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"THE MAGIC OF TOYLAND"... AT THE WINTER FESTIVAL!



Final Prep for Winter Festival Parade 2003

The Winter Festival Parade was held on Saturday, December 4, 2004! Once again, our Community Events Committee Lead-



Float Building 2003

ers, Adeena Alam and Amy Wright put together a terrific

float building scheme and brought all the wonderful volunteers together for a great Festival of Lights Parade! Our kid-filled toy train

was more than well-received by organizers and attendees alike (of course, as usual, the kids loved the candy too), and we were given a very genuine thank you from the emcee as we

passed the grandstands! Thank you to all of our volun-

teers, and all the pictures will be on the Web site soon, so everyone can see what a great time it was! Happy Holidays!



Float Building 2003



Float Building 2003

Are you a Superhero? 2005 Bids tickets are now on sale! Questions or want to help? Contact Jaimi Morhard at 567.9130!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND SMILES UPDATE!



It's time to award our T25 Scholarship to a very deserving student! The packets were delivered to all publicly-funded Leon County Schools on 11/1/04. Please encourage any high school juniors and seniors you know to visit their guidance counselors to learn more about

the requirements and obtain an application. The application deadline is 12/17/04 at 5:00pm. For more information, or to serve on the selection panel, please contact Adria (acavany@hotmail.com) or Mark (theraven@rollstuhl.com). Best of luck to all applicants!



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



It's December, and it's that time of year when we begin to seriously focus on getting our annual "Bids for the Kids" in order, which is our only fundraiser that enables us to give to the kids of our community. This year's theme is "A Night of Superheroes." It will be held at the University Center Club on January 22, 2004, from 8:00pm - 1:00am. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person, and \$80 per couple.

We have a great Bids committee (led by Jaimi Morhard), that really needs your help to ensure that the event is a huge success! Take some time to get involved and see what it's all about! Just contact Jaimi at 567.9130, and she can let you know where they need your help most!

Getting involved with Bids is as easy as picking up a few silent auction items when you're out getting your Holiday shopping done, or getting a sponsorship

from one of your colleagues or friends. T25 would not be here today, not to mention be as successful as we are, if it wasn't for hard-working individuals like you willing to volunteer their very valuable time. We hope you can once again join us in this effort, and help us make a difference!

- Sean Singleton
T25 President

We would like to extend a huge thank you to December's meeting sponsor:

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MEET THE T25 NOVEMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH — DISRAELLY & WIL!

The Tallahassee 25 Board would like to congratulate Disraelly Cruz and Wil Kornegay on being selected as our November Members of the Month! Now, we'd like to let all of you know a little bit more about these outstanding members!

Disraelly Cruz moved to Tallahassee over a year and a half ago from Pensacola, where she received her undergraduate degree from UWF. Prior to that, she lived in Puerto Rico for several years.

She will complete her Master's in Integrated Market-



Disraelly Cruz

ing Communications (IMC) in the Spring. She currently works as a teaching assistant in the Department of Communications & at the Tallahassee Senior Center planning events as a Senior Connections Coordinator. She loves working with Seniors, but enjoys her time with kids even more because it lets you be a big kid right along with them!

Last summer, she was a counselor for her church's youth and realized just how much she missed being around kids. After returning to Tallahassee following her last mission trip, she looked up T25! She attended the August meeting and



Wil Kornegay

joined soon after. While she has only been able to participate in the Haunted House and Holiday activities, she has had nothing but a positive experience and looks forward to what's next! Her advice would be to get involved when you can, because even the little things you do can mean the world to someone! One tidbit - she is a huge basketball fan, and cannot wait until March Madness!!

Wil Kornegay is a graduate of the Florida State University, with degrees in

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MEMBER MOMENTS



2004 Bids for the Kids



2004 Haunted House Construction



June 2004 General Meeting

CONTRIBUTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

This column highlights a special volunteer opportunity ("contributions") & social opportunity ("celebrations") each month.

Spotlight on...

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS!

If you missed this year's Holiday Happiness, then you missed out on an amazing job that our Holiday Happiness Leaders did pulling together this year's event that came off without a hitch! Angi, Brian, Disraelly, & Jerry, we cannot even begin to thank you for the totally outstanding job you did, and a huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who showed up to shop! This was one of the best yet!



CONTRIBUTIONS



CELEBRATIONS

Spotlight on...

DECEMBER SOCIAL!

What a festive and special December social we have in store! This wine-tasting fundraiser will be held at the BEAUTIFUL Governors Club, on Thursday, 12/16/04, at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25 per person, and will be available at our general meeting! Questions? Please contact Kayla Hobbs at 575.5619. Help us raise funds that will enable us to continue lending kids a helping hand!



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Psychology and Communications. He notes that he intends to be a professional student, and will begin attending the University of Florida in the Fall of 2005 to earn a Master's degree in Higher Education with a specialization in Student Personnel. He attended high school in South Carolina, but has called Florida his home since 1987.

Wil really enjoys working with children, and has been a T25 member for almost

7 years. He especially enjoys Preschool Playtime, particularly when Kerry, Kayla, and Sean are there with him! The Haunted House is another event that he has really enjoyed over the years, and he'd like to encourage everyone to find an activity or committee that interests them, and get involved with that committee as an active volunteer.

On a personal note, he attends Celebration Baptist Church, and he is fairly involved with his Sunday School class. In his free time, he

takes courses at FSU (mostly to keep his mind sharp, but admits it's also to meet the pretty coeds). Adding to that last thought, he also let us know he also has a chance to meet many beautiful women through his hobby as a photographer!

Thanks again to Disraelly and Wil for all they have done to support Tallahassee 25. It is because of terrific volunteers like both of them that we are able to continue supporting kids in our area! You're the best!

You can always get the most up to date information at our website!

<http://www.tallahassee25.org>

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**lending kids
a helping hand**

<http://www.Tallahassee25.org>

What is the Tallahassee 25?

The Tallahassee 25 is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization incorporated with the State of Florida, with no paid staff. Twenty five young professionals established the organization as charter members in March 1997. After simply collecting contributions for a little league baseball team, they realized they shared a common mission to help area children and wanted to continue that vision with a more structured commitment. With that, the charter members formed this non-profit organization and established its bylaws.

The vision of the Tallahassee 25 is "to create and inspire hope for children and families in order to improve our community's quality of life."

The mission of the Tallahassee 25 is "to create opportunities for local children, through support and hands-on involvement in programs and activities which allow kids to enjoy their youth — while also helping them learn principles such as responsibility, self-esteem, self-discipline, and teamwork."

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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UPCOMING IN JANUARY

General Meeting – 1/12/05

Preschool Playtime – 1/17/05
Tutoring & Mentoring
 Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

Bids for the Kids – Ongoing prep
Bids for the Kids Committee
 Contact: Jaimi Morhard (567.9130)

2005 Bids for the Kids Silent Auction and Gala "A Night of Superheroes" – 1/22/05
Bids for the Kids Committee
 Contact: Jaimi Morhard (567.9130)

Evening with the Kids – Girls and Boys Town, TBA (Likely 1/26/05)
Tutoring & Mentoring
 Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

See website for additional details:
<http://www.Tallahassee25.org>