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SLAK IS ON THE MOVE!

This past summer, SLaK raised an entire truck-load of used and new sporting goods. People graciously donated golf clubs, baseball bats and gloves, and an assortment of balls for basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, and volleyball.

This month, SLaK will be "re-enacting the inception of T25" by taking an ad out in the Tallahassee Democrat to have in-need children's clubs contact us for sporting goods.

Nine years ago, T25 got its start by the original

25 taking an ad out in the paper offering to sponsor a worthy, in-need softball team. Much to that same degree, we are offering to help children of our community. HOPE Community was the first to receive their support, with supplying them with an array of fun and safe sporting goods and games!

SLaK is also hard at work planning the annual Back to School BBQ. This is an annual event where Tallahassee 25 comes together with Tallahassee's Girls' and Boys' Town to have fun and celebrate both a new school

year and the end of summer. The event will be held on Saturday, September 17th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Girls and Boys Town. There will be many fun activities and food, so be sure to come out and visit! Volunteers will be needed from 10:00 am–12:30 p.m., and from 12:30–3:00 p.m., so come out when you can!

If you would like to get involved in SLaK, contact Sean or Sherman as they, too, can always use a helping hand!



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NEWS AND NOTES FROM OUR COMMITTEES

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 to April Brown at aprilb@fcu.com, or auction items to _____. This black-tie benefit features silent auction items, live music, and dancing, and is the largest fundraising 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!

Community Events

Community Events had over 20

children attend our event at Lawrence Gregory Community Center. Poloroid pictures were taken of each of the children and then they made frames for the pictures to take home. The kids and T25 volunteers had a great time. The activity ended with snacks and playing outside.

In addition to their other activities, the CE Committee will also soon begin the planning and building of our Annual Haunted House! This year's location will be available shortly—see Ashley Anderson or Amy Wright if you would like to help participate in planning, building, and performing in the Haunted House.

Tutoring & Mentoring

This month there will be no Evening with the Kids, since we are having the BBQ @ Girls and Boys Town.

The last Evening with the Kids @ CCYS went well. Though our presenters could not make it, we improvised and had the kids address some topics

they might think about through art. Each kid drew a picture of him- or herself and wrote down what things that they hated, places they wish they could go, what they love the most, etc. Afterwards, several kids shared what they had written. Also, we composed a list of resources for the kids in Tallahassee, like Planned Parenthood, Big Bend Cares, Lee's Place, Dare, etc. The kids seemed interested and surprised to learn that they had so many places available to them for assistance.

Preschool Playtime will still take place on Monday, 9/19, from 10 to 11 AM. Last month at Preschool Playtime, the kids made eatable eyeballs out of cupcakes. The kids had a great time decorating the cupcakes, and pretending to eat "eyeballs." We wrapped up the day with a game of limbo. This month we will be making funny face puzzles. See Kerry McCombs or Angela Passero for more information on these fun activities!

FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Membership Month is here!!

Unlike any other organization in Tallahassee, we are a true 'grass roots' organization with our central focus being the children in our great city. We work hard to have one successful fundraiser a year and to use all of that money to benefit the kids – not a single person on our staff, or involved in our mission, is paid. 100% volunteerism – the true definition of charity – is what sets us above other service groups in town. We serve ourselves as we serve our kids – not with financial or public gains, but with the gratification that comes from a youth saying "thank you."

September has been designated as the month to celebrate our members. It's overwhelming to think about every event Tallahassee 25 has hosted since 1997. The hundreds of opportunities we've all had to get involved in our organization, the leadership who has supported the background of the organizations mission, the committee leaders who have stepped up to be in charge of these events, the members who bring in new members – all of these build us to be the Tallahassee 25.

This month we hope you have time to join us in the things we have going on: our monthly meeting, new member orientation, MEMBER SOCIAL at Café, Preschool Playtime, Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts for the Gulf Coast kids currently in Tallahassee, and more. We hope you renew your

dues, or go ahead and become a member if you aren't already, and that you get involved in the Bids for the Kids 2006 planning. Most importantly, we hope we see you around this month, that we all thank our past presidents for their dedication, and that we encourage other members to continue Lending Kids a Helping Hand.

Kayla Hobbs

President—Tallahassee25

SCHOLARSHIPS & SMILES 2005-2006

Tallahassee 25's vision is to create and inspire hope for children and families in order to improve our community's quality of life. One of the ways we create hope in our community each year is by offering two **Tallahassee 25 Scholarships**.

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

Information packets will be sent out to all area schools Guidance and

Counseling Centers next week. Applications need to be postmarked by **December 9th**. All information about the scholarships as well as applications can be found on Tallahassee 25's web site at: www.tallahassee25.org.

If you have any questions about the scholarship process or want to get involved in the Scholarship Committee, feel free to contact the co-chairs at their numbers below.

Adria Cavany: (850) 544-1889

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Congratulations to our August
Members of the Month!

Laryn Flikkema

Christie Medina

MEMBER CORNER

New Member Orientation

All new members are invited to attend our New Member Orientation, to be held on **Wednesday, September 21**, at 6:30, at Newspaperclips.com. You'll have the chance to hear more about Tallahassee 25 and meet our Board of Directors. Come hear how you can get involved in improving the lives of Tallahassee children! See Jose Gonzalez for more information.

Time for a Social!

Our next Tallahassee 25 Social will be held on Thursday, September 22. at Café Cabernet. The Public Relations and Socials Committee has been working overtime to make this a great event, so be sure to come out and enjoy the night! See Joel Silver or Greg Tish for details.

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**

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 General Meeting @Paradigm	15	16	17 Back to School BBQ @Girls' and Boys' Town
18	19 Preschool Playtime@ Childcare Network	20	21 New Member Orientation	22 Social@ Café Cabernet	23	24
25	26 Board Meeting	27	28	29	30	

UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 12—
General Meeting @ Paradigm
6:30 PM

Monday, October 17—
Preschool Playtime
@ Childcare Network
10 AM

Monday, October 24—
Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Friday, October 28—Monday, October 31—
Haunted House
Location/Times TBD

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