call the "Anytown Spirit" is one that rises above most happiness I've ever felt. To simply wake up and not only know but feel that I can change the world is such an affirmation of this program. The power of change in my own two hands is fueled by the fiery passion I gained at Anytown. Change is made from the inside out, one person at a time. I've made leaps and bounds to change myself and now I'm ready to reach out my arms and pass on these values of peace in belief that I can make a change.

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Report Provides Insights into Effects of Mentoring High-Risk Youth

Public/Private Ventures has released "Positive Support: Mentoring and Depression Among High-Risk Youth." Funded through a cooperative agreement between Public/Private Ventures and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the report addresses the question: "Can mentoring deter high-risk youth from risky behaviors?" and examines the benefits of matching high-risk youth with faith-based mentors. It describes findings from the National Faith-Based Initiative, in which mentored youth were less likely to show signs of depression than youth who were not mentored.

The author concludes, "Although mentoring is not the sole answer to working with high-risk youth, it seems that it may provide an essential component – dependable human involvement and caring – that has proven difficult to harness in the institutions and environments that characterize these youth's lives."

Resources:

"Positive Support: Mentoring and Depression Among High-Risk Youth" is available at http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/202_publication.pdf.

Printed copies may be ordered online or by fax or e-mail at http://www.ppv.org/ppv/community_faith/community_faith_publications.asp?section_id=3.

CHILDREN'S BOARD AUGUST LIBRARY NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE

Attached to this e-news briefing is a copy of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County Library August Newsletter. For more information, contact Marci Krekorian at marcik@childrensboard.org.

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT LEAVING OF 'A GIFT FOR TEACHING OF TAMPA'

Greg Landwirth, founder and president of A Gift for Teaching of Tampa (AGFT) since its founding in 2002, has announced that he is leaving the position. AGFT has a free store program that serves many of the economically disadvantaged students in Hillsborough County. AGFT was named "2006 Education Nonprofit of the Year" by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* and the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. Since its founding, it has distributed \$2.6 million worth of basic school supplies. For questions about the free store program, contact Bronwyn Fowler at bronwyn@agftoftampa.org or Denise Becker at denise@agftoftampa.org, or all the office at (813) 620-2949. AGFT is located at 3719 Corporex Park Drive, Suite 400, Tampa. You can also find out more about AGFT at www.agiftforteachingoftampa.com. (Greg Landwirth is pictured, far right, standing next to Bronwyn Fowler of AGFT.)

Advancing Youth Development:

A Curriculum for Training Youth Workers Aug. 23 and 24th from 9am to 5pm

This interactive and lively training engages youth workers as they take the concepts of youth development and discover creative ways to put them into practice with young people.

The training focuses on professional skills that address the 40 Developmental Assets and teaches strategies on how to better support and empower the teens in our community. Each YMCA program working with teens would benefit from this practical training, whether it is a sports, leadership or service teen program. Below are the highlights of the training:

Gain familiarity with the youth development approach and use this approach to explore, share, and learn new strategies for working with young people.

Strengthen their ability to communicate their ideas, expertise and experience to their constituencies: board members, families, co-workers, community leaders, and youth.

Discuss practical strategies for integrating a youth development approach into their programs.

Form an informal network and become ongoing resources to each other.

This is a great training for full and part-time staff working with youth. The training is limited to 25 people. So, please send in your registration form as soon as possible. Please find attached document for more information and registration form.

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The Monthly Rant

by Mike Trepper (miketrapper@aol.com)

Think Globally, Act Locally Rings True for Youth Work

A sure reminder of why you do the work that you do comes when you see the impact of your work. For many of us in the field of youth development, an immediate impact of our work is sometimes absent. Are we are doing *anything* to make the world a better place? We wonder if our efforts ever pay off locally, let alone have an impact on global events.

Make the world a better place? Wait a minute, breaking news...another bomb was just dropped on South Lebanon and more rockets were launched at Israel, more genocide in Darfur (Sudan), and another suicide bomber in Baghdad. How could we possibly have any impact on global death, destruction, war, poverty, hunger and suffering? Unless you live in a cave or you have completely closed your eyes to our world's reality, then you may have given some thought as well to how scary things really are. It hit me in the face (again) when I was having fun over the summer with a teen group that I was working with. We bounced around from Grand Prix/Malibu of Tampa to Q-Zar, to St. Petersburg to doing archery and swinging from the trees at a high ropes course. Now granted, there were some life-skill lessons thrown in with the trips but our biggest issue was wondering whether or not the bus would be on time to take us on our trips. I could not help but to feel a bit guilty knowing that teens in Lebanon and Israel were running for their lives to take shelter from incoming bombs.

The United States is by no means free of violence, oppression, poverty and suffering. However, we are afforded a level of security and privilege that others around the world continue to die for. This privilege affords us the opportunity to not to care or take notice of how, "those people" live or are treated. Like many of you, I am not content with this selective assertion of consciousness.

I shared my guilt and frustration with feeling so removed from global issues and solutions with a mentee of mine. He was just days away from shipping out to Iraq. As a Marine, he had been stationed all around the world, but never in a combat zone. His calling was to be in Iraq, where his buddies were doing their duty. He had to see for himself what was going on there. I listened to his plans and he listened to my feeling of powerlessness over world issues. However, in a split moment, he brought it all back into perspective for me. *"You made an impact on me and equipped me with skills, abilities and a passion for helping people,"* he said. *"Now, I can go and use my abilities and things I learned from you to help the people (of Iraq) and my buddies so in a sense you are having an impact."* Here is a young man about to go to war and he is carrying a bit of me with him. Wow. His affirming of my impact on his life reenergized my commitment to the work that we all do. It affirms that our work has far reaching effects. None of us may ever get the chance to negotiate a peace treaty between warring nations. However, each time we take a few extra minutes to listen to a young person in our program, or show them a new skill or challenge them to reach their full potential, we must believe that we are having an impact locally, and perhaps more important even globally. Youth work really has the potential to change the world. *Stay safe Justin.*

Department of Education Announces Grants for Student Drug-Testing Programs

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools is seeking applicants for Grants for School-Based Student Drug-Testing Programs, which provides funds to local educational agencies to support the development and implementation of drug-testing programs in schools.

The application deadline is September 5, 2006.

Resources:

For further information about this solicitation, see visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/drugtesting/index.html>.

Questions may be addressed to Robyn Disselkoen at OSDFSdrugtesting@ed.gov or 202-260-3428.

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Children's Theatre

The Plant City Children's Theatre enjoyed a very successful season last year. The Children's Theatre performs three production a year Nutcracker, Spring Play "Excerpts from Cats" and the Summer Theatre Workshop "Excerpts from Aladdin". Summer jobs and College Scholarships are a part of the Children's Theatre totaling \$26,000. Many youth perform community service hours and enjoy performing arts classes. We invite groups to our performances and the youth to participate.

For more information contact Sharon Everidge Pcchildtheatre@aol.com

NIJ Report Describes Program To Reduce Juvenile Gun Violence

The Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has released "Reducing Gun Violence: Community Problem Solving in Atlanta."

One in a series of NIJ research reports on reducing gun violence, the report features a program implemented in Atlanta, GA, during the late 1990s to reduce juvenile gun violence. It describes in detail the problem targeted, the program designed to address it, and the problems confronted in designing, implementing, and evaluating the program. "Reducing Gun Violence: Community Problem Solving in Atlanta" is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/209800.htm>.

Print copies may be ordered online at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/app/shoppingcart/ShopCart.aspx?item=NCJ%2009800>.

THE Children's Forum PROUDLY ANNOUNCES OUR FALL 2006 'AFTER-SCHOOL' TRAINING DATES

Saturday, September 23: After-School Solutions Mini-Conference (North FL) Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, FL

Presented by the Children's Forum in partnership with Early Education & Care, Inc. 5 Hours of In-Service/CEU Training; 12 workshop options featuring Jenn Faber, Children's Forum; Jim Atkinson, H-A-P-P-Y Productions, Anne Knox, Dept of Health, and Patti Hester, Early Education & Care, Inc.

\$50 Forum Members; \$60 Non-Members; \$20 CEU's (optional)

Limited to 150 participants, so register early!

Click here to register with the [Children's Forum](http://www.childrensforum.com). Complete details available on registration flyer.

Saturday, October 14: After-School Solutions Mini-Conference (South FL) Hyatt Regency, Miami, FL

Presented by the Children's Forum and sponsored by The Children's Trust. 5 Hours of In-Service/CEU Training; 20 workshops with all new presenters and workshop topics!

\$22.50 Children's Trust Funded Programs; \$45 Standard Registration; \$20 CEU's (optional)

* Please note registration time-frames for Trust-funded participants vs. standard registration.

Limited to 400 participants, so register early!

Registration is now open at the [Children's Forum](http://www.childrensforum.com) or Trust-funded programs through Sept 8. Standard Registration will be open Sept 11-29.

Friday & Saturday, December 1-2: After-School Solutions State Conference (Central FL) Embassy Suites/USF, Tampa, FL

Presented by the Children's Forum. 10 Hours of In-Service/CEU Training; 20+ workshop options One & two-day pricing options will be announced in early September. Hotel suites available at \$129 group rate. Registration will be open September 11 - November 10 at the [Children's Forum](http://www.childrensforum.com)

Customized training for your after-school staff can also be provided.

Contact us for half-day and full-day training rates. Over 17 workshop topics to select from.

Contact Jenn Faber at 239-489-4386 or jfaber@thechildrensforum.com for all your training needs!

The Children's Forum also offers website development, marketing services, research, training scholarships and training event coordination. Visit us at www.thechildrensforum.com.

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Zoo Keeper For a Day Camp

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a zookeeper?

At Lowry Park Zoo's "Zoo Keeper for a Day" camp, you'll learn what caring for animals is all about.

You will participate in:

Training & Educating / Care & Diet

Feeding the Outreach Animals & Clean enclosures

Time: 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Ages: 13 to Adult

Lowry Park Pass Zoo Pass Holder \$90,

Non-Pass Holder \$100

Saturday – November 12

Saturday – December 16

Saturday – January 7

Please call 813-935-8552 ext. 232 for reservations two weeks in advance

OST and ISE Resource

The Out-of-School Time Resource Center, located in the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice, is pleased to introduce the **ISEOST Symposium** website: www.sp2.upenn.edu/iseost.

On June 1, 2006, the Out-of-School Time Resource Center and its Project Partners convened a Symposium for administrators in the fields of **informal science education (ISE)** and **out-of-school time programming (OST)**. Funded by a planning grant from the National Science Foundation, the ISEOST Symposium introduced a multi-disciplinary and reciprocal model of professional development, designed for ISE and OST staff who work with middle-school students. The goals of the event were to familiarize the two fields with one another, explore professional development issues, discuss working with middle-school youth, and envision where and how the Model might be applied. The Symposium also implemented a professional development evaluation which measures its immediate and long-term impact on staff, programs, and students.

The ISEOST website includes definitions of ISE and OST, a history of the project, lists of individuals who worked on or attended the event, and a description of the evaluation process. The site also includes presentations from and summaries of the Symposium as well as additional ISE and OST resources. Lastly, it features an ISEOST Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) through which colleagues can continue their dialogue.

The ISEOST project has just begun. Please visit the website often, as we expect wonderful activities and partnerships to develop throughout this exciting endeavor!

Understanding the Minds of Boys – Parent/Community Forum and Training for Professionals

Presented by Kathy Stevens, MPA

Director of the Gurian Institute (Colorado Springs)

<http://www.gurianinstitute.com/>

Parent & Community Forum

Thursday, September 7, 2006

7:00pm – 9:00pm

St. Mary's Episcopal Day School Activity Center

Free and open to the public

Training for Educators, Youth Workers, Human Service and other Professionals who work with Boys

Friday, September 8, 2006

8:30am – 4:00pm

The Ophelia Project – YMCA Outreach Training Room

The training for professionals is limited to 35 people and is

\$25 per person (includes lunch, training manual and

resources). Reserve your spot ASAP! Email Mike Trepper,

Director of the Boys Project at mtrepper@tampaymca.org to

reserve your spot and to receive the official registration information.

Goodwill Industries has New Address

Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc. Outpatient Services has moved. We are now located at 6800 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 130 Tampa, FL 33614 Phone number is (813) 877-3234

We provide assessments and treatment recommendations for adolescents between the ages of 12-18. As well as have a Juvenile Substance Abuse Intervention Program that includes group and individual sessions and random drug screens.

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EDUCATION COMMISSIONER WINN ANNOUNCES PHASE TWO OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

~Campaign urges people to achieve career goals through Workforce Education programs~

Education Commissioner John L. Winn and Community College and Workforce Education Chancellor David Armstrong today announced the start of Phase Two of the public awareness campaign, "I Always Wanted to . . ." launched in March. The campaign encourages people to consider their career options then directs them to Florida's Workforce Education programs. The second phase of the campaign adds television and radio public service announcements and other elements to the already successful campaign.

"It is never too late for someone to accomplish their dreams of acquiring an education or a new career," said Commissioner Winn. "It is our goal that this campaign will raise awareness that Florida's Workforce Education programs can help make dreams a reality."

The campaign carries out a priority of Commissioner Winn and members of the Florida Legislature to prepare people for success by appealing directly to their needs. Workforce Education provides rigorous academics combined with practical, high-skill education that prepares people for their chosen career path.

"Those who complete Workforce Education programs are proven to earn higher wages and have better job opportunities," said Chancellor Armstrong. "Given our commitment to maintaining the academic rigor and real-world relevance of the programs being offered, more and more business and industry partners are realizing the value of hiring our program completers."

Phase Two of the campaign includes television, radio and print components that spotlight individual Workforce Education program completers who have achieved their career goals. These components also include a broad spectrum of students in specific careers such as nursing, manufacturing, construction and teaching. Some of the ads will appear in Spanish so that non-English speakers can find out how to enroll in Workforce Education programs.

The Department of Education (DOE) partnered with the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association to distribute the public service announcement to the stations in their network. This partnership was made possible by the support of the Florida Lottery. In addition, 54 non-cable television stations, 58 radio stations, and many of the major newspapers are being contacted to expand exposure of the campaign to more markets statewide.

Another element of the campaign that began in Phase One and will continue in Phase Two is the creation of customizable materials, such as billboards and posters, to which community colleges and career centers could add their local contact information and use as part of their own recruitment campaign. Charlotte Technical Center in Port Charlotte was one institution that fully embraced the customizable nature of the campaign.

"We worked closely with the graphic design staff at the DOE to create posters, catalog covers, mouse pads, coffee mugs, notepads and even candy wrappers that utilize the branding of this statewide Workforce Education campaign, but provide local details such as the specific programs we offer and our contact information, so people from our area know exactly how to reach us," said Carolyn Gorton, Coordinator of Postsecondary Programs at Charlotte Technical Center. "We also used these pieces to get the buy-in of the teachers and administrators as we pull together all the elements of our recruitment campaign for the year." "Participation in the campaign has certainly helped with our enrollments for the fall as well," Gorton explains. "We're looking really good. We are at capacity for our adult education programs and we expect enrollments in our other programs which begin in a few weeks to be up by more than 200 students this year."

Phase One of the campaign has generated interest from the public. The DOE established a hotline and created a special section of its website with information about the specific Workforce Education programs offered at local community colleges or career centers. Since the campaign began in March, hits to the Workforce Education web pages have doubled and the number of calls received through the hotline continues to increase.

"We felt it was critical to the success of this campaign that we offer the public user-friendly web content that would provide them with accurate information about the workforce education programs," said Chancellor Armstrong. "Also, having a hotline they can call and speak with a staff person who will find the answer to their question within 24 hours has proven to be a vital service in getting students into the programs they are interested in more quickly."

Florida's Workforce Education programs provide career and technical education, as well as other educational services, that help people attain those skills that enable them to become or remain economically self-sufficient. The student populations served by the workforce programs include individuals who are entering the workforce for the first time, seeking to upgrade their skills, or retraining to meet the changing demands of the economy. Public Workforce Education programs served more than 823,000 students in 2003-04. These programs, provided by 28 community colleges and 58 of the 67 school districts throughout the state, are overseen by the DOE's office of Workforce and Economic Development.

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Grants Support Volunteer Service for High-Risk and Gang-Involved Youth

With funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Youth Service America has launched its YouthRising Program.

The program offers grants up to \$2,000 to support projects that engage high-risk and gang-involved youth in volunteer service. Eligible organizations must have documented success in prevention or intervention work with such youth. A significant portion of the project must take place on National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-27, 2007.

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m., E.T., October 12, 2006.

Resources:

To obtain further information about this funding opportunity, including an application form, visit http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm#nowavailable.

S.P.A.R.C. STAND - Pinellas Accessing Resources Conference

Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND's) vision is that individuals with disabilities will progress unimpeded toward their full potential, realizing their educational and life goals. Securing rights and responsibilities under the law guarantees opportunity and freedom to maximize abilities, thereby promoting lifelong achievers. We are a non-profit organization with a commitment to individuals with disabilities and to those concerned with their needs. We equip those we serve with trained resource personnel to advocate for individuals with disabilities.

This **one-day conference** is available to any parent, grandparent, teacher, educator, therapists, and professionals who live, work or play with children with special needs.

This conference is NOT just for Pinellas County residents; we have Statewide Resources & Exhibitors attending and providing information! (The Transitions Center, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, FLDOE, USF, FDDC, CARD, FND, FIN, The Advocacy Center, ATEN, FFAST, Special Olympics, Early Intervention, Florida Healthy Kids, and many, many more!!!)

Some of what you will find at the conference.....

- 4 forty-five minute breakout sessions with 40 different speakers
- Resource and Exhibitor area with over 90 display booths
- Dr. Clayton Wilcox, PCS Superintendent as our Keynote Speaker
- State, Regional, and Local Organizations on hand for information & questions
- Lunch provided during the "Meet and Greet" with the candidates for Pinellas County School Board
- Door Prizes from Software companies, local restaurants, MOSI, Florida Aquarium, Busch Gardens, Cameras, MP3 players, and much, much more!

Register on line at www.standadvocates.org

\$20.00 per person, Pre registration, prior to August 15th \$25.00 per person, day of Conference

Saturday, August 26, 2006 Pinellas Park Middle School 6940 70th Ave. No, Pinellas Park
Registration begins at 7:30 am / Break out sessions 8:15 am- 3:00 pm
Conference schedule & Program posted on the STAND Website!!!

If you have questions about the Conference contact,
Melissa Tremblay, STAND-Pinellas, at 727-784-8493

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Dr. Maya Angelou, Kicks Off Beyond School Hours Conference

Foundations, Inc. is pleased and privileged to announce that Dr. Maya Angelou, world renowned poet, educator, historian, best-selling author, actress, playwright, civil-rights activist, producer and director will deliver the opening keynote address to officially kick off the 10th Annual Beyond School Hours Conference on Thursday, February, 8, 2007

Space is limited so you must act now!! The opening keynote address by Dr. Angelou, is one of many exciting offerings on the roster of dynamic events and activities planned for this year's conference.

We encourage you to register early to secure your place at this historic conference featuring Dr. Maya Angelou, the "Grande Dame of the Spoken Word."

Beyond School Hours exhibiting and ad placements opportunities are also available. For more details and application guidelines go to www.foundationsinc.org

Beyond School Hours(r) 10: Celebrating a Decade of Sharing February 7-10, 2007, Greensboro, North Carolina A national conference planned in partnership with Foundations, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. Come join us as we celebrate a decade of sharing at our 10th anniversary Beyond School Hours conference on quality afterschool programs.

- * Make long-lasting connections with hundreds of afterschool educators
- * Discover the latest professional development, funding, and programming strategies
- * Get inspired by dynamic workshops, institutes, and keynote addresses
- * Discuss research, curriculum, evaluation, and program improvement
- * Have a great time as we celebrate our 10th anniversary in beautiful Greensboro!
- * Hear one of the most powerful voices of our time!!!

What is Social Capital?

Social Capital is the value of the positive social connections that people can draw on to solve individual and common problems. These social connections are created through social and civic activities in the community. While reports show that social capital is on the decline, the USF Collaborative, along with its Resilience Working Group, have made sustaining and creating social capital outlets in Tampa Bay its top priority.

Social capital offers many benefits to both individuals and communities. People with high social capital tend to know their neighbors, socialize with friends and co-workers more, belong to community organizations, and are more likely to sign petitions and show up at voting booths.

*If you would like to submit information about your programs to **The Monthly Roll**, please e-mail to info@youthconsultants.com.*

Provide us with recruiting & application deadlines, open positions, program descriptions, workshops, best practices, conferences, agency profiles, funding opportunities for youth programs and more and we will put it all in our next publication.

**The submission deadline for
The next Monthly Roll is
August 25, 2006**

Central Park Village Relocation Project

In the Spotlight:

Date(s): 08/24/2006

Event time: 10 a.m.-12 noon

About this event: Planning meeting to mobilize USF resources in social science/social work, planning, health, education, aging and transportation to aid low income families in Tampa who are facing imminent relocation from Central Park Village, a downtown housing project slated for demolition and redevelopment. August 24, 2006, 10 a.m. to 12 noon MHC 1503 (located in the Florida Mental Health Institute, USF Tampa Campus) RSVP by e-mail or phone: rpuddy@fmhi.usf.edu or 974-7318

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Capacity Building Initiative in Risk Avoidance

The Institute for Youth Development (IYD) announces a new initiative funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health to provide capacity-building assistance to societal institutions to use risk avoidance (not risk reduction) strategies to serve youth, parents, and extended families. Risk avoidance strategies include delaying sexual intercourse, returning to sexual abstinence, avoiding injection drug use, and avoiding drug/alcohol use.

Targeted organizations include:

- § Faith and community-based institutions / § Youth service providers / § Abstinence education organizations
- § Recreation agencies / § Parent/teacher/student organizations

The overall objective of this five-year project is to enhance organizational capacity by improving the delivery, effectiveness, and sustainability of disease prevention and health promotion programs for youth. The long-term goal is to improve the health and well-being of youth and to prepare them to be healthy, productive adults in stable families and safe communities through dissemination of HIV prevention programs, which result in the reduction of the percentage of HIV/AIDS-related risk behaviors among school-aged youth.

To achieve these goals, IYD will provide capacity-building strategies, such as Professional Development and Technical Assistance opportunities and dissemination of Key Informational Resources, to empower organizations to strengthen their core competencies and to enable them to implement evidence-based strategies (to include positive youth development) to help youth not to engage in sexual intercourse until marriage.

Professional Development

Three regional workshops will be held to train targeted organizations in the following core competencies:

- § Implementing, maintaining, and promoting effective, culturally appropriate policies, programs, and services
- § Participating in coalitions, collaborative agreements, and partnerships
- § Measuring progress in meeting goals and objectives
- § Communicating program successes

Pre-registration will be required for the one and one-half day workshops and will be available on-line. **The tentative schedule for Year One workshops is as follows:**

Atlanta, GA - October 2006 / Dallas, TX - February 2007 / Boston, MA - May 2007

Technical Assistance

IYD will conduct conference calls featuring topics from the four designated core competency areas. Participants will be required to pre-register for each call and will receive call-in information. **Conference calls are tentatively scheduled for: September 2006 / November 2006 / February 2007 / April 2007**

Key Informational Resources

IYD will also disseminate key resources related to strengthening organizational competency via its website at www.youthdevelopment.org and through the development of a new resource: **Guidelines for Strengthening Program Effectiveness**. Other resources will include IYD's *America's Youth: Measuring the Risk*, white papers such as [Age of Risk Behavior Debut: Trends and Implications](#), [Youth Facts: Interconnections - Emerging Patterns in Youth Risk Behavior](#), and the *Abstinence Educator's Tool Kit* currently under development.

Individualized Technical Assistance

In addition, individualized technical assistance will be available to participating organizations to address specific capacity-building issues via e-mail, phone, mail, fax, and/or personal visits to IYD offices or other appropriate locations.

If you are interested in participating in this project, and your organization meets the targeted organization criteria, please submit a short note with your organization's information (contact name/title, mail address, type of targeted organization, etc.) to CDCTA@youthdevelopment.org.

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7th annual Lights On Afterschool

We are gearing up for the 7th annual Lights On Afterschool on October 12, 2006. Last year you helped us spread the word about this important celebration of afterschool programs. More than 7,500 communities participated, so thank you! We hope that we can count on your help again this year to get the word out and call attention to the great need for afterschool programs nationwide.

We have opened registration for local events and have posted helpful tools online at www.afterschoolalliance.org/lights_on/partner_tools.cfm.

Click on this link to download a sample calendar announcement, newsletter item and a Lights On web banner for use in your communications materials or website to promote Lights On Afterschool.

Every day, more than 14 million children are alone and unsupervised between 3-6 p.m.-peak hours when they are at greatest risk for juvenile crime, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and other problems. This unacceptable situation would be remedied if our nation invested more fully in afterschool programs that keep kids safe, support working families, and help young people succeed in school and in life.

Last year, 1 million Americans participated in Lights On Afterschool thanks in part to your emails, newsletter items and other outreach efforts. With your help, we can bring Lights On Afterschool to even more communities this year. Please encourage your contacts to take part in the Lights On events taking place in their communities.

You can view a list of Lights On partners at: www.afterschoolalliance.org/lights_on/sup_orgs.cfm

Again, thank you for helping to spread the word about Lights On Afterschool!

Children's Board site for August Book Drive

Do you have a favorite book?

Would you like to share a favorite title with other children, this is your opportunity. United

Way is having its inaugural Children's Book Drive Aug. 1-23 and the **Children's Board of Hillsborough County** will be a collection site. The goal at the Children's Board is 300 books to be collected from staff and visitors here at the **Children's Board**. Please bring in books for babies up to the age of 10. New books and gently used books will be accepted. The Children's Board appreciates anyone bringing books into the hands of children who need them. See also

<http://www.uwtb.org/documents/Bookdriveflyerpostlatest.pdf>.

Zoo Crew Explorers at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo...

... is currently recruiting for the 2006-2007 school year. This professional and personal development program provides youth 13-19 years of age, with an opportunity to work in several areas in the Zoo, including animal care, education, and operations. These areas offer essential workforce developmental components while adding to the teens' overall appreciation of the natural world.

In addition to working in their departments participants are responsible for conservation presentations, animal interpretation, special community projects, and conducting Zoo improvement surveys. During the summer and throughout the school year, participants are also tasked with various programs and projects that assist in developing skills ranging from budget management to public speaking and from project design to journalism.

To ensure strong youth program commitment to its community, the Zoo Crew Explorers program is involved in several neighborhood initiatives and partners with other youth program organizations. All of the skills learned will enable participants to be better prepared for life after graduation.

"It's a program for youth that's fun, rewarding, educational and inspiring. Lowry Park Zoo is set on giving us all the skills needed to succeed when we get older." - Zoo Crew Explorer program graduate.

For more information or to receive an application, please contact Lowry Park Zoo's **Department of Youth Development** at **813-935-8552 ext. 479**

Rolling out local youth program information and news for teen development professionals and their youth

Post your Agency or Program information on our Website.

Send us your logo or just your web address and we will add it to our "Great Youth Links" page. If you prefer to just send us your application and program information, we will place it in our publicly accessed "Filling Cabinet". We get more than 300 hits a month on the filing cabinet alone. Just send your information to nortiz@youthconsultants.com with the subject heading.....Add info to web. Feel free to go to YouthConsultants.com to check us out.

Family Support Resource Center

August calendars are now posted on the FSRC Website
www.familysupporthc.org

Care Giver's Helping Hand Needs Senior Gift Baskets

We need your help with our fifth year of Christmas Senior Gift Baskets for local seniors, nursing homes, and assistant living residents. We need gifts for both men and women such as lotions, shower gel, body wash, socks for men and women, pictures for walls, T-shirts and most of all volunteers to sing and deliver gifts.

Caregiver's Helping Hand, Inc. is a non-profit student volunteer organization. Our Intergenerational Program has been helping local seniors since June 15, 2001. We have established a community service organization that impacts the community at large by 1) teaching youth the importance of volunteering and how they can make a positive difference in the lives of others by helping Seniors with Code violations with the City of Tampa by cleaning-up and painting their homes, 2) helping young people understand aging and ageism issues like how important independence is for seniors 3) We dispel aging myths by having them interact with healthy seniors as well as disabled adults. We are improving the lives in our community's with intervention support and services, which help more than several families with clothing and house wares year round. Our Mission is to always give a helping hand wherever we can in our community.

Last year we gave out over 730 gifts to 6 senior resident centers and homebound seniors in Hillsborough County. This year we will serve 1000 aging adults in (7) centers. Caregiver's Helping Hand, Inc.'s Youth Outreach Educational and Volunteer Program will be delivering 1000 Senior Gift Baskets to 7 of our local adult aging facilities. Our visit dates and places for delivery are as follows:

December 2, 2006

10am - Ybor City Health and Rehab - 1709 Taliaferro Ave, Tampa FL (813) 223-4623 - 82 Residents

2pm - Whispering Oaks - 1514 Chelsea St, Tampa, FL (813) 238-6406 - 250 Residents

December 9, 2006

10am - Inn at University Village - 12250 N. 22nd St., Tampa, FL (813) 975-5001 - 179 Residents

2pm - Hanna Oaks - 2425 E. Hanna Ave, Tampa, FL (813)238-3053 - 165 Residents

December 16, 2006

10am - South Tampa Health & Rehab - 4610 Manhattan Ave, Tampa, FL (813)839-5311 - 179 Residents

1pm - Living With Grace - 3713 El Prado, Tampa, FL (813)837-4843 - 12 Residents

4 pm At Home With Friends - 3720 Bay to Bay, Tampa, FL (813) 831-1914 - 30 Residents

We need your help in filling the wish list of these lonely and confined elderly people. The student volunteers will deliver the baskets, sing, and play Christmas music. We are inviting you and your staff to join us in making this holiday season special. Join us in bringing a smile to the face of the forgotten and see the tears of joy flow from their eyes. We need lotion, shower gel, socks for men and women, body wash, pictures for walls, and T-shirts. Come see how compassion and a younger person giving back to the community can brighten and bring joy to the elderly and disabled.

Caregiver's Helping Hand, Inc. Youth Outreach Educational and Volunteer Program would like to say THANK YOU for whatever you or your organization can do. We look forward to hearing from you. If you need more information, please visit our new website at www.caregivershelpinghand.org. Or to make a donation, please RSVP no later than November 15, 2006 by contacting Richedean Hills-Ackbar at (813) 248-S897. You may also RSVP by emailing hillsackbar@cs.com.



PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Community Tampa Bay, formerly known as the National Conference for Community and Justice, is a small, but leading human relations organization dedicated to promoting dialogue and respect among cultures, religions and races. We are seeking a **Program Specialist** to join our team.

WHO ARE YOU?

You are looking for an opportunity to make a positive impact in the community through youth development, increasing cultural competency and role modeling. Committed to social justice, you demonstrate exceptional responsibility, professionalism, integrity and tact. You are a **training professional** who has developed, organized and conducted trainings and workshops on diversity, primarily for youth, and have provide technical assistance and advice in the field of youth development.

WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY?

Reporting to Community Tampa Bay's Director of Programs, you are responsible for the day-to-day design, implementation, and success of one of our programs and will assist with the implementation of our other programs on an as-needed basis. You will have the opportunity to facilitate intercultural dialogue and shape inter-group relations in the community while working for a well-respected agency. You will also be responsible for developing and managing the organization's newsletter as well as providing assistance with fund development initiatives.

WHAT ARE THE SKILLS YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE?

- Exceptional training and motivational skills.
- Clearly expresses ideas and concepts.
- Ability to facilitate and steer interactive dialogues on discrimination and intolerance.
- Broad people skills and proven ability to relate to high-school students.
- Strong organizational, administrative, planning, and time-management skills.
- Superior writing skills.
- Result oriented, comfortable working with deadlines.
- Professional presentation; comfortable talking with the press.
- Ability to take initiative and be creative in addressing and overcoming obstacles.
- Comfortable in dealing with budget constraints.
- Highly flexible team-player with a positive attitude a must.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's degree required, preferably in a social science.
- Minimum 2 years of relevant work experience.
- Professionalism, integrity and respect for diversity.
- Knowledge of youth development theories and experiential education techniques preferred
- Knowledge of the community, including its leaders, issues and potential preferred
- Superior organization, time-management and MS Office skills.

OTHER

- Ability to work multiple locations and access to reliable transportation.
- Ability to work flexible hours to include evenings and occasional week-ends.
- Community Tampa Bay is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce.
- Persons representing minority populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

COMPENSATION

Salary range: \$27,000 - \$32,000, based on experience. Competitive benefits program.

APPLY

Apply online at www.thepascalcompany.com

ADVANCING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



T a m p a B a y

A Curriculum for Training Youth Workers
August 23 & 24, 2006

The Advancing Youth Development (AYD) course is an 18-hour program for professional youth workers who serve young people in a variety of organizations. The interactive and lively curriculum engages youth workers as they take the concepts of youth development and discover creative ways to put them into practice with young people.

This program is part of a national movement to strengthen the impact of working with youth through the preparation and professional development of America's youth workers.

Tampa Bay is a BEST Site (Building Exemplary Systems for Training Youth Workers), named by the National Training Institute in Washington, DC. The Center for Girls is a collaborative agency for the Advancing Youth Development Training.

The AYD course differs from agency-based trainings in that it concentrates solely on youth development and how to weave its foundational principles into youth programs and to prepare young people for healthy, successful adulthood. Youth Workers and Supervisors have participated from a variety of different agencies, both large and small, and they have been inspired and re-energized to serve youth with new vigor and enthusiasm.

This course is led by trained and certified national facilitators from the National Training Institute for Community Youth Work in Washington, DC. These facilitators have unique backgrounds, working with young people in a variety of capacities.

Important Information:

- Registration fee of \$25 per person. Scholarships available.
- Training is limited to 25 people
- Attendance at all sessions is mandatory
- Breakfast and lunch will be served on all days
- Participants will receive a resource notebook, program certificate and plaque.

Location: Training sessions will be held at the new Ophelia office, 1905 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Registration:

Please complete the attached form and send it in with registration payment.

Questions:

Contact MC Lowenstein at this email: Mary.Lowenstein@TampaYMCA.Org, or call 813-514-9555 ext. 233.

The Ophelia Project-Tampa Bay is a BEST Site (Building Exemplary Systems for Training Youth Workers), named by the National Training Institute in Washington, DC. This training is offered in partnership with the Centre for Girls and generously funded by the Eckerd Family Foundations.

ADVANCING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING Registration Form

Dates: August 23 & 24, 2006

Times: 9am – 5pm each day

Please complete a form for each participant registering.

Name: _____ Agency/Organization: _____

Work Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address of Agency: _____

Title & Brief Description of your Position: _____

Would you like to be added to The Ophelia Project-Tampa Bay's mailing list? _____

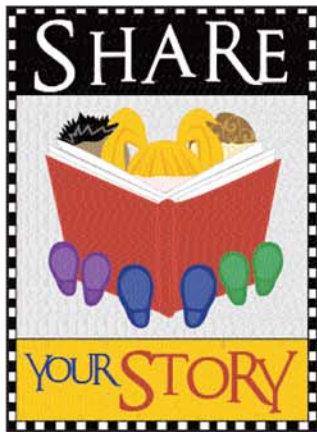
A check to cover the Registration Fee of \$25 per person may be made payable to The Ophelia Project – Tampa Bay.

We are enclosing \$_____ to cover the Registration Fee for _____ individuals.

Please remit the Registration Fee, along with the completed Registration Form, and mail to:

MC Lowenstein, Youth Worker Training Program
The Ophelia Project – Tampa Bay
1905 N. Florida Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 514-9555 ext. 233





Your Company or Organization is
Invited to Participate in the inaugural

United Way Children's Book Drive

August 1 - 23, 2006

Benefiting Children in
Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties

Sponsored by



PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS
CHARITIES

Too many children right here in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties do not have books of their own to read. United Way of Tampa Bay and its community partners want to make sure all children in the community have a chance at a lifetime of learning and success!

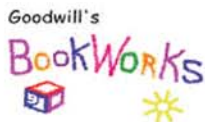
Goal:

United Way is championing the Children's Book Drive to share with children the power of reading. Sponsored by Publix Super Market Charities, the goal is to collect **100,000 new and gently-used books** for low-income children in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.



Book Drive Recipients:

Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties School Districts have identified elementary schools with large numbers of families in need. **More than 25,000 low-income children** will receive at least **THREE** books to keep and take home. **EVERY** donated book will find a home in the hands and heart of a child. Beyond the school districts, additional agencies have been identified to receive and distribute books.

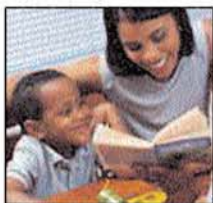


A Gift for Teaching

Book Drive Collections & Delivery:

Workplaces, organizations and community groups can coordinate their own in-house collection of children's books between **August 1 and August 23**. To deliver the books your group has collected, contact either **A Gift for Teaching** (813-620-2949) in Tampa or **Goodwill's BookWorks** (888-278-1988 ext.1013) in St. Petersburg, to schedule a convenient time.

Join United Way as we give hope for a brighter future, opportunity for success in school and the joy of reading to children in Tampa Bay.



Did you Know?

How well children read eventually affects how they learn and ultimately influences their chances for school success.

-National Research Council, 1998

Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3-4 times more likely to drop out in later years.

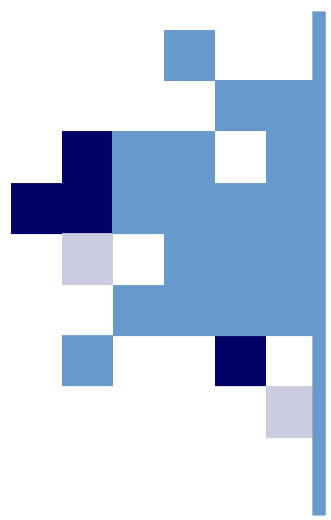
-National Adult Literacy Survey, (1992) U.S. Department of Education

what matters.™

For More Information:
www.uwtb.org



United Way of Tampa Bay



Mayor's Youth Corps is Recruiting Members for the Class of 2007

CITY OF TAMPA



Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors who attend a public or private high school located within the Tampa city limits are eligible to apply

Term of Service

January 2007 - December 2007

Applications Are Available from Your Guidance Office.

Application Deadline is **October 13, 2006**

For Additional Information Call Rebecca Heimstead, Mayor's Youth Corps Coordinator **813.274.5909**

Activities Include

- ◆ Learning How City Government Works
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Youth-Oriented TV Show *From The Corps*
- ◆ Open Forums With The Mayor
- ◆ Leadership 101
- ◆ Special Events



Hillsborough County Youth Agency Council

Providing Networking and Resource Exchange
for Youth Agency/Organization Professionals

Meeting Notice

Wednesday, August 9th 12-2pm
The Ophelia Project of Tampa Bay
YMCA Outreach Building – Training Room
1905 N. Florida Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 514-9555

Directions and Parking

The Ophelia Project is located in the YMCA Outreach Building (formerly the Youth Opportunity Building) on the corner of Florida Avenue and Palm Avenue. It is a peach colored building. The building is across the street from the Central City YMCA and just adjacent to the YMCA Metro Offices.

Parking is available in the front of the building. Parking is free.

Please enter the building through the glass doors underneath the purple overhang.

Agenda Items

- Summer Success Reflection
- Guest Speaker
- Resource Sharing & Networking (upcoming events, etc.)
- LUNCH (provided at no cost)

Contact for more Information:

Mike Trepper 758-9468
Herman Broxton 930-7525

The Purpose of the Youth Agency Council is as follows:

- To promote youth serving organizational programs offered throughout Hillsborough County
- To develop a communication network for the sharing of program ideas that will better serve the community
- To develop activities and programs that will involve youth from all agencies
- To develop ways to increase public awareness of existing programs

The Information Source Library Newsletter

AUGUST 2006

Media Center to help with educational needs



CHILDREN'S BOARD
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Just in time for the new school year— the Children's Board's one-of-a-kind Media Center is open for business as an additional access point in the community where school teachers, child care providers, and others can go for assistance in preparing educational materials. With the help of the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County, the Media Center is able to provide additional resources, like an Ellison die cut machine with the full alphabet (*upper & lower case letters*), numbers, and over 50 other die cuts –holidays, school, animals, borders, and general die cuts. The Center also offers a large laminating machine (call ahead so it will be ready to use), small laminator, paper trimmer, binding machine, books and videos.

Use of equipment is FREE to the public; however, the Center does ask that visitors bring their own paper to help offset some of the expenses. Materials are available if needed.

Call or e-mail to request a list of our die cuts:

marcik@childrensboard.org

Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stop by today!

Upcoming Events

"Credit When Credit is Due"

Begins August 3 (six sessions)

Aug 3,10,17,24,31 and Sept. 7

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Learn about credit and money management
 - Learn about what you need to know before you borrow money
 - Free workbook for participants
- Must attend all 6 sessions to graduate
Call for more details.

Germaine the germ thing and zap asthma program

**Thursday, September 7,
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Did you know that children come into contact with germs everyday that can make them sick?
Ages 3 & up
Families will receive free materials and resources,

Mobile Clinic Bus Immunizations & Well Child Exams

**Wednesday, Sept. 20,
4-7pm**

Children that still need to get their immunizations or well child exams the mobile clinic bus will be able to serve children under the age of 18 years old.

Seats are limited! Call 813-204-1741 to reserve a space.

There is no charge to participate.

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Children's Board Library

1002 E. Palm Ave.
Tampa, FL 33605

(813) 204-1741

Fax (813) 228-8122

Monday—Friday
8 a.m.—5 p.m.

www.childrensboard.org



EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!!!



Students will be able to receive
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
simply by collecting **OLD CELL PHONES!**

5 phones = 1 hour of community service

This project will benefit a local Non-Profit agency – **The Child Victim Rapid Response Program**. The phones are recycled to raise funds to provide additional services and resources for children mentored thru the Rapid Response program. In addition to raising funds, some of the phones are turned into 911 phones which are provided to victims of domestic violence, elderly or homebound persons in need. These phones are provided at no cost.



For more information visit:

<http://www.crisiscenter.com/brapidresponse.htm>

You can also send us an email to rhess@crisiscenter.com

Or call (813) 969-4986

2006 POWER Source Teen Essay Contest Rules

Participation and Contest Entry

Students between the ages of 13 and 18 (as of August 31st 2006) are invited to compose an essay on the following topic:

“What are your reasons for making a commitment to abstinence until marriage?
What or Who motivates you to be drug and alcohol free?
What or Who are your sources of ‘power’ that you draw on to reach your goals?”

All entries must include a cover page with your name, date of birth, home address and phone number, parents/guardians name, your e-mail address (if available) and the name of your school. **Participants must reside in and be a registered student at a school or home school program in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco or Pinellas counties.** Essay entries must not exceed 1000 words and must be typed using word processing software. Microsoft Word format is preferred. Please use a reasonable font size (12) and style. Entries will be judged on the quality and the thoughtfulness of content.

Essays may be submitted two ways:

- 1) E-mail: Essays will be accepted through **11:59 pm, Thursday, August 31, 2006** by e-mail attachment to jjohnston@ccdosp.org; or
- 2) By Mail to:
Jacqueline Bromley
2021 E. Busch Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612
If sending via US mail, all entries must be postmarked no later than Thursday, August 31, 2006.

Prizes

One grand prize winner, one runner up and one honorable mention will be awarded in each of two age categories. The two age categories are 13-15 year olds and 16-18 year olds. Grand Prize Winners will receive \$500.00 each. Runners Up will receive \$250.00 each. Honorable Mentions will receive recognition certificates.

Selection of Winners

Three (3) finalists in each age category will be chosen. The six (6) finalists **MUST attend the 2006 POWER Source Youth Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 10:00 am** at Our Lady of the Rosary in Land O’ Lakes, FL. Finalists will receive complimentary admission to the breakfast and two (2) complimentary tickets for family and/or friends to attend. There, the finalists **MUST READ** their essays aloud to the audience. Audience members/attendees will then vote for their favorite essay in each age category. Votes will be tabulated and prizes awarded at the POWER Source Breakfast. **Finalists must be present to win.**

Other

Photographs of the winners will be taken at the Breakfast and participants agree to allow the photographs to be used in future POWER Team publications or advertisements. Also, Catholic Charities retains the rights to all submitted materials and may use submissions in future publications or advertisements. Winners will be required to sign an affidavit and release form. In addition, tax law may require that winners complete a W-9 form.

For additional questions, please contact Jacqueline Bromley at (813) 631-4370, ext. 228 or by e-mail at jjohnston@ccdosp.org

"What's Your POWER Source?"

TEEN ESSAY

The POWER Team is excited to announce the launch of its first-ever **POWER Source Teen Essay Contest!** Students between the ages of 13 and 18 are invited to compose a narrative essay answering the following:

What are your reasons for making a commitment to abstinence until marriage?

What or who motivates you to be drug and alcohol free?

What or Who are your sources of 'power' that you draw on to reach your goals?

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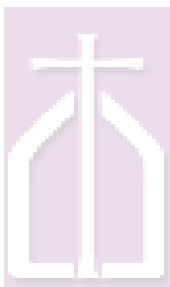
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Runners



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The 6 finalists will be required to read their essays at the **POWER Source Youth Recognition Breakfast** on **Saturday, September 23, 2006** at **Our Lady of the Rosary**. Breakfast attendees will vote for the winners!!!!



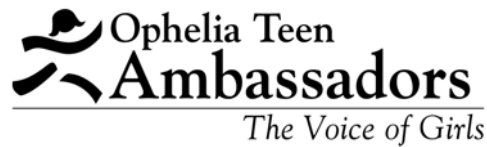
The **POWER Source Teen Essay Contest** is sponsored by:
Pregnancy Plus Medical and the POWER Team of Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.
For complete contest details see 'Rules' or contact:
Jacqueline M. Bromley, MPH
Phone: (813) 631-4370, ext. 228
E-mail: jjohnston@ccdosp.org

MAIL ENTRIES TO:
Jacqueline Bromley
2021 E. Busch Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612
Entries must be
Postmarked by
August 31, 2006

Share with them what you know.



Be a part of the Hillsborough Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children's scholarship/mentoring program. Just one hour per week could end up changing a life of a teen and yours. For more information visit our website at www.educationfoundation.com or call us at 813.231.1901.



OPHELIA TEEN AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

Who are the “Ophelia Teen Ambassadors”?

A group of teen girls like you from across Hillsborough County who speak up about issues important to them and work with The Ophelia Project~Tampa Bay to create exciting, educational opportunities for girls and adults. Some of the Ophelia activities are a conference for middle school girls, “Girl’s Guide to Life”; an “Inner Beauty Celebration” rally; special workshops and events at local non-profits; networking with various teen leadership groups in the community; and mentoring programs.

Current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders in Hillsborough County are eligible to apply.

What is The Ophelia Project~Tampa Bay?

The Ophelia Project~Tampa Bay is a community initiative dedicated to inspire an emotionally, physically and socially safe culture for all girls by promoting gender-specific best practices in youth programs, community education and professional training, and through the coordination of community resources.

What would I do if I were selected to be an Ophelia Teen Ambassador?

Your voice will be the one that guides us in understanding girls in Tampa, a crucial goal of the Ophelia Project-Tampa Bay. The ambassadors will be the voice for girls at their school and in their communities and the voice of Ophelia to let girls know about programs and events for them.

Ophelia Teen Ambassadors meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm to discuss leadership topics and girls’ issues. The ambassadors also are provided optional volunteer project every month working with a variety of organizations in the community. Ambassadors also help plan and host community Ophelia events for and about girls. Projects and events happen at many different times and locations; you choose to get involved in the ones that work for you and your schedule.

What do I get out of this?

Besides a terrific opportunity to perform community service, ambassadors will participate in workshops designed to make them outstanding leaders and public speakers. Other workshops will include leadership development, goal setting, working with diverse populations, college preparation, etc.

What skills should I have to apply?

A commitment to becoming a leader and helping girls’ issues be heard. The desire to become a spokesperson is essential—we will help you develop outstanding communication skills!

Commitment:

One calendar year (September 2006 – August 2007) Monthly meetings on a Sunday from 3pm to 5pm—MANDATORY At least four (4) Ophelia projects/events during the year.

The Next Level!

After an OTA has completed one year, there are opportunities to step up into bigger leadership roles within the OTA Program as a Senior or a member of the Leadership Circle.

- Senior OTAs have the opportunity to create an Individual Leadership Project using other OTAs to help volunteer and help promote the project.
- Members of the Leadership Circle take on the role of group leader during 4 service projects/events, co-facilitate activities during OTA meetings, attend an additional planning meet once a month and support fellow OTAs working on their Senior Project.

Questions about the program:

Please feel free to contact M.C. Lowenstein, The Ophelia Project – Tampa Bay 1905 N. Florida Avenue Tampa, FL 33602 P: 813-514-5999 Ext. 233 F: 813-229-5949 E: MLowenstein@tampaymca.org the OTA Program Coordinator, with any questions about the program. See contact information below.



Young Women's Leadership Board

MEMBER Application, Information and Responsibilities

The Ophelia Project-Tampa Bay is recruiting a group of 20 intelligent, energetic, and motivated young women between the ages of 18-24 to form the 2006-2007 Young Women's Leadership Board (YWLB) and enjoy the benefits of a comprehensive leadership program designed especially for young women. Each member will be matched with a Mentor. The culminating experience of the training program occurs when the YWLB, with the assistance of their Mentors, conduct leadership workshops at a one-day dynamic conference for 300 middle school girls on February 24th, 2007.

What are the responsibilities of a YWLB Member?

Members participate in all phases of the project, including the planning, implementation, and evaluation of The Ophelia Project's conference for girls, the *Girl's Guide to Life!* YWLB members:

- Attend leadership training sessions twice per month from October 2006 through February 2007
- Meet or communicate with a mentor for at least five hours per month
- Co-lead a workshop at the Girls Conference on February 24, 2007
- Program fee of \$60 (not paid until accepted; scholarships available)

What are the benefits of joining the YWLB?

The board members will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in a 6-month leadership training program
- Develop a mentor relationship with a professional woman
- Develop friendships with other young women in Tampa Bay
- Gain important career/resume building skills
- Give back to their community by working with middle school age girls
- Course credit/internships hours are available for FT or PT students

How do I apply to join the Ophelia Project's YWLB?

1. Fill out a YWLB Member Application.
2. Attach a resume and the names, phone numbers, and emails of 2 references.
3. Submit a photo of yourself with your application. (We encourage you to submit a photo which will tell us something about yourself. For example, you may want to submit a photo of you with your family, at a favorite sporting event, with a favorite pet, on vacation, or a special occasion.)
4. Mail your completed application by **September 9, 2006** to:

Nicole Stokes
Girls Program Specialist
The Ophelia Project-Tampa Bay
110 E. Oak Ave.
Tampa, FL 33602
Phone : 813-514-9555, ext. 231
Fax: 813-223-4262
nowen@tampaymca.org

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