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### Note from the President

January is National Mentoring Month and what better time to thank the many volunteers who commit to helping assure the success of one of our scholarship students. Mentors create a special bond with their mentees which is a key factor in the students' success. By agreeing to meet one period a week at the school, the mentors provide a consistent, positive, adult influence during a critical transition through high school.

These students have received a prepaid tuition scholarship, but need to be prepared to use it. There are many success stories of mentors who have become important parts of their students lives. In our "January Success Stories" below read about Karen's relationship with her mentee, Christine.

### Get Involved!

**DONATE**

**VOLUNTEER**



### Amscot - You're OK With Us!

Amscot Financial has been a valued partner of the Foundation in supporting students and teachers in our community. They've made a series of charitable contributions totaling more than \$68,000 this past year, culminated recently with \$25,000 to the Foundation's Building Excellence campaign. The Building Excellence Campaign is to assist with the our consolidation and relocation of programs including the Teaching Tools Supply Store and warehouse at our new home in West Tampa. Amscot is also our presenting sponsor of the Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator of the Year award, which will be presented to one of five finalists by the Foundation on January 27.



## Upcoming Events

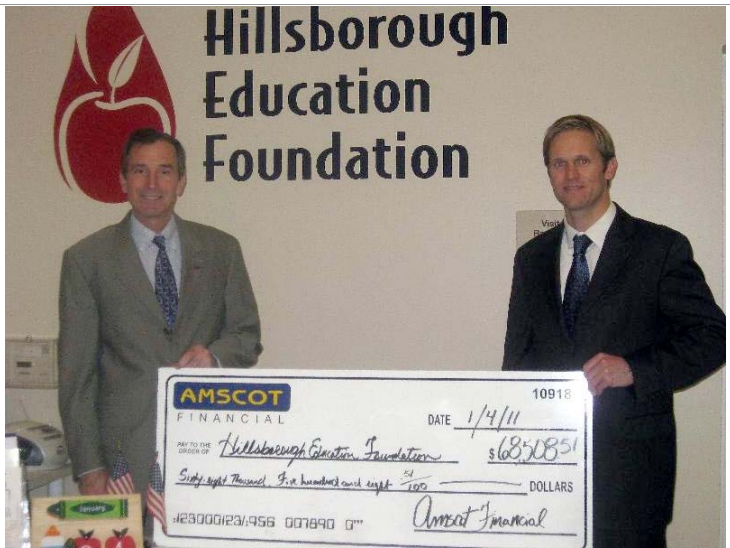


**Play FORE Education  
Charity Golf Classic  
March 14, 2011 at  
Avila Golf & Country  
Club**

Take a swing for our schools! The Play FORE Education Charity Golf Classic, presented by Batson-Cook Company, will be Mar. 14, 2011 at the Avila Golf & Country Club. All proceeds will benefit our programs. Sponsors enjoy recognition in front of prominent members of the community and the school district. For more information contact [Cheryl Hedrick](#) at (813) 574-0273 by February 28, 2011.

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**Hooked on Education  
Fishing Tournament  
April 21-22, 2011  
Westshore Yacht Club**

This popular "catch & release" fishing tournament is hosted by WILDERARCHITECTURE and Allstate Construction, with proceeds benefiting the Foundation. Join us for a Captain's Dinner on Thurs, April 21. The tournament is Friday, featuring a goodie bag for all fisherman as well as food & refreshments. Awards are given at a



Fraser MacKechnie (right), Amcott COO with Foundation President Bill Hoffman.

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## BJ's Charitable Foundation

Thank you to BJ's Charitable Foundation for donating \$10,000 to purchase school materials for the Teaching Tools for Supply Store. More than 2,000 teachers from Title I schools and educational sites are eligible to shop and take free school supplies back to their students classrooms.



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## Save the Date!



**May 13, 2011**

**Apple Appeal "Casino  
Royale at Centro"**

The Foundation's Board annual fund raiser, the Apple Appeal, will take on a new and unique form this year with an evening of fun casino gaming with unbelievable prize packages!

It will be held at the Hillsborough Education Foundation's New Home - Historic Centro Español de West Tampa! Stay tuned for more details. To learn more, click here to [email Cheryl Hedrick](#).

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## Changes at Teaching Tools Store

catered ceremony.  
Contact [Cheryl Hedrick](#)  
at (813) 574-0273 and  
get ready to fish!

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**Hillsborough Regional  
Science & Engineering  
Fair. Feb. 14 & 15 at  
the Tampa Convention  
Center**

The Hillsborough  
Regional Science and  
Engineering Fair is the  
largest academic  
competition in the  
county with about 1,000  
student projects  
competing. Table  
opportunities are still  
available. Contact [Laura  
Grucza](#) at (813) 574-  
0279.



Have you visited Teaching Tools lately? The team is constantly innovating, maximizing layout, and seeking new ways to make the store and our products relevant to the teachers. Saturday, January 22nd marked the first time we've opened for the 4th Saturday of the month. In order to add convenience for the teachers, we will now be open the 2nd and the 4th Saturday of every month.

**We need your help!!** A recent survey of teachers indicates that they would like more:

- Incentive items (stickers, treasure chest trinkets, educational toys)
- Colored pens
- Books - greater variety of all age groups
- Construction, craft, and colored paper
- Large colored markers
- Manila envelopes
- Ziplock bags
- Personal sized toiletries

Do you know of a source of any of these materials? Have some left over promotional or marketing items? [Please share your thoughts with us here.](#)

**Good4U, Good4Us!**



*Check out these great  
discounts and support  
the **Hillsborough  
Education Foundation!***

**Nuclear Cowboyz,  
Saturday, February 26**  
\$15.75 Upper Level  
Tickets or \$25.75 Lower  
Level Tickets. **Deadline  
to order is Friday,  
February 18.** [Click here](#)  
for more information and  
to order tickets.

**We have a Finalist!**

TAMPA BAY BUSINESS JOURNAL  
**CFO of the YEAR**

Congratulations to our own Debra Friedberg, VP of Finance & Administration. She has been chosen as a finalist for CFO of the Year in the Non-profit category. Winners in all categories will be announced on February 24th. We have our fingers crossed for her, but in our eyes she's already a winner!

**[Thank you to our December supporters!](#)**

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MOSI

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**Harlem Globetrotters,**  
Saturday, March 12  
2pm or 8pm/Lower Level  
Tickets \$22.75 (\$7 off  
regular price).  
Deadline to order is  
Friday, March 4. [Click  
here](#) for more  
information and to order  
tickets.

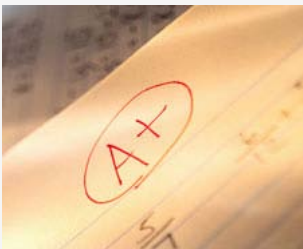
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**Tampa Bay Lightning  
Spring Education Night**  
Saturday, March 5  
7:30pm/Ticket packages  
include Terrace Seat +  
hot dog + drink for \$21.  
Deadline to order is  
Wednesday, March 2.  
[Click here](#) for more  
information and to order  
tickets.

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**2011 Bay Area  
Renaissance Festival at  
MOSI**

February 26 - April 17  
(Open Weekends Only)  
Open Friday, March 11  
for Festival School Day.  
Individual Tickets \$5.95  
(grades 1 - 6)/\$10.95  
(grades 7-12)  
Deadline to order is  
Friday, February 25.  
[Click here](#) for more  
information and to order  
tickets.

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### December Success Story



*Karen*

*Take Stock in Children  
Mentor*

Karen has been a  
volunteer all her life.  
The many hats she's  
worn over the years  
include Emergency Room  
candy-striper, court-  
appointed child

advocate, elementary school tutor, and, finally, Take Stock in Children mentor. While each experience was rewarding in its own right, it is her role as mentor to Christine, a Steinbrenner High School sophomore, that stands out. "This has, without a doubt, been one of the best experiences of my life, volunteering or otherwise," Karen states. Karen's relationship with Christine, however, was not always smooth sailing. [Click here](#) to read more of Karen's story.

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Bill

Bill Hoffman  
President  
Hillsborough Education Foundation



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