

St. Petersburg Times Fund, Inc. Announces Major Grants in 2009 Arts, Education, and Social Services in Tampa Bay to benefit

Tampa Bay, FL – March 5, 2010 – The *St. Petersburg Times* Fund, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has given more than \$750,000 to Tampa Bay organizations.

These contributions are a part of a continuing a legacy of philanthropy in Tampa Bay that has existed for nearly 100 years.

Some of the larger contributions include:

- **Arts & Culture:** For construction and expansion of facilities: \$50,000 over two years (2008-09) to American Stage Theatre (St. Petersburg, FL); \$150,000 over five years (2006-10) to the Museum of Fine Arts (St. Petersburg, FL); \$50,000 over five years for Tampa Bay History Center (Tampa, FL).
- **Education:** To encourage gender and ethnic diversity through the “Bridge to the Doctorate” program: \$50,000 over five years (2005-09) to University of South Florida Foundation, College of Marine Science (St. Petersburg, FL).
- **Social Services:**
 - For construction of new facilities: All Children’s Hospital (St. Petersburg, FL): \$250,000 over five years (2006-10); Hernando-Pasco Hospice (Brooksville, FL), \$40,000 over two years (2010-11); Salvation Army, St. Petersburg Chapter / Sallie House (St. Petersburg, FL), \$50,000 over two years (2008-09); YMCA of the Suncoast / Hernando YMCA (Brooksville, FL), \$50,000 over two years (2008-09).
 - For “Sports Buddies” program of mentoring boys in Tampa Bay: BBBS of Pinellas County and BBBS of Tampa Bay, \$60,000 over three years (2008-10).

About the *St. Petersburg Times* Fund, Inc.

Paul Poynter, who bought the newspaper in 1912, believed in being a leader in giving to worthy local projects. His son Nelson followed his example, giving back generously to the communities that supported his enterprises. Since Nelson Poynter's death in 1978, his successors have continued in that tradition of through grants for community projects and through scholarships for high school and college students.

In January 2003, the Times Publishing Company placed all of its philanthropy under the umbrella of the St. Petersburg Times Fund, Inc. The Fund, a 501 (c) 3, distributes money through scholarships and grants.

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