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## **WE BUILD FUTURES BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT**



**BLOOMING**  
Place for Kids  
American Society of Professional  
Estimators Tampa Bay Chapter No. 48  
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Dear Members:

On behalf of Blooming Place for Kids and the children we serve, thank you for your generosity and support for our Program. The impact your support makes on neglected, abused and at risk children of Blooming Place for Kids is forever. Our kids are EVERYONES CHILDREN, without the generosity of organizations such as American Society of Professional Estimators, their futures are lost.

Something EXTRAORDINARY happens when a child walks away from a fight, climbs the rock wall, swings from the high ropes 25 feet up, goes into a canoe for the first time or sleeps through the night without screaming out in complete fear!

At Blooming Place for Kids Camp, all of these great things happen for children who have suffered traumatic experiences, such as physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Our kids have the opportunity to experience mental and physical activities by participation in safe and tested daily events during the summer, while also working on building self-confidence and good moral values. Without intervention programs such as ours, abused and neglected children have little or no success after aging out of the foster care system. Therefore, there is a very high failure rate, many end up in the juvenile justice system with a serious lack of life skills and the confidence to thrive in society without the ability to believe in themselves. Traumatic stress can interfere with a child's ability to reason, to learn and can disrupt the course of healthy physical, emotional and intellectual development. When a child is a witness

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or victim of violence and is exposed to trauma or maltreatment, he or she experiences traumatic stress as a result. Often a youth may cope by resorting to indifference, defiance, and aggression as self protective. For the children who attend Blooming Place for Kids Camp, risk taking, breaking rules, fighting back and hurting others is a way to survive emotionally and literally it is often these behaviors that bring youth into the juvenile justice system, later the penal system. (70% of the inmates in the penal system have at one time lived in foster care and have come from neglect and abuse). Foster children often themselves become abusers, and end up living on the streets all at a huge cost to their lives and communities all over the United States.

After the summer 2010 program we will keep you constantly updated on the children who will be impacted by your generosity and the many obstacles our kids were able to face, goals they were able to achieve and great things they learned because of the caring and generosity of our supporters throughout the year.

In the next few months we will be sending our first "Campfire Scoop Newsletter" to keep you informed of the most up to date things currently happening at Blooming Place for Kids. As a partner with Blooming Place for Kids, you know that your generosity and support helps to BUILD FUTURES and give our kids hope! Thank you all for your support for our Blooming Luau! Our net proceeds were higher than any golf tournament we have ever had and we have decided that the Luau will be our signature event! Thanks to you all! We encourage you to please visit us this summer!

With heartfelt gratitude on behalf of our kids,

Jan Horn  
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