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HERE COMES THE T25 HAUNTED HOUSE!

The 7th Annual Tallahassee 25 Haunted House is just around the corner!!

This year's event promises to be truly exciting, not to mention well-attended!! We are expecting thousands of children to come through our exceptionally eerie, seriously spooky, and categorically creepy Haunted Rainforest!!

Last year's haunted house was definitely one that we will surely all remember, but we are very much looking forward to 2004's collaboration with Fun Station! The planning



are willing to lend a hand. Keep your eye on the website, newsletter, and weekly emails for dates & times of construction! And... never fear, even if you cannot make it to the building days, we still have plenty of opportunity to try on your acting hat, work behind the scenes, or welcome all the kids during the actual days of the haunted house, which will be on October 22, 23, 29, 30, and 31 from 7-10 on all



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nights! We will also need plenty of materials donated and help in other areas, so almost everyone can get involved with this in some way!

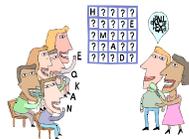
We know that you will find this to be one of the year's best events, and we cannot wait to see you at Fun Station! If you would like more information, or just want to ensure you are added to the haunted house mailing list, please contact one of our Community Events Committee Leaders: Amy Wright (219.3797) or Adeena Alam (508.4883)!

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And... there's so much more, including the ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SOCIAL on 10/28! See pages 3 & 4 for more details!

TUTORING & MENTORING GOES TRIVIA!



For anyone who wasn't at Girls and Boys Town on September 29th for our *T25 Evening with the Kids*, you missed one of the best ones yet!! Committee Leader Kerry McCombs spearheaded an awesome trivia

night (in classic jeopardy style) that not only served as a refresher on many of the things the kids are currently studying, but also ensured that everyone would have a fantastic time! Thank you Kerry, for coming up with this great variation on Tutoring, and we hope to see all of our volunteers next time!!

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Well, we made it through yet another hurricane with only minor problems - maybe building a really spooky haunted house will make any future hurricanes think twice before messing with Tallahassee again!

Yes, it's that time of year where Michael Chaney again steps off the art cloud and works his magic! This year, we will be missing our lead builder Jamie Taylor, as he is defending our country in Africa. But, thank goodness we have help like Brian Rewiski, Greg Tish, and Rashad

Stinson to pick up where he left off and get the job done in spectacular fashion!

The T25 Haunted House will be held at Fun Station this year in the laser tag room, and most of the structural details are already in place. All we have to do is jazz it up a bit by painting here and there, making a few design changes, and improving the rampways. Then, we will officially have the BEST HAUNTED HOUSE IN TALLAHASSEE!!

The dates are set for building and the

haunted house will be open October 22-23 & October 29-31. If you are interested in building, acting, or promoting the 2004 T25 Haunted House, please contact Amy Wright or Adeena Alam. We can always use more incredible volunteers like you!

Have a great October, and I look forward to seeing you at our next event!!

- Sean Singleton
T25 President

We would like to extend a huge thank you to October's meeting sponsor:

Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra
David Hoose, Music Director

<http://www.tsolive.org/>

MEET THE T25 AUGUST MEMBER OF THE MONTH – JEREMIAH BUCHANAN!



Jerry Buchanan

The Tallahassee 25 Board would like to congratulate Jerry Buchanan on being selected as our September Member of the Month! Now, we'd like to let all of our members know a little bit more about this outstanding T25 member!

Beginning just after high school, six years of Jeremiah's life were dedicated to the Florida Army National Guard. He was activated for a federal call up to service, which resulted in his spending

2003 overseas involved in Operation Enduring Freedom. That time has ensured that much of his life will be made up of memories and experiences from Iraq.

Upon his return to Tallahassee, he learned that there are many similarities to the starving & needy children of Baghdad right here in our own backyard. Although he admits the conditions overseas are obviously worse than those here, the concept of humanitarian support as he sees it is the same. He feels that everyone should show how much they care! He knows, from experience,

that giving food, water, toys, and even candy to others in need can provide you with the best feelings ever. Further, aside from those feelings as a giver, the simple gestures can light up faces, build a sense of morale, and set a precedent for standards and expectations. Such support is not without its challenges, however. Jeremiah notes that there are always children in need of a helping hand, even here in Tallahassee, and Tallahassee 25 is the hand that extends. He loves that T25's reach to the community comes solely from volunteers.

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MEMBER MOMENTS



2004 Relay for Life



2003 Halloween Social



2004 Preschool Playtime

CONTRIBUTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Spotlight on...

PLAYGROUND BUILDING AT BETHANY HOUSE!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the playground building event at Bethany House! This was one of those wonderful opportunities for your volunteerism to directly benefit the children in our community. Your willingness to "lend kids a helping hand" is what made this event possible, and all the groups involved thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



CONTRIBUTIONS



CELEBRATIONS

Spotlight on...

2004 HALLOWEEN SOCIAL!

Preparations are underway for the most awesome Annual Halloween Social we've ever had! So, it's time to get together your most creative costume and prepare for a great time with all your Tallahassee 25 friends! It will be on 10/28 at Paradise from 8pm - ??, and it's free for members, \$5 for non-members. We can't wait to see you there, and Happy Halloween!



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His only regret is that he didn't join T25 soon enough. He has lived in Tallahassee since he was 11 years old, and it wasn't until he returned from military service that he learned about T25. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1997, after which heading to Basic Training for the Army Florida National Guard. In 2002, he graduated from FSU with a BS in Business, and currently he's taking advantage of the free-

dom that he hasn't had for a solid year.

Jeremiah notes that T25 offers him so much. First, he finds it is a great way to meet people and network. Second, by simply participating in various events, you can enjoy hobbies while helping others. Third, he gets a heavy sense of pride when he tells other people that he is a part of an organization dedicated to helping children. He is so proud that he can say that he contributes to the community, particularly when so many

others cannot. And... if it's as simple as offering his time, one thing he's learned from the military is that tasks get accomplished faster with the more people participating. In other words, every "body" counts!

OUR SINCERE THANKS GOES OUT TO
JAMES LASS
 &
FLORIDA ENVELOPE COMPANY
 For the very generous donation to support our T25 Bids for the Kids Silent Auction and Gala, *Night of Superheroes!*

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

<http://www.Tallahassee25.org>

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**lending kids
a helping hand**

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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."

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER

General Meeting – 11/10/04

Preschool Playtime – 11/15/04
Tutoring & Mentoring
Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

Bids for the Kids – Ongoing preparations
Bids for the Kids Committee
Contact: Jaimi Morhard (567.9130)

SLaK Event – TBA
SLaK
Contact: Scott Dudley (545.5915) or Sherman Rosier (228.3422)

See website for additional details:
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