

## *St. Petersburg Times* Fund, Inc. Awards \$55,000 in Grants to Tampa Bay Education and Social Services in Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay, FL – November 4, 2010 – The *St. Petersburg Times* Fund, Inc. is pleased to announce that it recently awarded \$55,000 in grants to six Tampa Bay nonprofit organizations.

These contributions are a part of a continuing a legacy of philanthropy in Tampa Bay. The *Times* Fund annually gives more than \$500,000 to groups in Tampa Bay.

The *Times* Fund awarded grants in September to:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, \$10,000 for mentoring programs.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County, \$10,000 for school-based mentoring in middle schools and the Sports Buddies program.
- Ready for Life, \$10,000 for programs helping youth who are aging out of foster care.
- Starting Right, Now, \$10,000 for programs aimed at ending homelessness for youth and their families.
- University Community Ministries, \$5,000 for after-school mentoring and reading instruction at Sulphur Springs Elementary in Tampa.
- Eckerd College, \$10,000 for the 2010 Presidential Events Lecture Series.

Most of the awards will be made in 2011.

### **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 philanthropy 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. For more information, visit [www.tampabay.com/fund](http://www.tampabay.com/fund).