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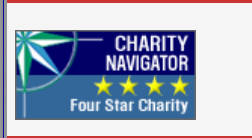
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Teaching Tools Supply Store 2011-12 Shopping Hours

Normal shopping hours will resume on August 24, 2011.

Tools 4 Schools Breakfast
September 7, 2011
7 am-8:30 am
Renaissance Hotel at International Plaza

The Teaching Tools program plays a vital role

Note from the President

It's that time of year ... to start thinking about collecting school supplies for back to school in August! July is traditionally when we start our *Stuff the Bus* School Supply Drive which will culminate with the September 7, 2011 Tools4Schools Breakfast. The *Stuff the Bus Drive* is an opportunity to fully stock our warehouse so we have the essential school supplies teachers and students need throughout the school year.

This year we are collaborating with Metropolitan Ministries on this initiative to assure that their students have fully stocked backpacks to start the school year as well. Our thanks go to Ernst & Young partners Mike Poland (Foundation Board Chair) and Mike VanPetten (Metropolitan Ministries Board Member) for initiating this collaboration. By working together, we anticipate having an even more successful drive!

Please download the [Stuff Bus packet](#) to see how you can help. And once again thanks to [Metro Courier](#) for providing supply pick-ups.

Stuff the Bus/Backpacks of Hope Supply Drive

See anything different? This summer you will see billboards, watch live remotes on television, hear on the radio, and notice donation boxes around town for the annual *Stuff the Bus* and *Backpacks of Hope* school supply drives. Our united campaign with Metropolitan Ministries will prevent duplication of services and help to place pencils in many children's hands, from the first day of school to the last! Join forces with other businesses & community organizations to help kids succeed. Our goal is 175 supply drives and we want YOU! Encourage your family, friends, businesses, clubs and organizations to hold supply drives or drop off donations at area Tax Collector offices. For more information or to schedule a supply drive, contact [Laura Grucza](#) at (813) 574-0279.



Spotlight: Hillsborough Tax Collector

Many times we think of our government offices as just a place to do business. But the Hillsborough County Tax Collector's office has a different approach. For many years, they have partnered with our Foundation to promote the *Support Education* license plate to their customers. Proceeds from sales go directly to our Foundation and provide critical support of student and teacher programs.

In 2007, they stepped up their community support by teaming with us to collect school supplies for needy students. Their *Stuff the Bus* school supply drive resulted in more than 8 pallets of essential

in the lives of needy children by providing essential tools for learning and ensuring a brighter future for them and the future contributions they will make in our community. The Foundation's largest fund-raising breakfast raises support for the Teaching Tools Supply Store, and helps us meet the needs of our teachers and students.

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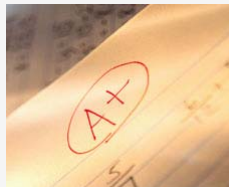
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Success Story



Meet Joshua!

Joshua just finished 3rd grade from Crestwood Elementary. This year, he was selected to participate in the Graduation Pathway peer mentor program. Joshua has been working with a mentor since January. He was nervous at first when he first heard he was going to participate in this program, but quickly became excited to be included. Joshua's favorite time when working with the Graduation Pathway program was when he was able to work in his

school supplies for needy children in our schools!

July is this year's **Support Education** month at area Tax Collector offices where you will see banners and fliers to promote sales of the [Support Education](#) license plate and [Stuff the Bus](#) school supply drives. Thank you Hillsborough County Tax Collector's leadership and employees for "driving" this campaign!

Get Tagged for Education

Did you know that 100% of the \$20 specialty tag fee is donated back to the education foundation in your county? Show your love and support of teachers and education by adding the *Support Education* license tag to your vehicle today. You don't have to wait to your next renewal. Learn more about how to switch over your tag at www.license4learning.com.



Thank You, Merchants Association of Florida!



Pictured above: Les Dukes & Mike Floyd from the Merchants Association of Florida, Inc. with Bill Hoffman, Foundation President.

State Recognition for Local Business Partners

Help us applaud these great winners! Our 2010 Hillsborough County Business Partnership winners, Drive Time Auto Sales, Chick-fil-A Westshore and Wells Fargo (formerly Wachovia), were among the top businesses honored at the 24th annual CBRA (Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards) on June 9th at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Hotel.

The Florida Education Foundation and Florida Department of Education hosted the event to honor all the Business Partnership Winners from all counties in the state. A thank you to the event sponsors as well as a tribute to Commissioner Eric J. Smith was held during the reception.

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Hillsborough Education Foundation



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