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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (May 6, 2011) – First-year students at USF St. Petersburg awarded nine $5,000 grants Thursday, May 5 to community agencies serving Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

After researching community needs and determining funding categories, nine faculty-facilitated, student-led boards evaluated the applications for the Lead Learn Serve grants. Funding categories included topics such as homelessness, domestic violence, infant development, and parenting education.

In total, the students awarded $45,000 in the current round of funding. Selected organizations include:

- Vincent House
- Adoption Related Services of Pinellas
- YWCA Tampa Bay
- Front Porch
- SCUBAnauts
- St. Petersburg Pregnancy Center
- Suncoast Center
- Great Explorations
- Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast

Money for the grants comes from a $395,000 federal Learn and Service America grant awarded to USF St. Petersburg in 2009. The grant was one of 36 grants awarded nationally to engage students in service-learning projects and promote community service while enhancing student academic and civic skills.

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