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DREAMS COME TRUE WITH TOOLS 4 SCHOOLS

Annual Breakfast raises more than \$110,000 for Hillsborough County teachers and students

(September 2, 2010) TAMPA – Smiles and chuckles filled the room when the fresh-faced young man on the projector screen said, “I’m going to try and get a full scholarship and go to...Harvard, that’s what you call it right?” More than 400 of Tampa’s business leaders and philanthropists came together for the Tools 4 Schools Breakfast, supporting a beloved program of the Hillsborough Education Foundation, Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools.

Through individual and corporate pledges, along with a \$25,000 dollar-for-dollar match from the Hillsborough Education Foundation, the event raised more than \$110,000 for Teaching Tools. Joining the supporters were teachers and students from Bing, Ruskin, and Pride Elementary Schools. They shared with guests their experiences with the program and its importance for the students and classrooms in these schools and all over Hillsborough County.

Through the Teaching Tools Supply Store, teachers at 100 Title I schools and education sites in the county can “shop” for free supplies for their classrooms. These supplies are then passed along to students whose families cannot afford to provide them with the basics they need for school. Thousands of students each year can stay on track and improve in their studies because of the contributions of the Tampa Bay community. During the 2009-2010 school year more than \$1.4 million worth of school supplies were distributed through the store.

For more information on Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, visit www.educationfoundation.com.

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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. Serving the students, teachers and schools in our community, the Foundation has invested more than \$75 million towards public education. The Foundation raises more than \$5 million annually and fulfills its mission through five core initiatives: Career & Technical Education, Excellence in Education, Scholarships, School Enrichment, and Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools.