

TALLHASSEE 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**

<http://www.Tallahassee25.org>

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*Float Building *Holiday Happiness Shopping		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 General Meeting@ Paradigm	10	11	12
13	14 Preschool Playtime@ Childcare Network	15	16	17 Evening with the Kids@ Girls & Boys Town—7:30	18	19 (Tentative) SLaK activity with CCYS
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Board Meeting	29	30			

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER

**Wednesday, December 14—
 General Meeting**
 @ Paradigm
 6:30 PM

**Monday, December 19—
 Preschool Playtime**
 @ Childcare Network
 10 AM

Be on the lookout for more information about Holiday Happiness, Holiday Baking with CCYS, a Holiday Event with the Big Bend Homeless Coalition, our Annual Tree Lighting with Girls and Boys Town, and our Holiday Wine Social!

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



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SCHOLARSHIPS AND SMILES 2005 - 2006

REMINDER - Tallahassee 25 Scholarship applications are available NOW!!

If you know any juniors or seniors, please encourage them to apply for both Tallahassee 25 Scholarships. Two awards will be going out: a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship.

Criteria for the scholarships:

- be a junior or senior in a publicly funded school in Leon County,
- have a documented grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale),

- be a student in good standing, and
- have 20 hours of documented community service within the last calendar year.

Applications need to be postmarked by **December 9th**.

Check out the website for more application and information on the scholarships. www.tallahassee25.org.

Want to become involved in Scholarships and Smiles?

We could use your help on the 2005-2006 scholarships

committee. If interested contact the chairs at their numbers/email addresses below!!!

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T25 GOES BACK TO "GHOUL"!

Tallahassee 25 once again celebrated a successful Haunted House, thanks in part to our amazing Community Events Co-Chairs, Ashley Anderson and Amy Wright.

The Haunted House Crew managed to put together a Haunted Schoolhouse in only 9-days, complete with a Haunted Ghoul Bus, principal's office, detention rooms, nurse's office, cafeteria, theatre room, shop class, mad scientist room, and gym!

As you can tell from the pictures, it's hard to tell who had more fun—the kids, or our great volunteers!

Special thanks go out to Ashley for never giving up hope of us securing a location...to Michael Chaney, for his amazing art-work...to Jamie Taylor, for his talent with power tools...to Southland and Dean for all their help...and to Jim Dowling, for his generous donations.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



CONGRATULATIONS COMMUNITY EVENTS AND THE ENTIRE HAUNTED HOUSE CREW!!!

Once again, I stand by the efforts of our membership. This year we had an incredible Haunted House. From planning and construction to kid attendance and volunteer camaraderie, the Haunted School House did everything we wanted it to do. Congratulations to Ashley and Amy for your amazing success. You kept volunteers motivated, encouraged, and involved. We had so many new faces this year, along with some of our past presidents and original 25'ers. With close to 500 people going through the Haunted House (or as far as they could make it before they were too scared), many praises we sung about our organization and the 'cool'

things we do. As a past Community Events co-chair, from the bottom of my heart I congratulate you and thank you for keeping a "kid focused" agenda and for furthering the mission of Tallahassee 25.

If you happened to miss the Haunted House, I can't begin to tell you how much fun our members had working together this year. It was by far, one of the best Haunted Houses that I have seen throughout my tenure in T25...and the community thought so too! The girls had the news crews out visiting and running us on the air 3 different times, and we were in the Tallahassee Democrat 4 days in a row (one article even pulled some people out to the Halloween social). INCREDIBLE!! And speaking of incredible, did I mention they did this all in only 10 days! I ask each of you to

congratulate Ashley (a Haunted House rookie) and Amy (a T25 veteran) on their success, and to THANK them for making such an opportunity for the kids and for our volunteers.

Don't think for a minute that things are slowing down. The crew is motivated and they are planning for a Christmas float that will shock the city. Volunteers are needed to make this possible, as a float is a lot of work! Also, it's time to begin Christmas shopping for our annual Holiday Happiness drive that we do for local kids. Keep an ear out to see who will be heading up this years drive!

Happy fall to everyone!

Kayla Hobbs,
President, Tallahassee 25

Sponsorships & Grants

In preparation for our annual Bids for the Kids Gala & Silent Auction, please forward any contact information for companies or individuals that you think would be interested in donating money or auction items to April Brown at aprilb@fcu.com. This black-tie benefit features silent auction items, live music, and dancing, and is the largest fund-raising event of the year for Tallahassee 25. All proceeds from Bids for the Kids provide funding for programs such as: academic scholarships, establishing the T25 Foundation for College Tuition Assistance, elementary and middle school tutoring and mentoring programs, make-a-wish programs, enriching athletic and social programs, and more. Your support is truly needed and appreciated to make our organization successful!

