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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) March 3, 2010 – Area nonprofits have until March 22 to apply for grants of up to $5,000 from the Student Philanthropy Boards at USF St. Petersburg.

Applications are open to 501(c)(3) organizations in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

USFSP received a federal Learn and Serve America grant to engage students in service-learning projects and promote community service while enhancing student academic and civic skills. The grant, one of 36 awarded in 2009, supports the student philanthropy boards and the Lead Learn Serve program at USFSP.

Each of the nine philanthropy boards researched community needs and students determined funding would be offered in each of the following categories:

- Needs for the homeless
- Skill building for the homeless
- Helping abused women get back on track
- Educational success for at-risk children
- Educating K-12 on the value of environmental stewardship
- Spreading goodwill
- Creative and innovative programs for marginalized populations
- Fostering minds in Midtown
- Community Impact: Stimulating environmental or economic progress to empower underserved communities

Each grant category has a corresponding Notice of Funding Opportunity available on this Web site: [http://www.stpete.usf.edu/studentlife/leadership_development/philanthropyboard.htm](http://www.stpete.usf.edu/studentlife/leadership_development/philanthropyboard.htm).

The faculty-facilitated, student-led boards will evaluate each application. Applicants may be invited to appear in class to further explain their application and answer student questions. For more information about the grant process, please contact Charlie Justice at (727) 873-4118 or justice@mail.usf.edu.

In December 2009, the first student philanthropy board awarded a $5,000 grant to the Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast to support the Be Great program, designed to help young people achieve academic success through long-term mentoring, tutoring and goal-setting.

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