

Tampa Connection Team Projects Past Five Years

Projects for 2008 Class

Green Team (Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful) - Create a community awareness plan to help promote the programs of Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful and increase environmental awareness.

Orange Team (Sylvia Thomas Center) - Create a resource book that will give assistance to foster and adoptive families by lending support, training and available resource information.

Purple Team (Tampa/Gasparilla Film Festival) – Plan and implement a community awareness plan for the Gasparilla Film Festival.

Red Team (Share Tampa Bay) –Create and execute an awareness/marketing campaign to educate the general public, companies and organizations about SHARE Florida Food Network’s services.

Teal Team (Ovacome) – Create guidelines for utilizing available funds in the “Hope Fund” and create a community outreach plant to recruit volunteers and Board members.

Projects for 2007 Class

Blue Team (Alpha House) – Create an employment guide which will be distributed to the Alpha House clients and contains employer information (100+ employers), bus routes, and information on interviewing skills, dress code, etc.)

Green Team (Bolesta Center) – Develop a comprehensive public education plan on the importance of seeking help in a timely manner after identifying hearing loss in infants and young children. The public education should also include help with early identification, proper amplification, and auditory-verbal therapy.

Orange Team (SERVE) - Create an awareness/marketing campaign to educate the public and companies about SERVE’s programs.

Purple Team (Faces of Courage Foundation) – Develop and implement a comprehensive breast cancer survivorship education program: Cancer Answers 101. Project objectives are to develop a business plan, create a logo, write mission and vision statements, create interview materials for survivors and develop an outline for the curriculum.

Red Team (America’s Second Harvest) – Develop a systematic approach to recruiting and managing volunteers. The project would include marketing tools, a short orientation program, a recognition program and a tracking/schedule software.

Projects for 2006 Class

Blue Team (Children’s Home Society of Florida) – Recreate the CHS consumer handbook that can easily be understood by children ages 5-12 years old. The current handbook was written with adults in mind; however the consumers are primarily children. The handbook will provide the children with a tool to help them better understand their rights and responsibilities.

Green Team (Junior Achievement) - Create an awareness plan and a plan for recruiting volunteer for the pilot program of Enterprise Village -- a 15,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility that will allow every fifth grade student in Hillsborough County to explore the world of business in this exciting mini-city of 20 public and private enterprises.

Purple Team (The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department) – Create a self-guided walking tour of historic Oaklawn Cemetery. The team will research, select, and write about the life of interesting individuals buried on the grounds. Oaklawn Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in the city established in 1833.

Red Team (Freedom Playground) – Create and implement a community outreach and marking plan to recruit volunteers and board members for the Freedom Playground Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to design and build the city of Tampa's first universally accessible playground. Freedom Playground...where kids are free to be.

Projects for 2005 Class

Blue Team (Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County) – Design and start a Youth Development Program at Habitat for Humanity where children of homeowners and construction volunteers could be volunteering and doing something productive as well as the adults.

Green Team (MOSI – Museum of Science & Industry) – Create a comprehensive marketing plan for generating revenue capitalizing on newly created outdoor space not use by the Bay Area Renaissance Festival during off-season.

Purple Team (The Spring of Tampa Bay) – Create and implement a program establishing additional Spring Auxiliary Groups for youth, men and older adults in Hillsborough County. Auxiliaries are groups of volunteers who provide support for new and ongoing programs at The Spring through Community involvement and interaction. The Spring of Tampa Bay's mission is to prevent domestic violence, protect victims and promote change in lives, families and communities.

Red Team (Wheels of Success, Inc.) – Develop a comprehensive business program for Car Care Classes designed to educate their clients to give them the skills needed to perform basic maintenance work and preventive care techniques. Wheels of Success is dedicated to providing personal transportation solutions by partnering with the community to keep people working and sustain their independence.

Projects for 2004 class

Blue Team (A Gift For Teaching of Tampa Bay) – Create and implement a comprehensive community awareness campaign to raise visibility, knowledge and support. A Gift For Teaching of Tampa Bay provides high quality, free school and classroom supplies to teachers who serve a majority of at-risk students attending Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Green Team (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay) – In 2004, Big Brothers Big Sisters nationally will celebrate its centennial anniversary. Locally BBBS would like Tampa Connection to assist in finding former Bigs, Littles, Board Members and other volunteers to document their involvement and memories of BBBS. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay strengthens our community through high quality, life-enriching mentoring relationships between volunteers and children.

Purple Team (Crisis Center of Tampa Bay) – Devise a blueprint for implementing "Second Wind Dreams," a program for low income seniors. This program will make dreams come true for seniors by partnering with various community resources like youth groups, civic groups, private citizens, and non-profit organizations. The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay offers a coordinated package of 11 crisis prevention, intervention and education programs. Their mission is to promote mental wellness by integrating community resources and providing a safe place to call when life hurts.

Red Team (The Children's Home, Inc.) – Create an integrated marketing and recruitment plan to recruit "Forever Families" – foster care or adoptive parents. The Children's Home accommodates children who have been abused, abandoned, and neglected requiring treatment and care by trained professionals. Their purpose is to create opportunities for children to be successful, valued and respected in safe and nurturing families.