Outreach Program

The following is a sample list of the many charities in the Tampa Bay area. Many convention groups and associations meeting in the city often request this information in order to make contribution on their association's behalf and to leave a lasting goodwill impression in our community. Monetary donations are, of course, always welcome. A list of more specific needs are listed below.

Feeding America Tampa Bay

4702 Transport Dr. Building 6 / Tampa, FL 33605 Phone: (813) 254-1190 Fax: (813) 258-5802

Feeding America is the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the country, consisting of a network of more than 200 food banks. Feeding America Tampa Bay provides food to over 400,000 people in the West Central Florida. NEEDS: Monetary donations are accepted, healthy and non-perishable food items.

Make-A-Wish Central and Northern Florida, Suncoast Regional Office

324 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. Suite 203 / Tampa, FL 33606

Make-A-Wish® grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories. NEEDS: We welcome all donations; whether you make a one-time gift, set up a monthly donation or establish a matching gifts program at your workplace, fundraising, sponsorships and volunteering.

Academy Prep Center Tampa

1407 E. Columbus Dr. / Tampa, FL 33605 Phone: (813) 248-5600 Fax: (813) 248-5602

Academy Prep is an independent private educational center that services middle school aged students and makes the attempt to keep them in school and off the streets. Academy Prep operates 12 hours a day 6 days a week year round. NEEDS: Furniture, office supplies, household items



Alpha House of Tampa

201 South Tampania Ave. / Tampa, FL 33609 Phone: (813) 875-2024 Fax: (813) 877-0657

A local outreach program that assists pregnant women in need. Its vision is to create functioning families and to break the cycle of violence by providing a safe environment for mothers and their babies. NEEDS: Baby strollers, disposable bottles, bottle liners, diapers, baby wipes, cribs, crib sheets, bumper pads, receiving blankets, baby swings, bibs, hooded towels, wash cloths, clothing, furniture, household items.

American Red Cross

3310 West Main St. / Tampa, FL 33607 Phone: 1-800-GIVE LIFE or (813) 348-4820

A humanitarian organization led by volunteers that provide relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies/disasters. NEEDS: Blood

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Tampa

711 S. Dale Mabry Ste. 300 / Tampa, FL 33609 Phone: (813) 287-2210 Fax: (813) 367-8819

Facilitates one to one relationships between adult volunteers who serve as role models to children predominantly from one parent families. NEEDS: New books, toy, office supplies, software, computers, clothing.

Dress for Success

1705 N. Howard Ave. / Tampa, FL 33607 Phone: (813) 259-1876 Fax: (813) 259-1866

Dress for Success is a not-for-profit organization that provides low income women with suits to help them make a tailored transition into the workforce. NEEDS: coordinated, contemporary, interview appropriate skirt and pant suits, blouses, blazers and jackets, larger size suits are especially needed.

OneBlood

5301 E. Fletcher Ave. / Tampa, FL 33617

Phone: (813) 903-2600

In the Tampa bay Area, the OneBlood collects the blood for 34 hospitals and 80 ambulatory care centers as well as the supply for the neighboring counties. NEEDS: Blood

Goodwill Industries - Suncoast

10596 Gandy Blvd. / St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Phone: (727) 523-1512

www.goodwill-suncoast.org

An organization that helps people achieve their full potential through the dignity and power of work. The sale of donated goods enables the agency to provide employment and training, promote self-sufficiency, and provide affordable housing to people who are disabled. NEEDS: Clothing, linens, household items, furniture, books, toys.

Metropolitan Ministries

2301 N. Tampa St. / Tampa, FL 33602 Phone: (813) 209-1000 Fax: (813) 209-1080

One of America's most effective, innovative and leading caregiver serving the homeless and those are risk of becoming homeless in our community through a broad range of services and programs that promote dignity, alleviate suffering and instill self sufficiency. NEEDS: Dry goods, paper and plastic wear, child care, clothing, educational supplies, linens, cleaning supplies, toiletries.

Salvation Army

1603 N. Florida Ave. / Tampa, FL 33602 Phone: (813) 226-0055 Fax: (813) 221-3587

The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. NEEDS: Clothing, linens, furniture, office goods, home goods, toys, books, software, computers.

Humane Society of Tampa Bay

3607 N. Armenia Ave. / Tampa, FL 33607 (813) 876-7138

The Humane Society of Tampa Bay's mission is to end animal homelessness and providing care and comfort for companion animals in need. NEEDS: Animeals, Foster Care, Outreach Ambassador, TNR Volunteer and Food Assistance

YMCA Tampa Bay

100 N. Tampa St. / Tampa, FL 33602

Phone: (813) 222-1334

The YMCA has five enduring values: faith, caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The YMCA provides a safe place for children and youth to go that will instill the five values in them. NEEDS: Children's clothing and toys, books, baby products, sheets, office supplies and home products.

Examples of what some convention/exhibit donated:

- National Association of Free Will Baptists fed the homeless and ran a blood drive.
- Metal Con donated over 72,000 pounds of food through CanStruction to local food banks as well as donating a steel home to The Spring of Tampa Bay.
- Church of God in Christ Women's International Convention made a monetary donation to the Alpha House.