



## NEWS IN THE YOUTH OF COMMUNITY TAMPA BAY

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### WHAT IS THIS NEWSLETTER ABOUT?

Seriously. What do you want in this newsletter? Community Tampa Bay compiles it in conjunction with volunteer and organization submissions for the Anytown graduates in order to be informative, amusing, or green. Whatever gets it read.

Well, not anything. Even if an overwhelming majority decided this newsletter should be used to circulate thimble themed news and events, it would go against the tenants set forth ages ago at it's founding. This newsletter, in spirit, is supposed to be a lot like Anytown.

- Informative
- Enjoyable
- Brief
- Colorful (not just green)

What we wish to portray is that you are now a part of a much larger community. A community brimming with opportunities to volunteer, and not just the cleaning bedpans and roadsides type of volunteering. Whatever **you're passionate about, you can do it.**

**It isn't enough to drench you in positivity. We want to hear back from you.** How are you doing? what are you doing? Got any stories to discuss? Need anything from us?

*So here I lay it, open and plain. Tell me about anything you want added to this newsletter, anything to improve upon it. What worked, what didn't. It doesn't have to be long. It doesn't even have to be run through spell check.*

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### The Younger Generation Will Voice It!

The [Hillsborough Youth Collaborative](#), [Museum of Science & Industry Teen Board](#), and [Girl Scouts of West Central Florida](#) have invited ONE BAY representatives to meet their volunteer youth and make a presentation about the regional visioning process. Each presentation will include an interactive discussion, allowing ample time for feedback from tomorrow's leaders. **Kudos to these organizations for their support and partnership!**

In September, ONE BAY representatives will visit high schools throughout Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. If you have a connection to a particular high school class — public or private school — you think could benefit from the ONE BAY presentation, please contact Debra Faulk at [info@MyOneBay.com](mailto:info@MyOneBay.com) or call, (813) 258-2599 today.



**ANYTOWN REUNION!**  
Save the date and mark your calendars for Dec. 20th!

### So You Wanna Be An Anytown Counselor?

Some time during Anytown, there's a shift from perceiving the counselors are a bunch of hyper weirdoes to thinking of them as role models. **Don't get me wrong, they're still a load of hyper weirdoes, but there's**

something compelling about their energy.

**Well, it isn't easy to be a counselor. This isn't however to deter you.** With these guidelines, you too can qualify to be a counselor.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Display Civic Involvement
- Share your AT experience
- Commit to diversity
- 2 Youth Service Reports
- Applications available starting in January.



## Make a Big impact in a (not so) Little way

Big Brothers Big Sisters, the leading youth mentoring organization in the country, needs you! There is an immediate need for Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers in their Site-based program at schools throughout Pinellas County. Many boys and girls in our local schools are currently waiting for a mentor to help them with homework, play sports, or simply talk with them about life. As a Site-based “Big”, you’ll spend time with your “Little” for just one hour each week, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. during the in-school program. It’s that easy! Don’t let this opportunity to provide friendship, encouragement, and just plain FUN pass you by! *Be a Friend. Be a Mentor. IMPACT a Life!*



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Sign up to be a “Big” at [www.bbbspc.org](http://www.bbbspc.org) or call 727.518.8860

### Ask your teacher what you can do with \$2500!

Teaching tolerance grants offer grant funding—up to \$2500—to PreK-12 educators for developing and implementing tolerance-based projects that focus on:

- Invite CTB & Anytown to your school for a day.
- Setup year-round Mix-It-Up Days
- Anything else you can think of!

Download grant guidelines and an application at: [www.teachingtolerancegrants.org/grants](http://www.teachingtolerancegrants.org/grants)

### Hillsborough Youth Collaborative Invite

- Who are we? Leaders and Activists!
- We are a group of young people from Hillsborough who make our voices heard. We meet twice per month for training and workshops, and participate in service projects around the community.
- Benefits include valuable leadership training, great relationships, food, travel, expense reimbursement, and a stipend (at the end of the summer) not to mention it looks great on your (resume).
- You are invited to attend the next HYC meeting on !
- Please call or email Jennifer Hilton Montero for more details.
- Email: [jmontero@communitytampabay.org](mailto:jmontero@communitytampabay.org)
- HYC webpage: <http://www.communitytampabay.org/programs/youthplatform.htm>

Sept 22th, Oct 6th & 20th. 5-7:30pm

@ The Children’s Board



### You’re invited!

We want to invest in you as leaders of your schools & communities! Come to our *Volunteer Development* workshop on OCT 25th @ The Lowry Park Zoo. This is a great way for you to gain more skills and knowledge to be leaders & it will look good when you apply to be an Anytown Counselor!

Contact Masa at:

[mmochizuki@communitytampabay.org](mailto:mmochizuki@communitytampabay.org)

### Trivia Pursuit

Match the quote with the quote!  
Answers below...

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| 1. “Children should educate their parents.”  | A. John F. Kennedy, 35th U.S. President                        |
| 2. “The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”                           | B. Andrei Sakharov, Soviet Nuclear Physicist                   |
| 3. “Both now and for always, I intend to hold fast to my belief in the hidden strength of the human spirit.”             | C. Karl Marx, German Philosopher                               |
| 4. “Our problems are man-made, therefore they may be solved by man. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings.” | D. Nelson Mandela, Activist and former South African President |

## Game Time: Two Truths and a Lie

*Game Time is a section geared to providing you with new ways to get to know one another. This issue, we feature a game called Two Truths and a Lie.*

### Here’s how it goes:

Hand out a note card and pen to everyone, after which ask everyone to write two truthful statements and a lie about themselves.

The next step is to allow people to mingle, introducing themselves with **their three ‘facts’**. The goal is to quiz each other on the statements to try and determine which is false without giving it away.

After that, have everyone gather in a circle and start by reading all three statements (to remind everyone). Then, read them again and after each have

the other participants vote for which they think is the lie.

Please feel free to adapt this game in any way you see fit.

Send us your favorite! Contact Nathan Capehart [ncapehart@communitytampabay.org](mailto:ncapehart@communitytampabay.org).

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VIP = Voice Inclusion Project. Share your stories, art, writing, anything that matters to be published with CTB! We want your voice to be heard!



## Anytown

Anytown changed my life for the better

And now I'm more than just a trend setter

I can be whom and whatever I want to be

Just watch and you will see

I will be the change

There's so much to rearrange

But I am not the only one

Who knows that there's work to be done

We will come together as a population

That wants to fight discrimination

I will fight for the rights of others

We must fight for our fathers and mothers

Make each other proud and spread the word

Even if it means we need to yell to be heard

We will use dialogue to be leaders

And spread like fire across millions of meters

Civilization needs us around

For we are not just "those people", we are Anytown.

*This poem was written by Tori Bedell and presented at the Anytown Recognition event. Have a poem you want to submit? This section wants to feature you! [ncapehart@communitytampabay.org](mailto:ncapehart@communitytampabay.org)*

## Who Is Community Tampa Bay?

Stacie Blake	Executive Director
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Malika Rudd	Program Specialist
Ervin Hodzic	Administrative Assistant
Kipp Holloway	Program Coordinator
Nathan Capehart	Program Assistant
Masatoshi Mochizuki	Program Assistant
3500+ Fabulous Individuals	Anytown Graduates

## No Further Delays! Justice for Darfur

The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has requested an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Darfur. Some states **have called for the United Nations Security Council to suspend the ICC's investigation.** The Security Council is expected to revisit this issue shortly. Call on the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. to remain firm in opposing political interference in the ICC's investigation.

Take action online! Follow this link <http://www.amnestyusa.org/index.html> and click on What Can You Do in the title bar. You can make your voice heard while waiting for Youtube videos to load.



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ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. HOPE FOR HUMANITY.

## What's in a name?

NYCTB... You may be asking yourself, "What or where is that?" What NYCTB stands for is "news in the youth of Community Tampa Bay" and that includes the Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. The name itself is less important than the connotation behind it. That is where you come in. Do you have a great name for the newsletter, one that would capture its meaning in a memorable way? Please share! Community Tampa Bay staff will select a small panel of finalists and present them for your vote in the next newsletter. Please submit your name idea to: [ncapehart@communitytampabay.org](mailto:ncapehart@communitytampabay.org).



# Know Our Family

Anytown has siblings: HYC, Youth Conferences, Unity and Trains 4 Adults... In addition to the many community events and discussion forums Community Tampa Bay facilitates. Read on to learn more about our programs!

As you go back to school as Anytowners, you might be looking around with new eyes.

student leaders ask questions and work with adult partners to find out what their school needs to be more inclusive. Then they take steps to make it happen! PMACs have hosted Black History Month, Mix-It-Up Days, Youth Conferences, and school-wide dialogues among many other events and activities.

- Maybe you notice someone sitting alone
- Maybe you get a little more bothered by people **throwing around insults or overhear saying “That’s so (insert derogatory expletive here)”**
- Maybe you notice cliques a lot more and can’t get rid of the image of Anytown counselors and advisors chanting, **“Sit with someone new!”**

**If you’re in Hillsborough, you have the Hillsborough Youth Collaborative!** If you want to start a club and **need our help, Don’t hesitate to call!** Talk to other concerned students, teachers, and administrators about activities that can help bridge cultural gaps. **If you’re in Pinellas and your PMAC isn’t doing as much as you think it can, take the lead!** To see what other PMACs are doing, visit the PMAC web page at:

## What’s an Anytown graduate to do?

Well, through a Pinellas County school board mandate, every public school in Pinellas County now **has a Principal’s Multicultural Advisory Committee (PMAC)** and you can join it. The mission of PMAC is **“to build and sustain safe, inclusive school cultures which foster highest student achievement for all students.”**

[www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/CI/SocialStudies/pmacmain.html](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/CI/SocialStudies/pmacmain.html)

So what does that look like? What does PMAC do? As the name suggests, PMAC acts as an advisory group to the principal on how to create a safe school community. Is discrimination an issue on the campus? How aware are students and teachers of the cultures represented at their school? PMAC

If you have a new idea that you want to get off the ground, call Community Tampa Bay and let us know how we can support you!



## A Bit About VOYCE

Voices of Youth Celebrating Equality (V.O.Y.C.E.) is a youth-adult partnership project currently chaired by Community Tampa Bay. The mission of VOYCE is to **SHIFT OUR COMMUNITY TO BECOME MORE INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL OF YOUTH IN DECISION-MAKING IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE THE COMMUNITY. VOYCE’s vision is YOUTH AND ADULTS WORKING AS PARTNERS IN MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING AND POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE.**

At our monthly meetings, participants connect to community resources, volunteer, support youth participation, and advocate for change! VOYCE offers an opportunity to network as well as providing youth involvement strategies that participants can take back to their organizations and communities.

We hope you can all come and experience a new Youth-Adult partnership experience. The next VOYCE meeting will be held **Monday, October 13th from 5:30-7:00pm at the Children’s Board.** Please feel free to call for any questions or comments and to RSVP. Thanks and Community Tampa Bay looks forward to seeing you and building effective youth-adult partnerships across our community!



4 Please call or email Jennifer Hilton Montero for more details: [jmontero@communitytampabay.org](mailto:jmontero@communitytampabay.org)



# Service Opportunities

## Top 10 Steps to a Successful Lobby Visit Brought to you by: Florida Association of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, Inc

### Midtown Through Our Eyes

Oct 7th-18th, 2008 at The Studio@620

Over the summer, 4th through 9th grade students explored Midtown in St. Petersburg to capture the neighborhood in pictures and words. A 100-Photo exhibit and debut of Midtown Magazine.

*Hanging Show*, Oct 7th, Afternoon/Evening,  
Volunteers get a first look at the exhibit.

*Opening Night*, Oct 10, 5-8 pm  
Reception and student-led tours

*Gallery Walk*, Oct 11, 5:30-9pm  
Interactive activities for children and student performers.

*A Taste of Midtown*, Oct 14, 5-8pm  
Meet the people, taste the food. Special Performance by Mount Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church drum line

*Poetry Night*, Oct 14, 6-8pm  
Student and professional spoken-word artists

Volunteer Opportunities available! Contact  
[jblair@communitytampabay.org](mailto:jblair@communitytampabay.org) for details.

10. Know the legislator. **Understand the legislator's position and your relationship with him/her.**
9. Three talking points. Develop at least three talking points—anything more will overwhelm them.
8. Plan Your Visit. It is best to lobby with a few other advocates. Define your arguments and who should give each statement. Assign someone to listen and take notes and another person to summarize the key issues, decision, and the agreements at the end of the meeting.
7. Be five minutes early... **and be prepared to wait. Be respectful of the target's time.**
6. Bring information to the meeting that supports your position. Limit the amount of paper—make every page count. Whenever possible, demonstrate your power—have a list of supporters, sign on letter, survey results... (Note: demonstrating your power does not mean threatening the legislator).
5. Humanize and localize the issue—how will it impact constituents?
4. Listen to the concerns and arguments stated by your target and attempt to match your arguments **to the target's concerns.**
3. **Don't make up an answer.** If you are not sure of the answer to a question, say so and then get back to the target with a complete answer. You may make future contact with the answer to the question.
2. Close the deal. Make sure you tell your target what you want him/her to do for you and when you get home send a thank you letter recapping your discussion and what your target said she/he will do for you.
1. Be yourself, be honest, talk about what you know and you will be successful!

Contact Nathan Capehart for just a few lobbying ideas.  
[ncapehart@communitytampabay.org](mailto:ncapehart@communitytampabay.org)

Organization & Location	Description	Contact Information	Age Requirement
<u>Lowry Park Zoo</u> 1101 W. Sligh Ave. Tampa, FL 33604	The Youth Development Department promotes positive personal, social and professional development through Teen Programs and Service Opportunities. Program participants gain a better understanding of the natural world and the role the	Sarah Woolverton-Mohler <a href="mailto:volunteer.coordinator@lowryparkzoo.com">volunteer.coordinator@lowryparkzoo.com</a> 813.935.8552 x 296	12+
<u>Great Explorations</u> 1925 4th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33704	Contact for details.	Nestor Ortiz 727.821.8992 x 225 <a href="mailto:nortiz@greatex.org">nortiz@greatex.org</a>	12+ generally, 7+ youth program
<u>Tampa Personal Energy Transportation Project</u> 1109 E. Osborne Ave., Tampa	Tampa PET Project seeks volunteers to help build all-terrain wheelchairs for recipients with limited or no mobility in impoverished countries. Tasks include packing, sorting, painting, woodworking, assembly, metal work and more. No experience is necessary and volunteers of all ages are welcome. Workshop times are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:30-4:30 p.m.	Jeff Sukup <a href="http://jeffs@stfchurch.com">jeffs@stfchurch.com</a>	16+ by self, younger with an adult
<u>Stageworks</u> 120 Adriatic Avenue Tampa, FL 33606	Skill dependant opportunities such as ushers, office work, goodwill ambassadors, technical aspects, and computers. Dependant on discipline, good behavior, taking directions well, and transportation.	<a href="http://www.stageworkstheater.com/">http://www.stageworkstheater.com/</a> (813) 251-8984	16+

More opportunities available on our website [www.communitytampabay.org](http://www.communitytampabay.org)

# EVENTS

Find more on our website [www.communitytampabay.org](http://www.communitytampabay.org)

Sept 26  
3:30-4:30

## Reach Out and Read

Help to foster cognitive and emotional development in young children. Opportunity to shadow a pediatrician, as long as you continue as a volunteer reader .

### USF Pediatric Clinic

Training Sessions will be held on 5th floor of USF Health South building room STC 2007 2A-Columbia Drive next to Tampa General Hospital. Contact Ellen Kent, MPH, at [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu)

Oct 2-12  
Festival  
Sept 20/27, Oct 4

## Clip Film Festival

**This year's line-up** includes more than 90 films and shorts made for, by or about the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered community.

### Tampa Theatre Muvico Baywalk

Tickets at any festival fund raising event in Sept, festival offices, by phone or online at [cliptampabay.com](http://cliptampabay.com). Visit [www.ClipFilmFestival.com](http://www.ClipFilmFestival.com) for info, or [ncapehart@communitytampabay.org](mailto:ncapehart@communitytampabay.org) to volunteer.

Sept 27, 28  
9am-6pm

## Second Annual Folkfest

Merchandise sales, water distribution, booth sitting to relieve artists for a few minutes, helping with parking, greeting and collecting zipcodes. 3 hours shifts.

### Cultural Clay Arts Center

Volunteering? Contact Kim Dorhman [kim@creativeclay.org](mailto:kim@creativeclay.org) More info? [www.creativeclay.org](http://www.creativeclay.org)  
Central Avenue, St. Pete between 11th and 13th streets

Oct 15

## Disability Mentoring Day

Students and job seekers with disabilities can connect with volunteer mentors at their place of business for a one-day job shadowing experience.

### National

DMD helps students and job-seekers with disabilities develop the necessary skills and experiences they'll need to compete in today's competitive workforce. For additional information, visit [www.floridadmd.org](http://www.floridadmd.org).

Oct 18

## Day of Caring

Variety of volunteer projects throughout Tampa Bay area.

### Tampa Bay Area

Sign up to volunteer at [www.volunteertampabay.com](http://www.volunteertampabay.com).

Oct 25  
Noon-4pm

## The University Area Faith Based Coalition Fall Festival

Churches, other faith based organizations and non-profit agencies gather to provide services, education,

### University Area, Tampa

For more info: Rev. Maria Pierre, [revmpierre@EsperanzaInterfaithCenter.com](mailto:revmpierre@EsperanzaInterfaithCenter.com), 813-293-9410.