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## Student Philanthropy Boards Award Community Grants

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (May 6, 2011) – First-year students at USF St. Petersburg awarded nine \$5,000 grants Thursday, May 5 to community agencies serving Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

After researching community needs and determining funding categories, nine faculty-facilitated, student-led boards evaluated the applications for the Lead Learn Serve grants. Funding categories included topics such as homelessness, domestic violence, infant development,

and parenting education.

In total, the students awarded \$45,000 in the current round of funding. Selected organizations include:

Vincent House  
 Adoption Related Services of Pinellas  
 YWCA Tampa Bay  
 Front Porch  
 SCUBAnauts  
 St. Petersburg Pregnancy Center  
 Suncoast Center  
 Great Explorations  
 Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast

Money for the grants comes from a \$395,000 federal Learn and Service America grant awarded to USF St. Petersburg in 2009. The grant was one of 36 grants awarded nationally to engage students in service-learning projects and promote community service while enhancing student academic and civic skills.

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