

NEWS

MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • JULY 2001

Alliances Receive Fair Housing Discrimination Funds



The Mayor's and County's Alliances has been chosen to receive funds that are part of settlements in discrimination by housing providers. Pictured above is Mayor's Alliance Chairman Norm Mallory receiving the check from Bobby Bowden, Director of the Department of Community Affairs for Tampa and Doris Cannon, Chairperson of the Tampa Board of Human Relations. The Mayor's Alliance will be using the funds to reprint the booklet "People First" a primer for persons who interact with persons with disabilities.

Alliance Endorses Tampa Housing Authority Bid for Ross Grant

The Mayor's Alliance has endorsed the Tampa Housing Authority's bid for a Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant. The grant will be used to maintain and expand existing health care for the elderly and persons with disabilities at the Housing Authority's properties in conjunction with USF's School of Nursing.

Employers Seminar to be Held This Month

The 2nd Annual Employers Seminar (AVENUE TO THE HIDDEN JOB MARKET 2001) will be held on Friday, July 20th, 8:30am to 10:00 am at the HCC Dale Mabry Campus, room 108, Student Services Building. The seminar deals with new places to find quality employees and is presented by the Mayor's and County's Alliances. For more information regarding the seminar call Anita at 983-9819 or send a fax to 984-6360.

Audition for Dance Company

M.A.D. Theatre of Tampa, Inc. is holding auditions for "HAIR" the American tribal love rock musical Sunday July 8th 5 - 9 P.M. and Monday July 9th 7 - 10 P.M. At MacDonald Training Center 5420 W. Cypress Street for directions call (813) 786-6291. Performances will be held at Hillsborough Community College Ybor Theater September 28, 29 and October 5, 6, 7. For more information call: (813) 786-6291.

Tyrone Middle School Teacher Ms. Wheelchair Florida

Linda Clark has been selected to wear the crown of Ms. Wheelchair Florida for the year 2001. Ms. Clark was diagnosed with MS 15 years ago. She has taught at Lealman Middle School, Seminole Middle School, and Southside Fundamental and now teaches music at Tyrone Middle School. She has taken on the responsibility of including students with disabilities in all of her musical classes and

productions. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a woman's honor society for women in education. Linda has been honored as Secondary Music Teacher of the Year for Pinellas County as well as Teacher of the Year at Tyrone. She is married and has several children and grandchildren.

Able Trust to Host 4th Symposium on Disabilities

The Able Trust's fourth Symposium on Disabilities will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton, September 11 - 14. The event will feature educational workshops, a keynote lunch, general sessions and the 2001 Ability Awards Banquet. For more information regarding the symposium call Kristen Knapp at (888) 838-2253 or email her at <kristen@abletrust.org>.

1st Annual Hillsborough Youth Leadership Training

Self-Reliance will hold a self-help seminar for students with disabilities at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, July 26th - 28th (Thursday - Saturday). The seminar will start at 5pm on Thursday and will deal with information and services that are available for those students with disabilities who have just or will be graduating from high school. Included in the seminar will be information regarding grants that are available for continuing education. For more information contact Self-Reliance at 975-6560.

Dial 211 for Agencies and Services

Hillsborough County now has a new phone service in place for citizens to find agencies and services available to improve the quality of life for those needing help. The new service can be reached by dialing 211. This number does not replace 911, which should be used for emergencies only.

Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday every month (New Day)
at 1:30 p.m.

Sandy Freedman Tennis Club
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands
Everybody Welcome!

Dates to Remember

2nd Monday every month - 7pm

The Mayor's Hour

Live cable telecast on CH-15 Time-Warner in Tampa and Hillsborough County and CH-17 on Adelphia cable. Your chance to ask Mayor Greco a question or express your concern, live in the studio or by phone. To call in a question to the Mayor call 274-8328. To be part of the studio audience call Mindy Snyder at 274-7033. Repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

1st Monday every month - 3pm

Employment & Job Fair

Committee Meeting

Hilton Hotel Reservation Center, 7920 Woodland Center Blvd. For more information, call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840 or Kathy McGlone at 243-7522.

3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm

Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Island

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

Florida Council for the Blind,

Greater Tampa Chapter

USF Westside Conference tn. Section B

3rd Tuesday every month - 6:30pm

Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing

People (SHHH) Group

Jefferson High School

1st Thursday every month

Therapeutic Focus Group

All Peoples Life Center, call 744-5978 for more information.

4th Wednesday every month - 2pm

County Alliance Meeting

Tampa Lighthouse for The Blind, 1106 W. Platt St. For more information call Elizabeth Mueller at 273-3611 or Debra Guest at 558-5557.

3rd Thursday every 3rd month - 2pm

HARTLINE ADA Consumer Forum

Hartline Offices, 4305 East 21st Avenue. For more information contact Lauren Skiver at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

Get Involved! Join the Alliance Board!

For more information call 254-1111.

Support Groups

City of Tampa Office of Human Rights	274-5835
Hillsborough County Information Line	272-5900
Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group	975-6560
VA Spinal Cord	972-2000 ext. 6388 Heather Mahoney
Brain and Head Injury Support	908-1375 Bob Barrett
Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group	287-2939 or 800-922-0170
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND)	
Offering education and resource services to persons with disabilities	258-5700 Patricia Miller
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)	
Learn about assistive technology	251-7591
Amputees Together	870-3323
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)	935-6540 Ben Ritter
All People's Life Center 6105 East Sligh Avenue (east of 56th St.)	
Fully accessible recreation center	903-2248 Al Orr
Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center	253-4286 Bill Renje, Jr.

Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson: Norman Mallory	988-4985
Treasurer: Connie Hayden-McPeak	276-5555
Secretary: Kelly Hickman	974-8927
Past Chairperson: Chuck Porter	276-2029 ext. 6140
Advocacy and Accessibility Co-chairpersons:	
Norman Mallory	988-4985
Bob Ellis	974-2002
Employment Committee Chairperson: Cindy Stephens	984-6840
Awareness Committee Chairperson: Chuck Porter	276-2029 ext. 7659
Mayor's Representative: Herb Gold	254-1111



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