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2005-2006 BOARD MEMBERS

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- President:** Kayla Hobbs
- Internal VP:** Krista Mooney
- External VP:** Adeena Alam
- Secretary:** Joy Freeman
- Treasurer:** Stephanie Cater

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- Sherman Rosier
- Sean Singleton

Tutoring & Mentoring

- Kerry McCombs
- Angela Passero

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for your active participation and support of Tallahassee 25. The Board Members and I are ready for an exciting year for our organization. We want everyone to see the impact we have in the lives of our members, the kids we work with, and our community.

Founders of T25 have been telling us for years to 'keep it about the kids,' and we plan to do just that. This doesn't mean socials will be cut back (we actually hope to increase them in every way). It means we will use the kids as our foundation.

Events will be meaningful to the kids and as we all have fun, we will be leading them in positive activities. We, as local leaders and young professionals, need to be their inspiration — so they can in turn use what they learn from us as they grow up to become the next generation of Tallahassee. Each of us has skills and talents beneficial to this community. By volunteering with a kid (even once a month) you are providing them an opportunity to receive and activate new knowledge, and to become a future with hope.

If you aren't involved in volunteering, I strongly encourage you to try some activities over the next few months. I promise you will find your 'perfect fit' somewhere, whether with the kids or volunteering behind the scenes. Until every

member of T25 contributes something, we will never be at our full potential. Not to mention the youth we work with are so genuine that you will have a feeling of personal fulfillment after an event with them.

On both a professional and a personal level, I want each of you to know that I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your president. I look forward to a fun filled year and I'm anticipating many new adventures. I have confidence in every member of this board, and can't thank them enough for stepping up, supporting me, and serving Tallahassee 25. Please feel free to talk to us and offer suggestions. Let the year begin!

- Kayla Hobbs
T25 President



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MEET YOUR 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD!

Your 2005 T25 Executive Board is already hard at work, our goal being to continue on with all the great things Tallahassee 25 has done throughout the years. Read on to learn a little more about your new Board.

Having already served as Co-Chair for the Community Events Committee in 2003, and Internal Vice President for the 2004 Board, **Kayla Hobbs** is now President of Tallahassee 25. She is currently a Senior at FSU, and is planning on earning dual degrees in Child Development and Social Work. Kayla is a nanny for three adorable kids, and also works part-time for NewspaperClips.com

After stepping up to Chair the Community Events Committee in 2004, **Adeena Alam** is your External Vice President for

2005. Adeena is the go-to person for SLaK, Community Events, Logistics, and Tutoring & Mentoring. She currently works at Mainline Information Systems, doing web design. Adeena puts those skills to use in keeping the T25 website looking great, too!

No stranger to the Tallahassee 25 Executive Board, **Krista Mooney** is switching from Secretary to Internal Vice President. Krista is responsible for the Grants, Historian, Membership, Public Relations, and Scholarships & Smiles Committees. Krista received her J.D. from Florida State University, and is currently finishing up doctoral work as well. Krista is also the proud recipient of Tallahassee 25's 2004-2005 "Follow the Leader" award.

Joy Freeman is your new Secretary

for 2005. Joy is responsible for putting together the newsletter, keeping up Board Meeting Minutes—along with any other projects that come up along the way! She earned her Bachelor's Degree in English from FSU, and currently works as a Communications and Membership Coordinator at the Florida Psychological Association.

Stephanie Cater has graciously decided to continue on as T25's Treasurer. Stephanie maintains our budget, and keeps an eye on how much money we spend each year! She works for the Florida House of Representatives, in the Utilities & Telecommunications Committee. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from Florida Southern College (1997) and earned an MBA in general business from FSU in 2003.

MEET THE T25 MARCH MEMBER OF THE MONTH — ANGI PASSERO!



Angi Passero knows what it means to "lend kids a helping hand." She is one of our newer members, having joined Tallahassee 25 in September 2004, but that hasn't stopped her from stepping up to the plate and volunteering in several key areas.

Angi says, "I joined Tallahassee 25 because I wanted to get more involved with the Tallahassee community. I have learned, through working with Leon County schools, that there is a very distinct difference between children who are "at risk" and children who come

from supportive, nurturing, and healthy homes. The children served by T25 are more likely to experience difficulties at school...that is why I am excited to Chair the Tutoring and Mentoring Committee."

Angi says her favorite event so far has been Holiday Happiness 2004. "I loved how so many people came out to support Tallahassee's kids."

She also was extremely active in helping to make Bids for the Kids 2005 such a success—working with local kids to get pictures and poems for our décor. She also volunteered with Tutoring and Mentoring, Scholarships and Smiles, Community Events, and SLaK.

Angi's love of children is evident in other areas of her life, as well. She is

wrapping up her Junior year at Florida State University. She is in a five year Master's Program for Exceptional Students Education, with specializations in early childhood special education and early intervention services. Her goal is to work with early intervention services for children with disabilities. She is a member of the Student Florida Education Association, where she is Treasurer at the State level, and Chairperson of the Workshop Committee for the FSU Chapter. Angi also is a substitute teacher for Leon County Schools, and helps in the St. Paul's United Methodist Church nursery.

Congratulations, Angi, on being named the Tallahassee 25 Member of the Month for March 2005!

We would like to extend a huge Thank You to April's meeting sponsor:

Paradigm.

Please join Tallahassee 25 in thanking Paradigm's owner, Glenn Voyce,
for his continued support!

T25 SPOTLIGHTS

It's time for.....MartiniFest!

MartiniFest 2005 will be held on **Thursday, April 21, 2005** at Chez Pierre. From 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, bartenders will be set up at different stations outside the restaurant, each serving a different type of martini. By purchasing a \$25 ticket (\$20 for T25 members), you will have a chance to sample as many martinis as you like.

As if All You Can Drink Martinis weren't enough, Chez Pierre will also be serving heavy appetizers, with the option of purchasing a full meal at various food tents. GT Entertainment will be providing music, and you'll be able to take home recipes for all of the featured martinis on your own handy keyring!

This is already shaping up to be a great event, but T25 needs your help to really make it a hit! Please contact Kayla Hobbs (kaylahobbs@comcast.net) to volunteer to sell tickets prior to the event. We'll also need volunteers to collect tickets and money, and check ID's that night. With enough volunteers, we'll be able to work in super short shifts - giving everyone plenty of time to enjoy the night, too!



Get involved in Tutoring & Mentoring!

The Tutoring & Mentoring Committee is planning for a big day on **Monday, April 18th!**

Your first opportunity to have some fun that day is at **PreSchool Playtime**. T25 will be at Childcare Network, on Park Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. PreSchool Playtime is definitely the favorite activity of several of our members, and we invite all of you to check it out. Sometimes it's hard to tell who's having more fun - the kids, or the volunteers!

T & M will also be hosting an **Evening with the Kids** later on that day, from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Please note that this event is now at a **NEW DAY!**) This month we've got a super fun activity planned with the kids at CCYS.

Please contact Kerry McCombs (345.1176) or Angela Passero (575.5619) for more information on how you can help at either event!

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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."



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a helping hand**

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APRIL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 General Meeting @ Paradigm	14	15	16
17	18 Preschool Playtime Evening with the Kids	19	20	21 MartiniFest @ Chez Pierre	22	23 KidsFest @ Southwood
24	25 Board Meeting	26	27	28	29	30

UPCOMING IN MAY

Friday, May 6–
Relay for Life @ FL Fairgrounds
6PM–Sat. AM

Wednesday, May 11–
General Meeting @ Paradigm
6:30 PM

Saturday, May 14–(tentative)
Past Presidents Social
@ Po' Boys
Equipment Drive Kickoff

Monday, May 16–
Preschool Playtime
@ Childcare Network
10 AM

Evening w/ the Kids
@ Girls & Boys Town
7:30 PM

Saturday, May 21–
Governors Club Charity Event

Monday, May 23–
Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Monday, May 30–
Memorial Day

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