

Community Tampa Bay™

Cultivating Leaders • Changing Communities
Promoting Dialogue

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“Bank of America – Investment in Impact”

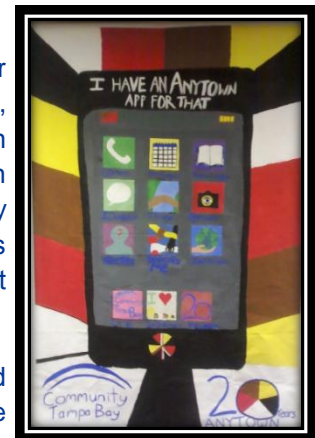


Bank of America supports the work of Community Tampa Bay™ through financial support, leadership and volunteerism. In 2010, Community Tampa Bay received Bank of America's highest charitable honor, the Neighborhood Builder Award, part of the Bank's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Program. The award included a grant of \$200,000 in unrestricted operating support as well as leadership development training for Community Tampa Bay's Executive Director and Emerging Leader. "The goal of the Neighborhood Builder Award is to strengthen capacity and secure sustainability for nonprofit organizations who serve our community," said Bill Goede, Bank of America's Tampa Bay Market President. "Community Tampa Bay plays a vital role in opening dialogue that breaks down barriers and leads Tampa Bay to a community free from all forms of discrimination."

Through the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, Bank of America has helped nearly 600 nonprofits throughout the U.S., providing them with financial support and leadership training. The Neighborhood Builder Award has given Community Tampa Bay™ the opportunity to provide additional youth programming, strengthen the organization's resource development efforts, and support documentation of our curriculum model as an evidence-based practice.

In addition to financial support, Bank of America employees volunteer for Community Tampa Bay™ throughout the year. During the summer of 2011, Bank of America Community Volunteers carried on the ANYTOWN™ tradition of painting a banner to represent the theme of that week's session: "I Have an ANYTOWN™ App for that," pictured to the right. Bank of America Community Volunteers also helped make the ANYTOWN™ 20th Year Reunion Festivities successful, celebrating the over 4,500 ANYTOWN™ graduates from the last two decades.

Community Tampa Bay™ is very grateful for Bank of America's continued generosity and unwavering support as we promote dialogue and cultivate leaders to change communities.



Support and Celebrate

Save the Date for Creating the Change Together – May 23rd

Community Tampa Bay's annual **Creating the Change Together** event, a fundraising luncheon for our supporters will be held at **InterContinental Hotel in Tampa on Wednesday, May 23**. Please plan to sponsor or attend this event celebrating our mission. Contact Suzanne Rackl or Paige Tucker at 727.568.9333 or SRackl@CommunityTampaBay.org or PTucker@CommunityTampaBay.org for more information. Advance Registration is required for this fundraising event.

Promoting Dialogue

“Franz Villate – Living the Mission”



Franz Villate is a current board member and dedicated Community Tampa Bay™ volunteer. He moved to Florida from New Jersey and recently graduated from USF's College of Education. At USF he became heavily involved in student activism including the Latin American Student Association and Students for Social Justice. He is now a history teacher at Lennard High School in southern Hillsborough County.

Franz has served as an ANYTOWN™ volunteer since 2007. He was drawn to the organization after a student discussion about how racism and discrimination affects our society. He said, “It was the absolute last day to apply to be an ANYTOWN™ volunteer, and so I went home immediately and filled out the application, barely making the deadline!” He has been deeply involved in Community Tampa Bay's mission ever since.

After several years of service Franz joined the Board of Directors as one of its two youth members. In 2011 he began his first term as an adult member of the Board. He believes that working with Community Tampa Bay™ has bolstered his belief that youth are capable of doing amazing things when they work together to reject prejudice and discrimination in the world around them. Franz says, “Volunteering at Community Tampa Bay has made me a better teacher—reminding me of believing in each student and their potential as I work with them in the classroom each day.” He is an example of how Community Tampa Bay's programs impact its adult audiences and volunteers as they work in the community.

Franz believes everyone should know about the hard work that staff and volunteers dedicate to making our inclusive mission and ANYTOWN™ a success every year. He takes the Community Tampa Bay™ values of inclusiveness, engagement, and diversity with him and tries to build community everyday in his classroom. He makes sure that his students have a voice and that they know how to use that voice for dialogue in their classroom and everywhere they go. Franz says, “Working with volunteers to create new graduates and leaders from ANYTOWN™ is my greatest achievement with Community Tampa Bay.”



Cultivating Leaders

“Foundations Support ANYTOWN™”

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Our ANYTOWN™ program enjoys the support of many individual donors and corporations. We are also honored at the commitment local foundations have made to the youth of Tampa Bay with financial support that allows young people of all backgrounds and circumstances to attend ANYTOWN™. The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, its division in Sun City, and the Conn Memorial Foundation are three of ANYTOWN's most committed supporters with a deep understanding and investment in

the work of promoting dialogue and cultivating young leaders to change our communities.

The Conn Memorial Foundation's seeks to continue the philanthropic endeavors of its founders by providing community leadership, capacity building, and funding assistance to organizations that serve children and their families in Hillsborough County. The foundation strives to change the cycles of poverty and disadvantage through its belief that education and enrichment can break the cycles of despair and failure. Conn's support makes sure that teens from Hillsborough County who are at-risk or underserved have the opportunity to participate in ANYTOWN™. The foundation also leverages its support by encouraging donors give to the program by matching their grant.

Sheff Crowder, Conn Memorial Foundation President, says, “Conn Memorial Foundation has an interest in funding innovative leadership development programs and ANYTOWN™ fits the bill. This is the only local program with a primary focus on diversity in leadership and that's important.”



The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and its affiliate division, the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center, have both worked to strengthen the capacity of the program. Last year a grant from the Sun City Foundation enabled eight teens from southern Hillsborough County to participate in ANYTOWN™. Geographic diversity is one of the many

aspects important to the inclusive nature of the program.

Current Board Chair and acting President Gene Marshall shares, “We support and commend Community Tampa Bay's efforts to further their mission to eradicate bias and bigotry in our multicultural, diverse communities.” This year the Tampa Bay Foundation invested in ANYTOWN™ through their Community Impact Fund. Their significant contribution will allow for a thirty percent increase in ANYTOWN's capacity this year serving an additional 60 participants and 20 trained volunteers. Mr. Marshall notes that the foundation believes that, “ANYTOWN's focus on developing young leaders with the embedded values of dignity and respect for all can lead only lead to open dialogue inclusiveness and a future free from discrimination.”

Community Tampa Bay™ expresses our deep gratitude to all three of these local foundations for their continued support and investment in the organization's programs.

Join the Cause

Apply To Be A 2012 ANYTOWN™ Volunteer Now



Each year 20 volunteers for every ANYTOWN class are recruited from the ranks of graduates and community volunteers committed to our vision of a community free from all forms of discrimination. They serve for a week with 60 participants as they begin their ANYTOWN™ year. By mentoring and supporting graduates in follow-up activities throughout the year.

This year there are three opportunities to serve: June 23-28, July 7-12, and July 21-26. The first step in applying to serve is completion of the survey below and the deadline is February 29th. For more information email sogdie@communitytampabay.org.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/anytownvolunteerinterest2012>

Lunch and Learn

Complacency: How to Raise the Bar in Programs

Friday, February 24th, 2012 12pm at Community Tampa Bay™

Bring your **lunch** to the office, and let's **learn** together how we can respond to complacency and a higher level of learning experienced by our youth. How do we successfully challenge all students at different levels? What can we do to create a sense of urgency regarding issues of injustice? Join us in making a difference.



Please visit our website at www.CommunityTampaBay.org.

