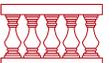


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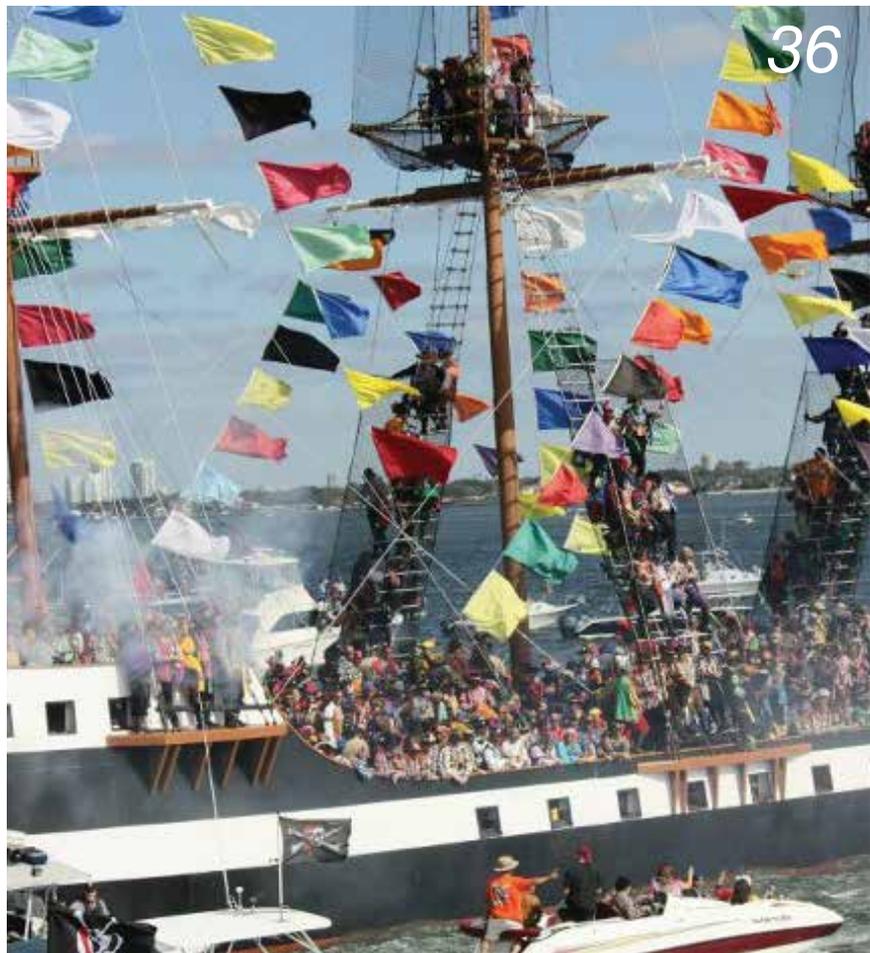
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*"Watching the parade while listening to live music at the Sunshine Salsa Tent with my fiancé, family and friends."*

**Ashley Collado**  
Writer



*"My favorite part was walking through the neighborhoods after the parade with my boyfriend. All the houses are decorated for Gasparilla and there are kids playing in the front yards dressed up as pirates. Spending a beautiful day with someone I love makes me realize how lucky I am."*

**Jamie Forsyth**  
Writer



*"My first Gasparilla was 2005 when my husband and I moved to Tampa from North Carolina. I grew up in Orlando, but I had never attended any Gasparilla events. I loved all of the food and the excitement of the parade. And I still do!"*

**Jenna Simpson-Oliver**  
Features Editor



*"Every year The University of Tampa hosts an alumni brunch on the verandah of Plant Hall the morning of Gasparilla. Hundreds of alumni park on campus and walk to the parade route together. This is often the one day each year many of us reconnect, in person, aside from keeping in touch on Facebook or at so and so's wedding. Years after graduation, when we all get together, it is like we are all still college students – such a blast!"*

**Jessica Burns**  
Assistant Features Editor & Writer



*"Seeing my son, who was 2 years old, at his first Gasparilla wearing so many beads they almost covered the lower part of his face!"*

**Kathryn Hall**  
Writer



*"My Dad gave me the best view of the parade as he as a YMKG Marshal swooped me up into his arms for a short jeep ride — as a little girl I felt my Dad give me a brief, very unique view to Gaspar's invasion."*

**Meg Forehand-Korakis**  
Writer



*"My fondest Gasparilla experience was when we first moved to South Tampa 6 years ago and took my daughters, Morgan and Margaux, to both parades! We had heard about what an amazing, festive celebration of Tampa the event was, but to experience the excitement and joy of all that were gathered first hand with my girls made me swell with happiness to live in this great city."*

**Avril Shelton**  
Writer



*"Riding on floats during my childhood and being amazed at the huge excited crowds below—so much FUN!"*

**Hilary Dalton Banks**  
Copy Editor



*"When I first moved to Tampa, I had no idea what Gasparilla was - one of my dearest friends that I met when I first moved here told me I had to find a real pirate and kiss him...from what I've been told the look on my face was priceless - I had no idea what she was talking about and was even more concerned that there were real pirates! I still giggle at my "fear" of this pirate invasion... I myself joined the krewe Les Belle Femme a year later and was a member for 4 years!"*

**Jillian Koepke**  
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*"Being so unsupervised! Ha! In general, I was so over-protected as a kid (all the way up through high school), but on Gasparilla we just got to run wild up and down Bayshore and all over Hyde Park and would just walk home at the end of the night exhausted and dripping in beads."*

**Marissa Moss-Hyman**  
Photography Editor



*"Going to the yacht club with my dad and watching him get his pirate makeup on is my fondest memory"*

**Sarah McMichael**  
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### January 2013

**Attorney General Pam Bondi** serves as our guest speaker for JLT's Leadership Training event.

### February 5, 2013

Join JLT Sustainers **Renee Dabbs** and **Robin DeLaVergne** as they lead a panel discussion about the myriad ways in which Junior League leadership experience can positively impact one's personal and professional life.

### March 5, 2013

Join us at USF CAMLS location downtown for this month's evening GMM and hear **Dr. Catherine Lynch Buckhorn** offer solutions to the common work-life balance dilemma so many women face today.

### April 2, 2013

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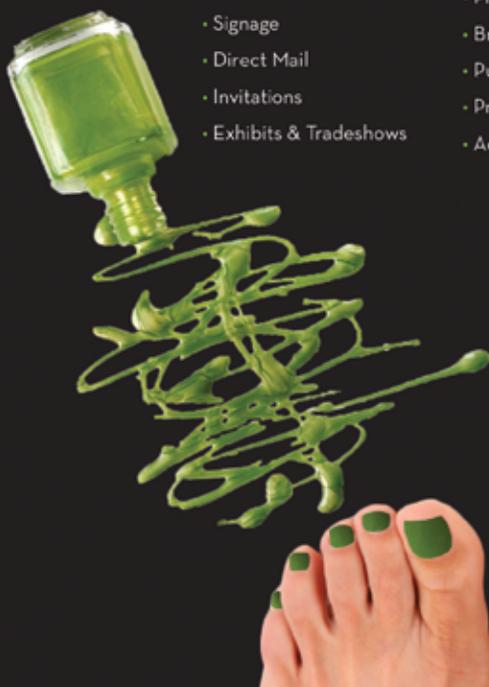
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## Enjoy Traditions, Get Involved

### Cynthia Valdez

When most people think of Tampa, they think of its rich cultural history, steeped in traditions that its residents work hard to maintain. Hand-rolled cigars are still made today; centuries-old buildings and brick paved streets remain; foods are often prepared from recipes created generations ago. While Tampa certainly holds its own against other major metropolitan areas with all of the latest modernities, it is this reverence of its traditions that makes Tampa special.

One such tradition is Tampa's annual Gasparilla invasion, a must-see event for residents and visitors alike. With attendance reaching over 100,000 each year (and growing), it is becoming increasingly difficult to view this one-of-a-kind spectacle. Find out how you can get a front row seat this year in contributor Ashley Collado's article about the Junior League of Tampa's new spring fundraiser (pg. 36). This quintessential Tampa celebration is not to be missed!

While Tampa has much to offer, it also, unfortunately, has *too much* to offer. Human trafficking is quickly becoming an enormous problem for the U.S. and Tampa is not immune. In fact, Tampa is listed as one of the top three U.S. hubs for human traffickers. Please read our special, *Human Trafficking: The Victims Next Door* (pg. 24) by contributors Jamie Forsyth and Kathryn Hall. The only way to eradicate this horrific crime is to educate ourselves.

Following this article is a piece written by guest contributor, Mary Ellen Collins. Ms. Collins is the Public Affairs Chair with JLT and the Communications Chair with Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC). She offers insight as to what the Junior Leagues throughout Florida, including the Junior League of Tampa, are advocating for this year. In addition to fighting human trafficking, SPAC will continue to work toward promoting early literacy, an issue JLT has been fervently supporting for decades.

Third grade is an important benchmark year for children as it relates to literacy. As contributor Meg Forehand-Korakis said in an article published in the fall issue of *The Sandspur*, "Until third grade, a child typically learns to read, and after third grade, a child reads to learn." In our current issue's article, *Spotlight on Food 4 Kids: Feeding Tampa's Youth*, Meg explains how a healthy diet and proper nutrition play vital roles in a child's ability to learn. Find out how many children the Food 4 Kids Committee members are helping to feed (pg. 52) and please consider signing up for a volunteer shift to bag food or inquire as to other ways in which you can help.

And lastly, upholding its own annual tradition, each summer the JLT welcomes a new group of women, the Provisional Class, into its organization. This year has seen the largest Provisional Class to date with over 180 new members. Meet the extraordinary women who are led by Provisional Education Chair, Casey Carefoot (pg. 44) and be sure to thank them for their outstanding service!

Being part of a community does not begin and end with simply residing in it, just as being part of a family does not begin and end with being born into it. One must be *involved* in one's family; interacting, teaching, learning, feeling, building - these are just some of the duties we inherit when we are born into a family. And just as in a family, one must teach, learn, and build within one's community in order for the community to grow and to prosper. Do your part. *Get involved.*

Yours,

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# Using Our Voice to Make a Difference

**Stephanie Wiendl**



Happy holidays to you and your family. Our holiday issue of *The Sandspur* is packed full of articles to spark your interest in the League's advocacy efforts so that we can increase our community impact through our voices.

Advocacy is a core element of our League's Values Statement. Defined, it means to express strong public support for something, and it comes in different forms. For example, all lobbying is advocacy, but not all advocacy is lobbying. The League training educates us about this difference and the many different ways to advocate—including coalition building, education, training, research, organizing, and media outreach.

In fact, this May at the Junior League annual conference in Washington, DC, is a watershed opportunity for us to apply what we have learned on a grand stage. We will be joining all of the Junior Leagues in a "Hill Day" of lobbying at the U.S. Capitol. It will be a time to speak on behalf of our core issues, to tell our stories, and to ask for action. And we have a lot to talk about. I must say that I am very much looking forward to this opportunity.

The Junior League's historical impact in Tampa Bay and nationally is a book filled with remarkable stories of how we, as members, have used our voice to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Nationally, the Junior Leagues' advocacy campaigns have included: helping to gain passage of the first federal legislation to address domestic violence; development of the national "Woman to Woman" campaign to address the effects of alcoholism on women; and in 2011 the United Nations Association of New York honored the Junior Leagues for their League-based initiatives in fighting against human trafficking. The Junior League of Tampa has used coalition building as a way of advocacy when we brought together the community leaders involved in preventing child abuse—the result of these efforts being the

Child Abuse Council, now known as Champions for Children, which leads the charge in Tampa for the prevention of child abuse.

My hope is that you will take some time to educate yourself on some of the League's current advocacy efforts, and how we advocate. In this issue, you can learn more about this year's priority areas that our public affairs committee will be advocating in Tallahassee, some of our recent legislative successes in the area of child welfare, and the urgent need to increase awareness of the human trafficking issue right here in Tampa Bay.

Collectively, as a voice of 1800 women, The Junior League of Tampa can help make a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged children and families in our community. So please share these stories with your family, your friends, and your colleagues.

We are women, hear us roar!

In service,

*Stephanie*

Stephanie Wiendl  
President, 2012 – 2013

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—Alice Walker

# Letters to the League

Dear JLT,

I just wanted to let you know that Miss Representation was very inspirational and definitely opened my eyes to things I have never even thought about! My friends and I were discussing it on our walk back to UT and we absolutely loved it! Thanks for showing it!

Yours,

Danielle Strejc

Dear JLT,  
I was a prospective parent at yesterday's Kids Connect event. It was awesome! My husband, my daughter and I really enjoyed ourselves. As this was our first event, we were unsure what to expect. I wanted to say that I was thoroughly impressed with all that your organization did to make it a day to remember.

Thank you!  
Ebony Alvarez

## Thank You!

Thank YOU for being such a terrific partner on this event. Our attendance last night was 448, a very strong number for a one-time film event on a Tuesday night.

Thank you for all you and your Junior League team did to promote this event so effectively. I am glad to hear the response and experience was so positive.

**John Bell**

President and CEO  
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Dear JLT:

I attended the Kids Connect adoption event this past weekend and I just wanted to say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. This was my first time at an event like this and it was simply AMAZING! All of the ladies there from the League did a great job!

Yours,  
Melissa Strong

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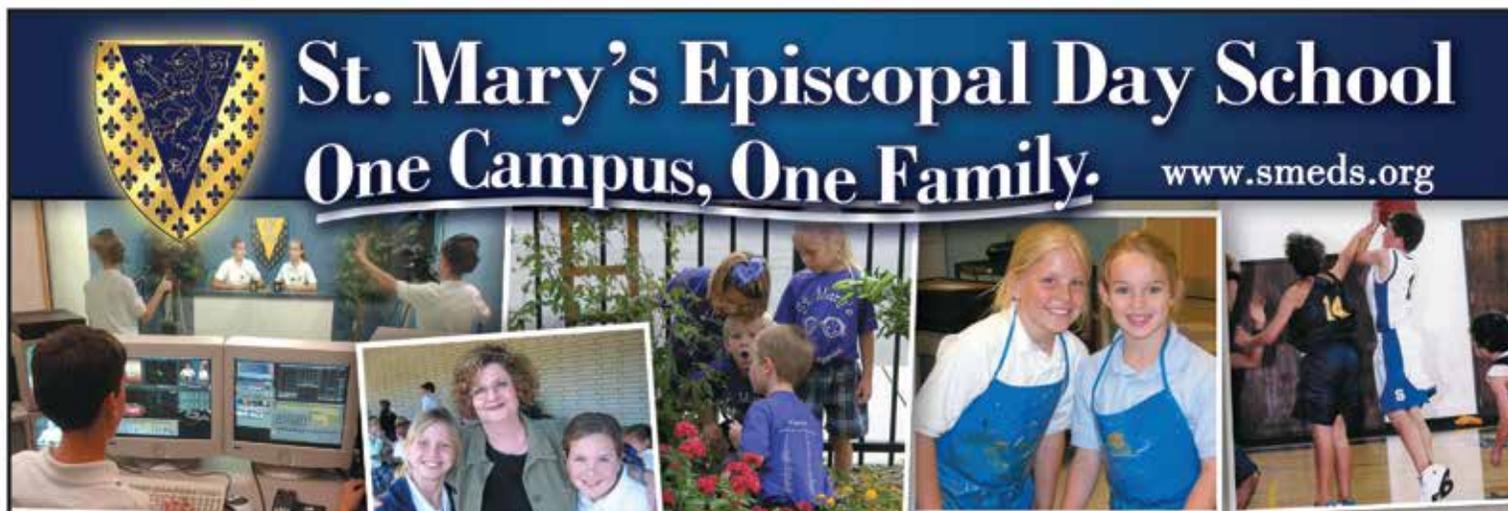
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You can commemorate anything you would like; here are a few ideas:

- Celebrate a birthday, an engagement, a marriage, a birth, a promotion, a new job, etc.
- Honor someone's service to JLT, going Sustainer, etc.
- Offer condolences to a member who has lost a loved one

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*children of Rayane & Jay Plyler*

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- Erin Annis
- Danielle Post
- Stephanie Wiendl
- Sarah Walters

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*daughter of Sarah & Ben Kodadek*

- Jessica Kendall
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- Casey Carefoot

### **Heather Peluso's child**

- Casey Carefoot

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*on her engagement*

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*on her marriage Wesley Jones*

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*in her move to Charleston*

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*on her marriage*

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*on her marriage to Tom Burgess*

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*on her marriage*

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*on her new job*

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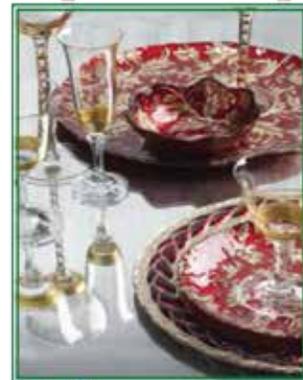
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# **HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE VICTIMS NEXT DOOR**

**By Kathryn Hall and Jamie Forsyth**



For just one moment, imagine you were born under very different circumstances. Your home is the hard packed earth covered by a sheet of cardboard. You have no husband, and a young daughter who depends on you; her whimpers of hunger are the first sounds to awaken you in the morning and the last sounds you hear before falling asleep. Your country allows women little formal education. You must beg to feed your family. One evening, a well-dressed man promises you a good-paying job in another country, if only you and your daughter will come with him now. Warily you accept. The next day you awaken in a strange place. Your daughter is no longer with you. Your eyes are covered and your wrists are bound. After riding in the dark for what seems like an eternity, you emerge in a dimly lit warehouse where you are sold to the highest bidder. Now, the only thing worse than the daily sexual assault you endure is imagining it is happening to your daughter, too.

## **WHAT IS HAPPENING?**

Often referred to as modern slavery, human trafficking has become the fastest growing criminal industry in the world, second only to drug trafficking. Modern slavery can be defined as an individual or a group using force, fraud or coercion to exert control over a person for purposes of exploiting that individual for his or her labor or service. Sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude and debt bondage are other examples of ways that victims have been exploited.

Exact data is difficult to collect, but according to an article published by UNICEF in 2010, 1.2 million children are trafficked annually. These children are usually sold into slavery. Approximately two-thirds of the children are exploited in the illegal sex industry. The remaining children are used as a cheap labor source. Some do manual labor under grueling conditions; others are sold into domestic servitude.

# THIS IS HAPPENING WHERE?

In 2009, several women were rescued from a human trafficking ring where they were physically, mentally and sexually abused. Stripped of their phones and identification, they were lured from their former lives with promises of a better life. They became slaves, forced to dance and sell themselves in a gentlemen's club. Death threats prevented them from running away and kept them in fear for their lives. Heart-breaking stories like this happen all over the world, but this one happened in Treasure Island, Florida.

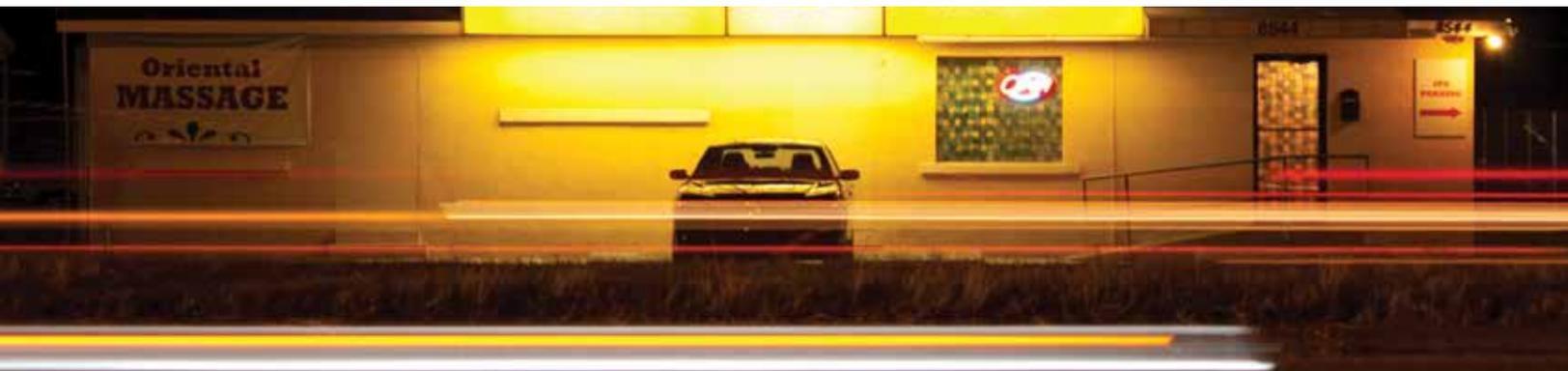
The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking estimates that 27 million people are enslaved worldwide, with 2.5 million of them residing in the United States. Along with New York and California, Florida is one of the top three "destination states" for human trafficking activity due to its agriculture, construction, domestic servitude, tourism and large service industries (though activity has been reported in all fifty states). Within Florida, Tampa ranks at the top of the list.

## HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN?

"There are a million ways it can happen," says Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Bill Williger, who specializes in sex trafficking. "It can be as simple as meeting up with the wrong person. These women are made promises and quickly find out it is something it is not." He notes that victims are manipulated by fear and do not seek help. "Victims do not see themselves as victims," he says. Williger believes that "the mindset needs to change; this really is a social, community-wide issue."

According to the Clearwater Task Force on Human Trafficking (CATFHT), with whom Williger closely works, victims of human trafficking are often vulnerable due to age, disability, education or poverty. Ultimately, however, they can be anyone: young girls from gated communities around the corner to young women aging out of the foster care system.

Human trafficking is extremely lucrative for the traffickers. "Human trafficking is considered a highly profitable industry because of the high demand and low risk associated with it," notes the Florida National Organization for Women. "The lack of a multiplicity of factors such as community awareness around the issue, comprehensive legislation, resources and concern for victims all work together to make the industry relatively low-risk." The National Human Trafficking Resource Center reports that human trafficking generates over \$1 billion dollars in revenues annually. It is the second most common illegal activity after the illicit drug trade. The lure of financial reward combined with low risk of discovery makes this crime wave difficult to stop.



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## WHAT IS BEING DONE?

A recent Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) article, “There's no Human Trafficking in my Community, Right?” estimated that “...only one person is convicted of trafficking for every 800 trafficking victims.”

In 2008, Shared Hope International, a leader in the worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery, reported that “...more than 400 Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) victims have had contact with [law enforcement] professionals in Florida in the past six years but were not identified as victims of sex trafficking. Significant barriers exist preventing professionals from identifying DMST victims. Specific barriers include: lack of training in identifying DMST victims, the hidden nature of sex crimes, the inability or unwillingness of victims to self-identify, and the lack of systematic data tracking of DMST victims, which makes it difficult to establish an accurate estimate of the total number of victims.”

Victims have historically been treated like criminals due to a lack of understanding about human trafficking. Although victims committed illegal acts such as prostitution against their will, there had been no verbiage in the law that protected them from prosecution. In 2000, the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protections Act of 2000 was a step toward recognizing that women were being manipulated and forced into modern slavery. Although there has been progress in creating legislation that will protect victims and prevent future trafficking, it is still not enough.

While the obstacles are substantial, inroads are being made into stemming the tide of human trafficking in Florida. During Florida's 2012 legislative session, the Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee helped win a notable victory for the victims of human trafficking. Advocacy by the Junior Leagues of Florida was crucial to passing Bills HB0099 and HB 7049. These bills make statute changes to definitions, increase the penalty for human trafficking, and augment enforcement of existing human trafficking laws. Specifically, HB 7049 addresses human traffickers charading as legitimate businesses. Massage parlors in particular are targeted with this legislation. HB 0099 created the Florida Safe Harbor Act. This Act is designed to protect child victims of human trafficking. It institutes sweeping reforms to aid these children. The act allows for the creation of safe houses serving children who are sexually exploited. It also requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to develop protocols for serving sexually exploited children. Sexually exploited children taken into custody by DCFS must be placed in a facility offering specific treatments for the damage caused by sexual exploitation. The penalties for specific prostitution offenses were increased from \$500 to \$5,000. The money collected from these fines is intended for use in fighting sexual exploitation of minors.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

On February 27, 2013, at 7:30 am, The Junior League of Tampa will host a “Stop the Silence” community forum on human trafficking at Stetson College of Law’s Tampa campus to educate attendees on the issue, as well as to identify ways to combat it. The event will feature a panel discussion with representation from the judicial system, law enforcement, community organizations and others. It will be open to the public, with a specific focus on local elected officials and law enforcement, community-based organizations and business groups, schools, churches and anyone else who may be interested in learning more about this problem.

Through the efforts of law enforcement, elected officials, community organizations and activists, change is possible. Educating ourselves and finding ways to help, whether through JLT or other organizations working to eradicate human trafficking, are necessary steps toward helping to create this change.



## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING —VS— SMUGGLING

- Human Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of person for labor or services, through use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
- Smuggling is the importation of people in to the U.S. involving deliberate evasion of immigration laws.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The U.S. Department of State estimates about 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked between countries every year.
- When trafficking within the country is included it is estimated that 2 to 4 million people are trafficked annually
- 17,500 to 20,000 victims are trafficked to the U.S. each year. Florida is in the top three locations along with California and New York.
- Human Trafficking is not just sex trafficking. Forced labor, involuntary servitude and debt bondage represent other trafficking areas

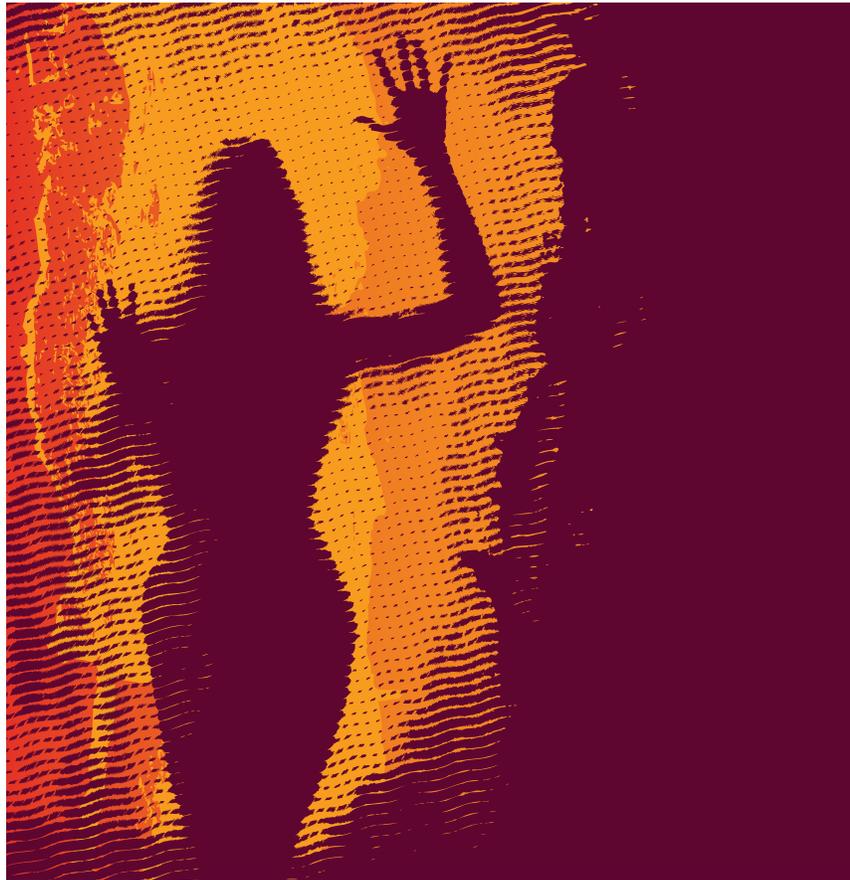
# SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Individual works unusual or excessively long hours
- Unable to come or go of his/her own free will
- Extreme security measures at job/home (opaque windows, bars on windows, security cameras, barbed wire)
- Avoids eye contacts
- Unusually fearful or anxious
- Appears malnourished
- Exhibits signs of abuse or confinement
- Not in control of his/her identification documents or money
- Does not seem to know what city he/she is in
- Seems disoriented to time
- Not allowed to speak for him/herself
- Evasive/unsure if asked where he/she lives
- Inconsistent story
- Fear or Depression
- No passport or other forms of identification

**If you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking, call:**

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- National Human Trafficking Resource Center  
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[www.jlflspac.org](http://www.jlflspac.org)

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[www.ice.gov/human-trafficking/](http://www.ice.gov/human-trafficking/)

### **Shared Hope International**

[www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)

### **Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Task Force on Human Trafficking**

[www.catfht.org](http://www.catfht.org)

### **National Human Trafficking Resource Center**

[www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/overview](http://www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/overview)

# The Voice of Advocacy

By Mary Ellen Collins

Public Affairs Chair, The Junior League of Tampa

Communications Chair, Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee

It's no secret that since The Junior League of Tampa's founding in 1926, we have contributed hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to the community to help those most in need.

What you probably don't know though is that a small group of women who make up the Public Affairs Committee has also monitored legislation and advocated for issues of importance to our members for almost 40 years. As part of the Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC), the group serves as a voice both locally and in Tallahassee. Together, we represent over 11,000 women statewide.

Advocacy is no stranger to the Junior Leagues. The bar was set high in the early 1900s when our sister league in Brooklyn petitioned the Board of Education for the free school lunch program, and the founders of The St. Louis league marched for women's suffrage. Those efforts have continued into today,

with the Junior Leagues of Florida weighing in on various topics from bicycle helmets for children under 16 to the '911' Emergency Medical System, as well as child abuse, domestic violence, juvenile justice and education.

During the 2012 legislative session, The Junior League of Tampa and SPAC identified three priority issues for our advocacy efforts: Reforming the aging out of foster care system, bringing a stop to human trafficking, and reducing family homelessness and hunger. Two of our three issues received traction, with legislation passing related to both foster care and human trafficking. Additionally, SPAC drafted the legislation associated with family homelessness and hunger, secured the bill sponsor, and ultimately gained the support of Agricultural Commissioner Adam Putnam. Although that bill was not able to make it to the floor for a vote prior to session's end, it was a huge milestone for SPAC as it was the first time it drafted legislation on an issue. We understood there was a need and took direct action.



**SPAC Summer Conference:** The Junior League of Tampa hosted the SPAC Summer Conference, featuring Special Agent Bill Williger from the Department of Homeland Security who spoke about human trafficking. *From left, Jenay Iurato, Rebecca DeLaRosa (Tallahassee), Bill Williger, Mary Ellen Collins, Christina Cruz (Clearwater-Dunedin) & Loretta Nido (Miami).*



**HB 1351 Bill Signing:** The Junior League of Tampa was honored to be with Governor Rick Scott, Rep. Rich Glorioso and Rep. Dana Young for the signing of HB1351, which helped empower homeless youth. From left, Ginny Veit, Danielle Post, Denise Schultz, Governor Rick Scott, JLT President Stephanie Wiendl, Jenay Iurato, Rep. Rich Glorioso and Rep. Dana Young.

This year, SPAC will continue to tackle some of the toughest issues facing our communities today, starting with children’s literacy. Did you know that nearly a third of our third graders attending public school cannot read at minimally proficient levels? We’ll be working on ways to encourage and enhance early literacy so that kids will be successful and stay in school. We’ll also continue our efforts with Commissioner Putnam’s office to identify ways in which Junior League can help increase access to healthy foods in underserved areas.

And because Florida ranks as one of the most notorious states for human trafficking in the United States, we’ll also be hosting a “Stop the Silence” community forum on human trafficking in February to help educate the public about this growing issue and identify ways that, together, we can help fight this epidemic. *(For more information about human trafficking in our community, please see Kathryn Hall and Jamie Forsyth’s article on page 24.)*

*To learn more about our priority issues, visit [jltampa.org](http://jltampa.org) or [jflspac.org](http://jflspac.org). You can also friend us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter for the latest updates on our advocacy efforts.*

We at the Junior League believe that advocacy is not just about passing laws. It is more about finding issues that have no voice and being that voice to educate our communities, our Leagues, our families and our elected officials. Junior Leagues have been doing exactly that and will continue to serve as a voice for underserved children and families for years to come.

# FLORIDA ATTORNEY PAM BONDI SPEAKS

## OPENING BY MEG FOREHAND-KORAKIS

*Tampa native and Junior League Sustainer, Pam Bondi, has risen to the prominent and important role of Florida Attorney General. In January, Pam will be our Women in Leadership speaker. Hailing from three generations of educators, Pam will share her local perspective as well as the state of Florida's initiatives during the January leadership event.*

*Providing leadership training to members is core to the Junior League's Mission. Leadership training gives members pertinent skills not only for their current JLT leadership roles but also provides skills that are transferable to other initiatives they may use throughout the community.*



### LETTER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI:

“As your Attorney General, I am dedicated to making Florida the best state to live, work and raise a family. Like you, I understand that strong partnerships are vital in working together to build strong communities and help others. Throughout my time in office, I have been committed to using these partnerships to safeguard Florida's children and families. Prescription drug abuse is a deadly epidemic that has plagued our state. I have dedicated myself to strengthening Florida's prescription drug laws, establishing new standards of care, and raising awareness in an effort to stop prescription drug abuse. We have significantly reduced the supply of diverted prescription drugs by developing strong partnerships between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and public health agencies. These partnerships have been instrumental in working to eliminate Florida's pill mill crisis, but we are not finished. While working to crack down on pill mills, I quickly learned that adults aren't the only people affected by prescription drug abuse. In hospitals across our state, babies are being born addicted to prescription drugs and are suffering from neonatal abstinence syndrome - a collection of problems that will occur in a newborn who has been exposed to addictive drugs while in the womb. Last legislative session, I worked closely with

Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi has served in the state's executive branch in her current post implementing and enforcing laws and the Constitution since November 2, 2010. Her top priorities include defending Florida's constitutional rights against the federal health care law; strengthening penalties to stop pill mills; aggressively investigating mortgage and Medicaid fraud; and ensuring Florida is compensated for Deepwater Horizon oil spill losses. For more than 18 years, Ms. Bondi served as a prosecutor and as Assistant State Attorney for the 13th judicial district, where she successfully prosecuted numerous first-degree murder and two capital cases. She serves on the Trustee of Florida State Board of Administration; Board Member of The Spring of Tampa; and Board Director for the Special Olympics Florida. Her award accolades include the 2011 Leadership Award by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators; Special Recognition by the Florida Police Chiefs Association; the 2011 Distinguished Alumna Award by Stetson Law School; the 2001 Lawyers of Distinction Award by the Tampa Bay Review; and the Women of Excellence in Government. Ms. Bondi is a graduate of University of Florida and Stetson Law School and has served as the Vice Chair of a Florida Bar Grievance Committee and on the Boards of Directors of the University of Florida Gator Club, the Children's Board and The Junior League of Tampa, where she is a Sustainer.

# TO JLT IN JANUARY LEADERSHIP EVENT

Senator Joe Negron and Representative Kelli Stargel on a bill to create a Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and Newborns. As chair of the task force, I am committed to fully assessing the prevalence of this problem and developing prevention strategies.

Sadly, statistics show that ninety-percent of addictions begin in one's teenage years. Astonishingly, one in six teenagers has abused medicine, and majority of teens obtain these from their parents' or friends' medicine cabinets. I have joined The Partnership at DrugFree.org on The Medicine Abuse Project, a nationwide call-to-action to raise awareness about prescription drug abuse in teens. The Medicine Abuse Project encourages communities to curb teenage medicine abuse by educating people about the dangers of abusing prescription medicines, monitoring prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, safeguarding and properly disposing of unused medication, and eliminating improper prescribing and dispensing practices. Sign a pledge to learn about medicine abuse and talk to your teens about this abuse. You can sign this pledge at [MedicineAbuseProject.org](http://MedicineAbuseProject.org).

Also in an effort to protect Floridians and build safer communities, I am working to eliminate human trafficking in Florida. I worked with Senator Anitere Flores and Representative William Snyder to advocate for legislation to make Florida a zero-tolerance state for this 32-billion-dollar industry that exploits women, men and children. In September, I participated in the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Human Trafficking

Summit. The summit was a great opportunity for community members, students, advocates and professionals to discuss best practices to end human trafficking in Florida. I will continue to partner with federal, state and local leaders to eliminate human trafficking, and my Office of Statewide Prosecution will prosecute these cases to the fullest extent of the law. My office launched a website dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking in Florida. I encourage you to visit [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com) to learn about our fight to eliminate modern day slavery.

For 87 years, The Junior League of Tampa has helped improve Tampa's communities. As members of The Junior League, you understand the importance of helping others and have committed yourselves to making a difference. I want to personally thank you for what you do for the great city of Tampa. Because of you, Tampa is a better place. I will also continue to do everything in my power to improve Florida's communities and the lives of Floridians."

*"I have dedicated myself to strengthening Florida's prescription drug laws, establishing new standards of care, and raising awareness in an effort to stop prescription drug abuse."*

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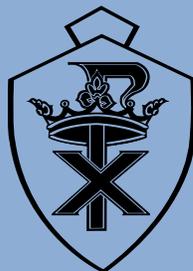
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# Yo Ho, Yo Ho, A Pirate's Life for Me!

## by Ashley Collado

**GASPARILLA:** A month-long celebration filled with art festivals, parties, merriment, parades, flotilla, pirates and beads. But who was Gasparilla and from where does this Tampa tradition derive? There have been numerous theories as to who Gasparilla really was, and a poem captures the essence of his being:

Gasparilla, accounts boast the capture and burning of numerous ships. Crews of captured ships were given the option of joining Gaspar's ranks or walking the plank.

Then in 1821, the year Spain sold the Florida Territory to the United States, Gasparilla decided to retire. While the

When Jose Gaspar died, he supposedly left booty buried somewhere along the Florida coast. Although that treasure has never been discovered, the story of Jose Gaspar was brought back to life and his memory revived in 1904 when Tampa's social and civic leaders adopted the pirate as patron rogue of their city-wide celebration. Miss Louise Frances Dodge, Society Editor of The Tampa Tribune, was planning the city's first May festival and decided to develop a theme for the affair based on the legend of Gasparilla. Meetings gave birth to the first "Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla," whose members planned to surprise the citizens with a mock pirate attack on Tampa. Masked and fully-costumed, the first krewe arrived and "captured the city" during the Festival Parade. The first invasion was so successful and well-received by the people of Tampa that a city-wide demand was voiced to make the Gasparilla invasion permanent.

**"Who was Gasparilla, asks the stranger in our gate.**

**Listen: then, and we'll the tale relate.**

**Gasparilla was a pirate in the happy days of old,  
who made a living off of other people's gold.**

**He ravaged up and down this coast for many a bloody day,  
'till finally they hanged him, down at Lemon Bay,"**

**– (author unknown)**

Some, because of lack of evidence that Jose Gaspar existed, have decided that he was a fictional character. Others believe Jose Gaspar raided the coastal waters of West Florida during the 18th and 19th centuries. Jose Gaspar, known as "Gasparilla," allegedly served as a lieutenant to the Royal Spanish Navy for five years until he and his fellow mutineers sailed the high seas headed straight for Florida. It was then that Gasparilla began an adventurous life as an outlaw of the sea. Although few facts are known of the life and death of

mates were divvying up the loot, they spotted a British merchant ship begging to be raided. When Gaspar and his men approached, they were pleasantly surprised by the rising of an American Flag. A battle ensued and Gaspar's ship was peppered by cannon balls. Rather than surrender, Jose Gaspar chained the anchor to his wrist and leapt from the bow shouting "Gasparilla dies by his own hand, not the enemy's!" Most of the pirates were killed; but one (Juan Gomez) lived to tell the tale of the great Jose Gaspar.

Tampa has upheld its tradition by celebrating Gasparilla every year with the ceremonious kidnapping of the city's Mayor and the turning over of the "key to the city". The Junior League of Tampa joins in celebrating this Tampa tradition by hosting its first annual Spring Gasparilla fundraiser. So grab ye mates and head to Junior League Headquarters on January 26, 2013, to welcome the world's only fully-rigged pirate ship, the "Jose Gasparilla" and its crew, Ye Mystic Krewe, as they invade Tampa Bay with cannons blazing.



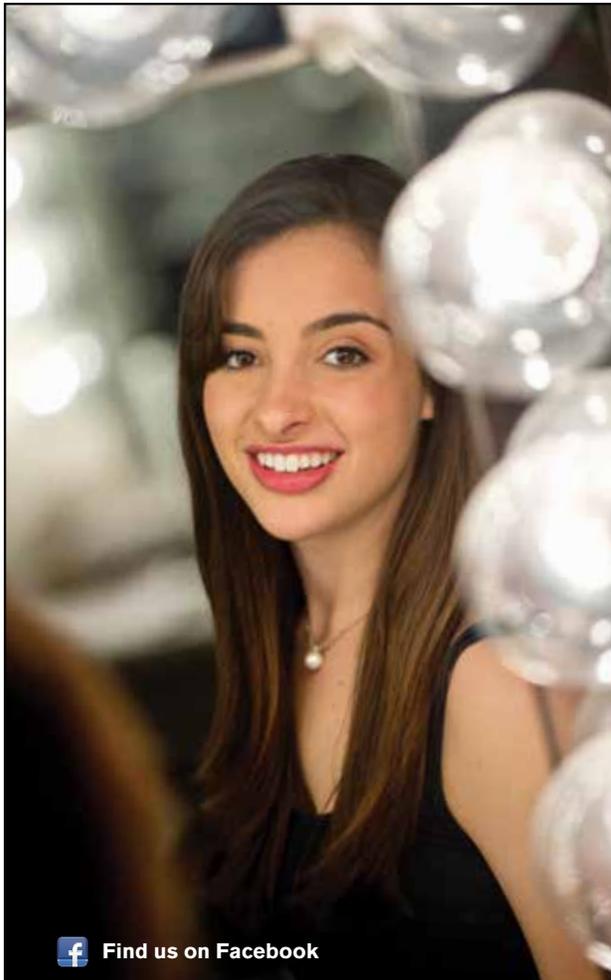
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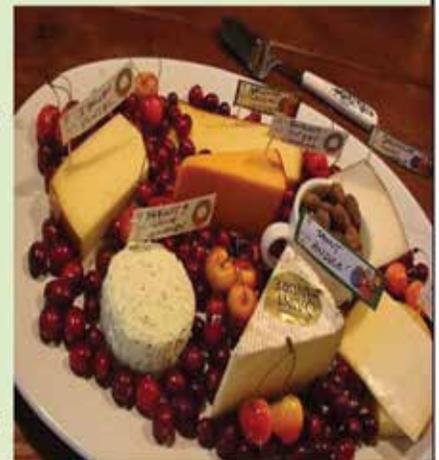
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## Sue Cox

I must admit since becoming Sustainer President I have been very impressed. Our efforts this summer have been a work in progress. President, Stephanie Wiendl, and Sustainer Liaison, Kimberly Davis, have patiently tried to bring me up to speed on today's Junior League of Tampa. Little does it resemble the League I left twenty five years ago to become a Sustainer. I am ever amazed at the size of the membership and awed at the volume and scope of projects these talented women have created and manage with close to 90% of them working! I sincerely hope you take the time to read the *The Sandspur* and *The Spur of the Moment* to familiarize yourself with the impact these women have on our community and be proud to say you are a Sustainer of The Junior League of Tampa.

Being a Sustainer is truly a delightful experience. Your commitment is entirely a matter of choice. You need only be involved in the activities for which you have an interest. For upcoming Sustainer events check the monthly newsletter, *The Spur of the Moment*, and the email Sustainer Sandblast.

Stephanie Wiendl and her Board of Directors have engaged some fabulous speakers for the general membership meetings this year. They have extended a warm invitation to Sustainers to come to hear these speakers. She promises the business meetings will be very short and you will really enjoy the program. Another invitation from the Actives is to join in the inaugural Leadership JLT course being offered from January through May. This is an exciting program offered to the first twenty five registrants. This program will help you use your past League career to either, reenter the workforce or become more involved in other nonprofit boards in the community. Check *The Spur of the Moment*, *The Sandspur*, or contact League Headquarters for more information.

Before closing, I do want to take the time to thank Julie Sargent for her outstanding leadership as Sustainer President 2011- 2012. She continues to be an invaluable source of help and information for me this year. She is a tough act to follow. Her committees did an excellent job planning engaging meetings and wonderful parties. If you participated last year, I think you will enjoy the

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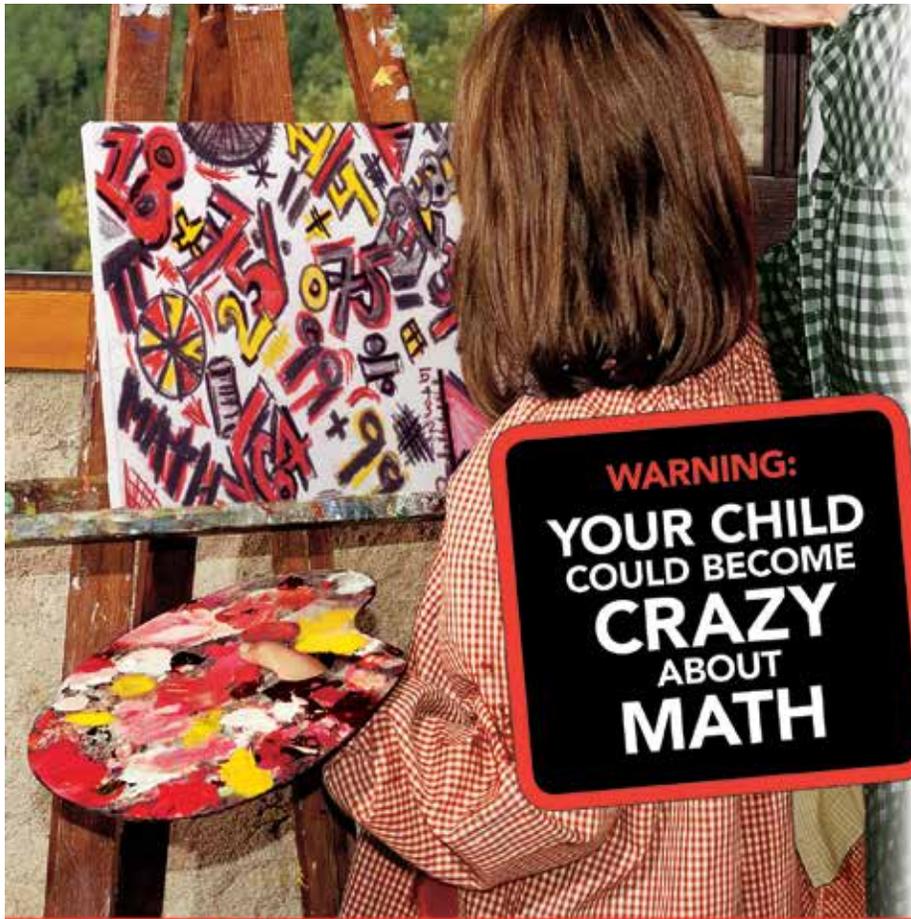
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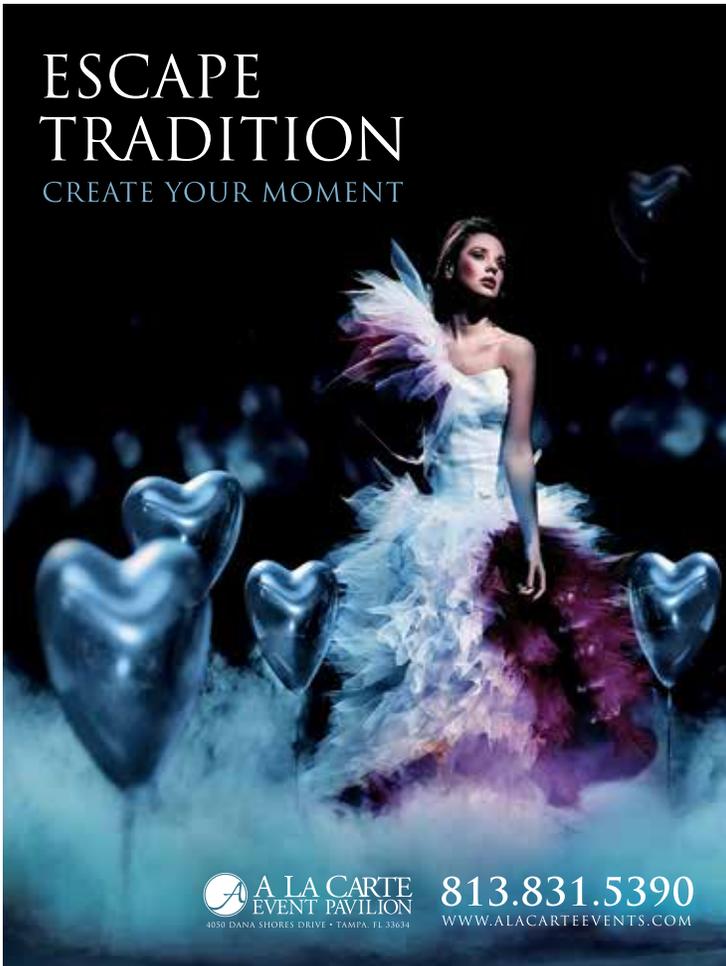
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# Spotlight on Food 4 Kids: Feeding Tampa's Youth

by Meg Forehand-Korakis

Since the 2008 economic collapse, the poverty rate among almost all school districts portrays a bleak picture of growing hunger concerns among children. Per the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, the number of school children qualified for subsidized meals has escalated at a fantastic rate. Nearly 21 percent of Florida's children do not have enough food.

JLT's Food 4 Kids Committee is the team bringing hope to this sad statistic. During 2012-2013, the League has doubled the number of children we feed through our Food 4 Kids project.

The Junior League of Tampa's Food 4 Kids Committee helps provide a unique solution to the ongoing problem of hunger in our community. The committee strives to ensure that food-insecure children arrive at school Monday mornings ready to learn, instead of looking for their next meal.



"Nutrition is vital to the growth and development of children. By providing regular nutritious, kid-friendly food, we help alleviate hunger when children are not in school, especially important over the weekends and school holidays," said Katie Cappy, Food 4 Kids Committee Chair and, most prudently, Tampa kindergarten teacher who realizes firsthand the correlation of good nutrition to a successful education.

The Food 4 Kids Committee goal is to provide weekend meals to food-insecure children in grades K-12. In coordination with Sulphur Springs Elementary's YMCA after-school program and three different Boys & Girls' Clubs, JLT provides food to these children for the weekends so that they are able to return to school ready to learn on Monday mornings. The number of children served has grown to nearly 400 kids, a jump from about 200 in years prior.

Katie Cappy reflects, "As I gave one of the bags to a fourth-grade boy, he said, 'My Daddy is going to be so excited!' It is stressful on parents to not be able to provide for their children. It is the League's hope to alleviate as much of this stress as possible by making a dent in childhood hunger."



Every two weeks, 28 JLT Food 4 Kids Volunteers compile hundreds of food bags.

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# YOU CAN'T BE WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

by Avril Shelton

On October 16, 2012, The Junior League of Tampa held its first training event of the year, bringing *Miss Representation* to the Tampa Theatre. Both members of The Junior League of Tampa and the general public enjoyed a screening of *Miss Representation*, an award-winning documentary film by Jennifer Seibel Newsome. It exposes how mainstream media contributes to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The film challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls. This disparaging portrayal makes it difficult not only to achieve leadership positions but also to feel empowered. MissRepresentation.org is the social action campaign for this documentary film, and its mission is to shift people's consciousness; to inspire individual and community action; and,

ultimately, to transform our culture so that everyone can fulfill their potential, regardless of gender.

In a society where media is a heavily persuasive force shaping cultural norms, the collective message that our young women and men overwhelmingly receive is that a woman's value and power lie in her youth, beauty, and sexuality, not in her capacity as a leader. While women have made great strides in leadership over the past few decades, the United States is still 90<sup>th</sup> in the world for women in national legislatures, and women hold only 3% of leadership positions in mainstream media. Even more startling is the fact that 65% of women and girls suffer from eating disorders in their constant struggle to achieve the image that the media portrays of the "perfect" female.

Filled with stories from teenage girls and provocative interviews with politicians, journalists, entertainers, activists and academics, including Condoleezza Rice, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric, Rachel Maddow, Margaret Cho, Rosario Dawson and Gloria Steinem, *Miss Representation* reveals startling, real facts and statistics that leaves its audience shaken. However, this new knowledge provides a much needed, new perspective and understanding of the importance of empowering women.

*Miss Representation's* educational component gives media literacy a much needed gender focus. The topic motivates girls and boys to think about the effects of the images they see, particularly ways in which the media affects a female's ability to see and be seen as a leader. Each lesson explains appropriate definitions, relevant concepts, and more. Additionally, discussion and educational modules are sequenced to build upon the outcomes of previous lessons, and teachers and leaders can incorporate the lessons into existing curriculum.

This documentary was created and filmed to help women understand what the future will be if we do not demand certain progress at certain times. The Junior League of Tampa wants to be the change we want to see.

**"Girls get the message from very early on that what's important is how they look."**

*Jean Kilbourne,  
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**Chloe** — at Lucky Dog Daycare & Resort of South Tampa  
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Took an Agility Class -  
whew, I need a nap now!

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**Chloe** — at Lucky Dog Daycare & Resort of South Tampa  
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So nice to wake up to my favorite breakfast  
and some belly rubs from the Lucky Dog  
staffers, what a great start to my day.

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**Chloe** — at Lucky Dog Daycare & Resort of South Tampa  
Thursday

OOOH - saw Max at Agility Class today -  
I think he likes me :)

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# LuckyDog



Daycare & Resort of South Tampa



**Chloe** — at Lucky Dog Daycare & Resort of South Tampa  
Tuesday

Met some new friends at play time today,  
really hope I see Max again in Agility Class  
tomorrow.

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**Chloe** — at Lucky Dog Daycare & Resort of South Tampa  
Friday

Danny gave me a bath, a blueberry mask  
and a blowout - I am looking good for my  
parents! Can't wait to tell Mommy and  
Daddy about my great week at Lucky Dog!

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# BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

**Day 1** **Hot Chocolate**  
*EveryDay Feasts,*  
page 45

**Ingredients**

- ½ cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
- 3 cups milk
- 1 ½ cups (6 ounces) grated semisweet chocolate
- Pinch of salt
- Chocolate shavings (optional)
- Crushed peppermint candy (optional)
- Toffee pieces (optional)

Combine the whipping cream and confectioners' sugar in a small mixing bowl and beat until soft peaks form. Chill, covered, in the refrigerator. You may whip the cream several hours in advance and keep chilled until ready to use. Heat the milk in a heavy saucepan over low heat until warm, being careful not to boil. Add the grated chocolate and stir until melted. Stir in the vanilla and salt. Pour into mugs. Top with a dollop of whipped cream and chocolate shavings, crushed peppermint candy, or toffee pieces.

**Day 2** **Warm Fig & Prosciutto Salad**  
*EveryDay Feasts,*  
page 39

**Ingredients**

- ½ cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 fresh figs
- 1 (4-5 ounce) wedge of parmesan cheese
- 8 thin slices prosciutto
- 4 to 6 ounces field greens

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine the vinegar, olive oil, and honey in a small bowl and whisk until blended. Season with salt and pepper and set aside. Cut the figs in half lengthwise. Shave the Parmesan cheese into 16 very thin slices using a cheese slicer. Cut the prosciutto slice in half lengthwise. Wrap each fig half with a slice of cheese and a slice of prosciutto and place on a baking sheet. Spoon 1 to 2 teaspoons of the dressing over each wrapped fig. Bake for 10 minutes. Toss the field greens with the dressing to taste. Divide the field greens among 4 to 6 serving plates. Top each with 1 to 3 prepared figs and serve immediately.

**Day 3** **Brunswick Stew**  
*The Gasparilla Cookbook,*  
page 127

**Ingredients**

- 1 4-pound stewing chicken, cut into pieces
- 2 quarts water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ cup ketchup
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- Grated rind and juice of ½ lemon
- 2 1-pound cans tomatoes, or 8 fresh
- 4 medium potatoes, *diced*
- 4 cups fresh baby lima beans
- 4 cups whole-kernel corn
- 2 cups fresh okra, cut into ½ inch slices
- 4 gloves garlic, *minced*
- 2 medium onion, *minced*
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine chicken, water, and salt in Dutch oven or deep kettle. Simmer, covered, until meat is tender, about 3 to 4 hours. Remove chicken pieces; cool quickly. Remove skin, then meat from bones. Cut meat into bite size pieces; return to skimmed cooking stock. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until mixture is thick, about 2 hours.



Try these delicious recipes from *The Junior League of Tampa's cookbooks* to keep you and your family warm this winter season.

Day 4

### Corn Soufflé

*The Life of the Party,*  
page 65

#### Ingredients

- 1 (15-ounce) can cream-style corn
- 1 (15-ounce) can whole kernel corn,  
*drained*
- ½ (1 stick) butter, *melted*
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 package corn muffin mix

Combine the cream-style corn, whole kernel corn, melted butter, eggs, sour cream, and corn muffin mix in a large bowl. Mix until well blended. Pour into a buttered baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes.

Day 5

### Warm Raspberry Chocolate Cake

*Savor the Seasons,*  
Page 110

#### Ingredients

- 3 ounces semisweet chocolate, *chopped*
- ½ cup seedless raspberry jam
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ⅓ cup + 1 tablespoon baking cocoa
- ½ cup boiling water
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ⅓ cup seedless raspberry jam
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, *softened*
- ⅓ cup packed brown sugar
- ⅓ cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Raspberries

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine the chocolate, ½ cup jam, and the cream in a small, heavy saucepan and bring to a simmer, stirring constantly until smooth. Pour into a buttered 9-inch cake pan.

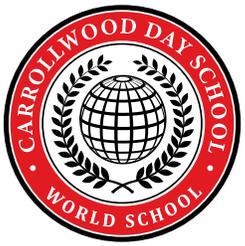
Combine the baking cocoa and water in a bowl and mix well. Add the milk, vanilla, and ⅓ cup jam and mix well. Cream the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt in a bowl. Add to the creamed mixture alternately with the jam mixture, beating well after each addition. Pour evenly over the chocolate mixture in the cake pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 to 20 minutes. Run a knife around the edge and invert onto a serving platter. Garnish with raspberries. You may prepare one day in advance. Do not invert onto the serving platter. Let stand, covered, at room temperature in the cake pan. Reheat, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes and serve as directed.



# BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

## SHOPPING LIST

- Whipping cream
  - Confectioners sugar
  - Milk
  - 1 semi-sweet chocolate bar
  - Seedless raspberry jam
  - Heavy cream
  - Brown sugar
  - Baking cocoa
  - Vanilla extract
  - Granulated sugar
  - Flour
  - Baking soda
  - Salt
  - Pepper
  - Balsamic vinegar
  - Olive oil
  - Honey
  - 8 fresh figs
  - Raspberries
  - 1 lemon
  - 4–5 ounce wedge of parmesan cheese
  - 8 slices prosciutto sliced thin
  - 4–6 ounces field greens
  - 1 (15 ounce can) creamed corn
  - 1 (15 ounce can) whole kernel corn
  - 3 sticks of butter
  - 1 dozen eggs
  - Sour cream
  - 1 package corn muffin mix
  - 4 pound stewing chicken
  - Ketchup
  - Worcestershire sauce
  - Hot pepper sauce
  - 2 16-ounce cans tomatoes, or 8 fresh
  - 4 medium potatoes
  - Fresh baby lima beans, *enough to total 4 cups*
  - Whole kernel corn, *enough to total 4 cups*
  - Fresh okra, *enough to total 2 cups*
  - Garlic
  - 2 medium onions
- Optional Items:**  
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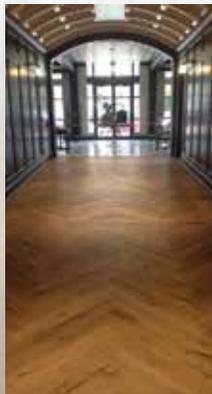


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# Pirate / Gasparilla Factoids

# 1954

The year the Jose Gasparilla was built. With masts reaching 100 feet, it's the world's only fully rigged pirate ship to be built in modern times.

Source: gasparillapiratefest.com

# 1904

The year of the first invasion of Tampa by Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla.

Source: gasparillapiratefest.com

# 90

The number of floats that usually participate in the Gasparilla Parade of Pirates.

source: trekaroo.com

# 40 million

The number of beads that The Bead Barn estimates they sold for 2012 Gasparilla festivities.

source: allatsea.net

# Sept. 19

International Talk Like a Pirate Day.

source: timeanddate.com

# 37

The number of years The Knight Parade has crawled through the streets of Ybor City, courtesy of The Krewe of Sant'Yago.

source: knightparade.com

# 49

The number of krewes that participate in the Gasparilla Parade of Pirates.

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# 14

The number of marching bands that typically participate in the Gasparilla Parade of Pirates.

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