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HELP T25 GIVE A LITTLE "HOPE"!

Tallahassee 25 is pleased to announce another worthy community partner in our efforts to work with deserving kids in our community!

In addition to all of our usual volunteer locations, we will also be doing work over at HOPE Community. A project of the Tallahassee Coalition for the Homeless (TCH), HOPE Community stands for Housing Opportunities and Personal Empowerment. HOPE is a comprehensive human services center designed to be a "one-stop-shop" to provide a seamless array of services to address the needs of the homeless. This single location provides a number of services needed to help individuals and families move from homelessness to independent living. Services will include separate dorms for

men, women, and families; counseling and case management; job training and employment listings; access to mainstream resources and other social service benefits; a parenting and child resource center; developmentally appropriate play and learning areas for children; kitchen and dining areas, which will also serve as a job training site; medical triage and referrals; and a secure, park-like environment.

Approximately 3,000—4,000 individuals and families in our community lack a permanent place to live over the course of a year. On top of that, the TCH 2003 Street Count identified 322 homeless children in Tallahassee on one day. This is where Tallahassee 25 comes in! As is our fashion, we've jumped in feet first, with two commit-

tees getting ready to plan events to help give the HOPE kids a little hope of their own. SLaK will be planning a field trip soon, and Tutoring & Mentoring is in the process of organizing a tutoring event. Get in touch with both of these committees to find out how you can be a part of a very worthwhile cause!

T25 is also asking our members to take a look at the HOPE Community Wish List. The full List is available on our website, at www.tallahassee25.org. Items in need include: children's furniture, linens, bikes, diapers, toiletry items and over-the-counter medication, and all sorts of fun toys to entertain the kids. Take a look at the list, and let any Executive Board member know how you can help!



Future T25'ers hard at work doing thumbprint pictures at Springtime Tallahassee 2005!

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T25 EVENT RECAPS—MARTINFEST AND KIDSFEST!



FROM THE PRESIDENT



WOW! To say the least, this past month was successful. As president I have very high aspirations for our group, and I appreciate all the support we, as a board, have been receiving. Thank you to all of our volunteers and our committee leaders who continue to make Tallahassee 25 shine in the community.

Throughout the next month you will see us really pushing the fundamentals of Tallahassee 25. We will be working together to grow our membership and to provide our members the highest possible value for their membership. We would, in return, like to

ask for your talents, ideas and support as volunteers with the events our committees are organizing, and as always finding new members that can benefit from what Tallahassee 25 has to offer.

You will also see us introducing two vital "drives" to the group. First, the equipment drive, which we have planned around two very exciting events, kicking it off with the Past Presidents' Social and ending it with a community wide softball tournament and barbeque. All the equipment from this drive will be distributed to deserving kids in the community. You will also notice the Tutoring and Mentoring committee really pushing the tutoring aspect of what they do. They are giving us figures that make the need for one on one tutoring vital as they show how easy it is to help out.

The ultimate goal of Tallahassee 25 is to make the world a little bit easier for our youth as we enjoy ourselves as members. We say that we have a vision and a mission that will bring about such change for the youth through our hands-on involvement. So this month we challenge you to find your place in the life of a deserving child. The time is here - choose an opportunity to volunteer, and be astonished at the remarkable difference you will make.

I wish each of you a very productive month and I look forward to the stories we all have to share after our events.

Kayla Hobbs,

President

KIDSFEST 2005



PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME



T25 EVENT RECAPS—RELAY FOR LIFE AND PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME!



T25 SPOTLIGHTS

It's time for.....the Past Presidents' Social!

Tallahassee 25 will be having our annual **Past Presidents' Social** on Friday, **May 20**. The event will run from **7:00 pm—10:00 pm**.

In an effort to go back to our roots, T25 will be returning to the original "scene of the crime", and having our Social at **Po' Boy's Downtown!**

The Social is **FREE** for T25 members, and \$5 for non-members. Non-members can bring in some sporting equipment for our Equipment Drive and get in for free...and current members can bring in sporting equipment and be that much more cooler than you already are!

Contact Krista Mooney (212.0084) with any questions or for more information.



Get SLaK-ing!

The SLaK committee is going back to "Where It All Begins"!

Bringing to mind how Tallahassee 25 formed after sponsoring a local youth softball team, SLaK and T25 are putting together a Equipment Drive to collect sporting equipment. Everything that is collected will be distributed to local, deserving kids.

The official kick-off date for the drive is **Friday, May 20**—at our **Past Presidents' Social**. (See write-up at left for more information.) The drive will be a month long, and you can drop off equipment at Play It Again Sports, or Fit and Functional. Also, look forward to putting your sporting skills to the test during a community softball challenge next month!

Visit the T25 website (www.tallahassee25.org) or call Sean Singleton (224.0650) or Sherman Rosier (228.3422) for more information.

TALLAHASSEE 25

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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."



**lending kids
a helping hand**

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MAY CALENDAR

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|---|-----|--|-----|---|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Relay for Life | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 General Meeting @ Paradigm | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Preschool Playtime Evening with the Kids | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Past President's Social @ Po' Boys | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Board Meeting | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Memorial Day | 31 | | | | |

UPCOMING IN JUNE

**Wednesday, June 8—
General Meeting @ Paradigm**
6:30 PM

**Monday, June 13—
Preschool Playtime**
@ Childcare Network
10 AM

Evening w/ the Kids
@ CCYS
7:30 PM

**Monday, June 27—
Board Meeting**
6:30 PM

See our website for
additional details:
[http://
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