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ROUGH ECONOMY IS NO MATCH FOR COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS

Tools 4 Schools Breakfast raises more than \$130,000 for students in Hillsborough County

(September 3, 2009) TAMPA – The doctor, author, scientist, and teacher lined up on stage to speak to a room of hundreds of Tampa Bay’s businesses leaders and philanthropists. Though each individual was no older than 11 years old, they all announced together, “We are your future. We can’t make our dreams come true without a good education.” When they spoke, the room listened.

The 2009 Tools 4 Schools Breakfast -- held Wednesday, September 2 by the Hillsborough Education Foundation -- raised \$133,000 through individual pledges, donations, sponsorships, and dollar-for-dollar matches from the Foundation and Bright House Networks. The event featured personal testimonials by teachers and students from Burney and Ruskin Elementary Schools, and special comments from Florida’s Teacher of the Year, Megan Allen of Cleveland Elementary.

Proceeds will benefit Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, the Foundation’s program that provides basic school supplies to teachers and students in the county’s Title I schools, free of cost. The annual Tools 4 Schools Breakfast is the Foundation’s largest fundraiser for this program.

For more information on Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools and the Hillsborough Education Foundation, visit www.educationfoundation.com.

Event photographs are available. Contact Melinda Dale for more information.

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Information on Hillsborough Education Foundation, Inc:

The Hillsborough Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization whose mission is to invest community resources to help students achieve academic success. The Foundation, now celebrating 20 years of serving the students, teachers and schools in our community has invested more than \$69 million for enhancement of education. The Foundation annually raises over \$5 million and fulfills its mission via programs such as College, Career & Technical Scholarships, Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, Take Stock in Children Mentoring, School Enrichment, and Excellence in Education programs as well as other resource programs to benefit those we serve.