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COMMUNITY TAMPA BAY VOLUNTEER WINS FLORIDA'S EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD!



January 2007—James Geiger, a graduate of Community Tampa Bay's Anytown program, received the Excellence in Service Award for his volunteer involvement with Community Tampa Bay and its Anytown program. The Excellence in Service Award was awarded to Geiger by the Florida Campus Compact Watermark of Student Leadership Institute.

Florida Campus Compact works with Florida colleges and universities to promote the study of community service through research, service-learning, campus-community collaboration, civic engagement and collegiate volunteerism. This year, Florida Campus Compact honored six of Florida's most devoted student volunteers who are making a tangible difference by dedicating their time and talent to serving their community. Each award recipient received \$500, as well as broad recognition throughout Florida.

Anytown is a residential youth leadership and diversity awareness program for high school students, designed to promote dialogue and respect among youth from all backgrounds. *"When I won the award, I thought of the hundreds of Anytown participants whose lives I touched and how I helped to debunk the prejudices and stereotypes they held about each other,"* says Geiger. Geiger has been involved with Community Tampa Bay's Anytown program since 1999 and has served as a volunteer every summer since. Community Tampa Bay's Anytown program was cited as a "Best Practice" by the United States Department of Education and recognized as very effective in preventing juvenile delinquency by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

"There are very few people who give themselves so wholeheartedly to a cause. James is one of those people. As a differently-abled role model and tireless volunteer, James is a source of inspiration to all of us engaged in the struggle for a community free from all forms of discrimination," says Jessica Estévez, Director of Programs at Community Tampa Bay.

To learn more about Community Tampa Bay and its Anytown program, please visit www.communitytampabay.org or call Jessica Estévez at 727-568-9333.