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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HONORS ITS LUCKY CHARMS

Who: Hillsborough Education Foundation and Hillsborough County Public Schools
Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union's Suncoast for Kids Foundation (Title Sponsor)

What: 2009 – 2010 Instructional Support Employee of the Year

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2009
Registration - 6:30am, Awards Ceremony & Breakfast – 7:30am
Winner announced at approximately 8:35am

Where: Florida Center East, Florida State Fairgrounds 4800 US Hwy 301, Tampa 33610

(April 1, 2009) TAMPA – “Mr. Bill” is famous at Springhead Elementary School for his depiction of “Character Ed,” a superhero who inspires positive behavior and good character in the students. To those outside of Springhead Elementary he is known as William R. Davis, and for the next year he will be known as Hillsborough County’s Instructional Support Employee of the Year.

William Davis has worked as a custodian at Springhead for 10 years and is viewed by the faculty and staff as the “heart” of the school. He will be honored for his work and named the Instructional Support Employee of the Year at this year’s awards ceremony, “Support Employees: Our Lucky Charms” on Tuesday, March 31 at the Florida State Fairgrounds. The breakfast event, hosted by the Hillsborough Education Foundation and Title Sponsor Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union’s Suncoast for Kids Foundation, will recognize all 211 site Instructional Support Employees of the Year and highlight the achievements of the four finalists. News Channel 8’s Jeff Patterson will serve as emcee for the awards.

The 2009 – 2010 Instructional Support Employee of the Year finalists are:

Chuck Beckman, Cleveland Elementary School
Lamar Francis Davis III, LaVoy Exceptional Center
William R. Davis, Springhead Elementary School
Patricia Fleurijean, Wimauma Elementary School

For more information, and to receive William Davis’ biography, contact Melinda Dale, Marketing Manager, at (813) 231-1952 or mdale@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. The Foundation, now celebrating 20 years of serving the

students, teachers and schools in our community has invested more than \$64 million for enhancement of education. The Foundation annually raises over \$5 million and fulfills its mission via programs such as Classroom & School Grants, Student Scholarships, Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools, Hillsborough Reads, Take Stock in Children Mentoring, and Excellence in Education programs as well as other resource programs to benefit those we serve.