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St. Petersburg Times Fund, Inc. Awards More than \$145,000 in Grants to Tampa Bay organizations

Tampa Bay, FL – The *St. Petersburg Times* Fund, Inc. has awarded more than \$145,000 in grants this year to non-profit organizations in the Tampa Bay area and to journalism organizations.

The awards reflect the continuing legacy of philanthropy practiced by the *St. Petersburg Times*. The *Times* Fund annually gives more than \$500,000 to educational and nonprofit groups in Tampa Bay.

The grants awarded by the Fund so far in 2011 include:

- \$30,000 over three years to the ARC-Nature Coast for a new Education Center and Hurricane Shelter in Hernando County.
- \$30,000 over three years to Academy Prep in Tampa and St. Petersburg for academic enhancement programs.
- \$10,000 to Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater for summer camp scholarships.
- \$10,000 to the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa for the arts program at the Metropolitan Ministries partnership school.
- \$10,000 to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg for the 2011-12 Presidential Speakers Series.
- \$7,500 to Junior Achievement of West Central Florida for the 2011-2012 JA Be Entrepreneurial program.
- \$5,000 to the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg for teacher scholarships.
- \$5,000 to the Glazer Children's Museum for "Imagination 2011."
- \$3,000 to the Hernando Education Foundation for teacher classroom grants.
- \$1,500 to the Pinellas County Urban League for the Equal Opportunity Day Gala.

Additionally, the Fund awarded \$30,000 over three years for the Committee to Protect Journalists in New York, \$500 to the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists for its annual convention held in St. Petersburg in July, and \$2,500 to the Missouri Press Foundation for tornado relief for journalists in Joplin, MO.

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

Paul Poynter, who bought the newspaper in 1912, believed in being a leader in supporting 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. The *St. Petersburg Times* is owned by the Poynter Institute, the non-profit journalism school in St. Petersburg that was established by Nelson Poynter in 1975.

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