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SPORTS, LEISURE, & KIDS TAKES ITS GAME TO THE PARK!

One of T25's recent volunteer activities was the SLaK event at Tom Brown Park. The event was so successful, and we would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who were present to enjoy the day and have some fun with the kids!



K-9 demonstration during SLaK event at Tom Brown Park!

There were over 30 kids in attendance! The day included a K-9 demonstration by the Tallahassee Police Department, as

well as 8 other activities led by our amazing T25 volunteers (including everything from toss-

ing water balloons to naming state capitals). Congratulations to Girls and Boys Town's "House E" for taking first place (for which they won free movie tickets)!

Want to learn more about SLaK? Contact one of its Committee Leaders - Nick Clevenger

(574.0521), Scott Dudley (545.5915), Sherman Rosier (228.3422) - or email the board at info@tallahassee25.org.

5TH ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE!

That's right! It's *that* time of year again, and we are gearing up for another hugely successful Book Drive! Tallahassee 25 and Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend have partnered to collect, buy, and distribute new or gently used books to at-risk children in the Tallahassee community. Books or donations can be taken to any of the collection sites listed on our website prior to August 6th or to the actual day of the Book Drive on August



21st at Borders. We encourage all members to contribute books or volunteer to help out for this very worthy cause. Developing a love of books and reading is an important first step for a child to develop a love of learning in general. When a child loves to learn, opportunities greatly increase. Please help us continue "lending kids a helping hand" in this very special way! For more information, see our website or contact Melissa Mitchell

(425.2532). Also, please feel free to email the board anytime at info@tallahassee25.org!

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



It is really nice to see how much Tallahassee 25 has grown in the past few years. Since the new Board has assumed responsibility, we have at least 15 visitors and 5 new members at each general meeting. Tallahassee 25 is one of the most unique non-profit organizations in North Florida. We are comprised of individuals from different industries, and whether education or hospitality, our mission is the same — “Lending kids a helping hand.” But, what makes T25 different from other children’s organizations is made up of a multitude of reasons. There is not one paid person on staff. We do not have an actual business location. We are a supporter of all the local children’s organizations without favoritism. But, mainly, T25 was founded on the belief that people can meet and network, while

always keeping in mind that we are here for the kids! Getting involved and supporting the community is the underlying tone. T25 is one of the only organizations that can combine our efforts to enhance the community through volunteerism and enjoying our social time together so effectively!

This past month, I met with the Tallahassee Coalition for the Homeless. The T25 Board is ready to take us in a new direction with children who really need our guidance. By the end of the summer, phase 1 of the new shelter for the homeless (located on Pensacola Street) should be complete. We discussed the many ways that Tallahassee 25 can help. These kids are overlooked by many of the large children’s organizations. I was informed that there are over

300 homeless children in Leon County, and they could also benefit from our help! So, here we are — a small organization with more heart than the largest — and we are ready and willing! I am really looking forward to supporting this cause. I believe we can make a huge difference, not only in a child’s life, but also in some of our member’s lives as well. Giving is the greatest gift anyone can give. Memories never fade & are one of few things that can stand the test of time!

I hope to see all of you at a few of the summer events that we have planned for the kids and all of our members! Thank you so much for your time and dedication to Tallahassee 25!

- Sean Singleton
T25 President

MEET THE T25 JUNE MEMBER OF THE MONTH — SANDY MACHADO!



June MOTM — Sandy Machado!

We would like to congratulate Sandy Machado on being chosen as our June Member of the Month! Sandy is one of our

outstanding new members, and we’d like everyone to get to know a little bit more about the woman behind the volunteer!

Sandy has been part of the Tallahassee community for almost a decade. She came here from Orlando, where she graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BA in French and a minor

in Public Speaking. She has pursued graduate studies in Multilingual/Multicultural and Communications, but her focus has been her career in marketing and research for the State of Florida.

One of Sandy’s core values is contributing to the community in which she lives. She has volunteered for seven years with a troop in the Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend, has served as a big sister for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, is a certified adult literacy volunteer, and has been trained in a variety of Red Cross Disaster Relief classes. “I think the commitment to community oriented development is one of the best parts about Tallahassee; I just want to do my part,” was her response when asked about her diverse volunteerism. Sandy joined T25 in March of 2004 to be a part of an or-

ganization made up of dedicated, caring

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We would like to extend a huge thank you to July’s meeting sponsor:

**DR. JAMES RYAN FENN
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MEMBER MOMENTS



CONTRIBUTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Spotlight on...

TUTORING & MENTORING!

On one recent “Evening with the kids,” Tutoring & Mentoring hosted a Topic Night, at which Sherman Rosier spoke to the kids all about exercise and fitness.

The kids had a great time, and we encourage all members to come join the tutoring and mentoring committee at one of its terrific events! Questions? Want to speak on a Topic? Want to come to a game night? Contact Kerry McCombs at 345.1176!



CONTRIBUTIONS



CELEBRATIONS



Spotlight on...

JULY SOCIAL—HOSTED BY THE T25 PAST PRESIDENTS!

We hope you will join us for the July Social at Po Boys Downtown, being held on July 23rd starting at 7pm.

The social is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Look forward to lots of goodies provided by our former presidents, as well as some good, old-fashioned member-bonding time! As always, we encourage everyone to bring a friend they would like to introduce to T25!

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individuals with similar goals of helping the community become a better place.

In her spare time, Sandy tries to travel and meet new people whenever possible. She speaks Spanish and French, has traveled and lived throughout the United States and Europe, and hopes to continue exploring the world.

Sandy has a wide range of interests such as reading (two of her favorites are The

DaVinci Code and The Dream of Scipio),

movies (she is a fantasy geek and loves anything from the LOTR series to cult classics like Krull), music (anything and everything), and wine (reds from any region of the world!). Her newest hobbies are home improvement projects, making jewelry, and exploring her genealogy.

“Sandy has shown such dedication to Tallahassee 25, which started immediately after she joined. She has been involved in every event she possibly could, and her effort has proven invaluable!”

- T25 Board Member

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

<http://www.tallahassee25.org>

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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."

JULY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Independence Day	5	6 Fast of Tammuz	7	8	9 Full Moon	10
11	12	13	14 T25 General Meeting (Paradigm) 	15	16 Last Quarter	17 New Moon
18	19 Preschool Playtime (T&m) 	20	21	22	23 SOCIAL sponsored by the T25 Past Presidents!! (Po Boys Downtown) 	24
25 First Quarter	26 T25 Board Meeting 	27 Fast of Tisha B'Av	28 Game Night with Girls & Boys Town - 7:30-9:00pm - Second home on the left - Bring a game and a snack! (T&m) 	29	30	31



UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST!

Charity Wine Tasting — 8/4/04
Contact: Jaimi Morhard (567.9130)

General Meeting — 8/11/04
AT PARADIGM!

Preschool Playtime — 8/16/04
Tutoring & Mentoring
Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

An Evening with the Kids (CCYS) — TBA
Tutoring & Mentoring
Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

5th Annual Book Drive — 8/21/04
Contact: Melissa Mitchell (425.2532)

Caribbean Carnival — 8/21/04
Community Events
Contact: Amy Wright (219.3797)

See website for additional details:
<http://www.tallahassee25.org>