



To: Not-For-Profit Organizations in Hillsborough County
From: Betty Tribble, United Way of Tampa Bay's Volunteer Services
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Subject: **Project Application for 2009 Tampa Connection Class**

Deadline: July 3, 2008

Since 1986 **The Tampa Connection** has prepared more than **1700** young executives to become active volunteers and leaders in the Tampa Bay community while building professional relationships. The program encourages leadership development, community awareness and is an excellent opportunity for personal growth.

Each year, **The Tampa Connection** Board of Directors selects a limited number of agency projects to be carried out by **The Tampa Connection** members during the program year (September - May). Project teams, consisting of approximately 15 members, are asked to take full responsibility for the planning and implementation of the projects selected. Projects larger than this scope will also be considered. The most successful projects have been:

- tangible
- well defined by the agency
- goal oriented
- achievable within 6 months.

Fund Raising for the agency is not an acceptable project for **The Tampa Connection** members. The agency is responsible for funding seed money or supplies for the project.

If your organization has a project idea for consideration please complete the attached application and return it by **July 3, 2008**. Criteria for selection and a list of projects undertaken by the previous five classes are also attached. If you have questions regarding project ideas, please do not hesitate to call **me** at **(813) 274-0908 (before June 18, 2008 or after June 30)**

Applications will be reviewed and discussed by **The Tampa Connection** Board on July 8, 2008. Finalists will be asked to make a brief presentation to the board members on July 15, 2008. You will be notified if your organization is a finalist.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request. We encourage you to be creative in identifying a meaningful project and utilize this resource to the fullest. **The Tampa Connection** can make a difference to your organization.

The application is also available on our website: www.tampaconnection.org. Completed applications may be mailed, faxed, or scanned and sent via e-mail. All contact information is listed below.