



## THE SUSTANY FOUNDATION

The Sustany Foundation is a local non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that strives to improve the Tampa Bay area’s quality of life by promoting a culture of sustainability at the local level. Founded in 2007, Sustany encourages environmental and social responsibility by supporting individuals and organizations committed to thoughtful stewardship and sustainable practices. We serve as a conduit between those who wish to contribute their resources to protecting and enhancing our quality of life and those who have innovative ideas that compliment and advance our mission.

In three short years, Sustany has developed an extensive network of partnerships and alliances with the goal of educating various groups on ways to identify and incorporate sustainable practices in the workplace and community. Through workshops and conferences, clean-up campaigns, business expos, grant assistance, and other related activities, Sustany volunteers are making a difference by providing input and recommendations that help promote sustainability.

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### Programs / Partnerships / Alliances

Sustany has collaborated and partnered in several programs and initiatives, including:

#### The EverGreen Schools Alliance (EGSA)



Sustany’s EGSA works with Bay area schools and districts to focus on implementing energy conservation strategies to help reduce their carbon footprints. Annually EGSA identifies and addresses important issues of interest to schools and districts like recycling in schools. Through education and a focus on sustainable practices in the classroom as well as at home, Sustany and EGSA helps to ensure clean and safe (toxic-free) environments for the students and faculty.

#### Green Business Designation Program



In partnership with the City of Tampa, The Sustany Foundation encourages those businesses seeking to participate in the program, to visit our website, [www.sustany.org](http://www.sustany.org), and complete the self-evaluation checklist to assess your organization’s sustainable policies and practices. A business can achieve one of three levels of green designation based on the number of points achieved through the evaluation. Businesses that receive the designation are provided a plaque to post at their business location that recognizes their achievement. Additionally, the organization is included on the City of Tampa green web page as art of Tampa’s “Green Pages” for businesses.



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### **School Recycling partnership with Hillsborough County Schools**

During the 2009-10 school year Sustany hosted 5 public forums in collaboration with Hillsborough County Schools providing input and recommendations to the development of a school recycling program, adopted fall 2010.

### **YMCA Summer Mini-Camp**

Summer Mini-Camp – In collaboration with the Natures' Academy, and the Brenda Gregory Young Artist School, Sustany participated in Tampa Bay area YMCA outreach and on-site camp programs that help enrich the lives of students by building awareness of the arts and the environment.

### **Tampa Clean City Day 2010**

Planning Committee Member for the City of Tampa project to clean up and beautify the City.

### **Resource Development**

In both 2009, 2010 Sustany received SWFWMD Community Education Grants totaling \$10,000.00 to focus on Bay area water-related projects. A 2011 grant application has been submitted.

### **Activities:**

- Meetings, workshops, and conferences to educate various groups on ways to identify and incorporate sustainable practices in the workplace and community.
- Fourth Annual 'Clean City Day' – As a Gold Sponsor, Sustany and EGSA collaborated with the City of Tampa's Clean City Division, March 2010 for a waterfront clean-up project.
- ECO Fest / Earth Day Festival, April 2009 - Gold Sponsor April 2010 –participant.
- Eco Expo 2009, – Gold sponsor for business-oriented expo featuring sustainable building materials and products.
- Sierra Club Earthday 2009, 2010 – Supported the event with a booth where we explained Sustany's efforts in Tampa Bay.
- USGBC 2009 – Sponsor for annual seminar
- Learning Gate Community Schools 2010 – assisted in education program to implement recycling campaign.
- Green Business Designation Program – September 2009, initiated partnership with the City of Tampa to promote the Green Business Designation Program.
- Grant Assistance - EverGreen Schools staff is available to assist teachers and schools with mini-grants, for instance from SWFWMD.



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### Activities: (continued)

- The Sustainable Buzz – An annual event in November to celebrate the cultural community, featuring fine wines, and an art exhibition of selected area artists. Sustainable Events – Participate in and help with events including ‘Cure on Wheels’, ECO Fest, EcoExpo, Pinellas Green Expo, etc.
- Public and Private Partnerships - Assist other groups in developing strategies that help them reduce their carbon footprint by incorporating sustainable practices.
- Green Papers – Sustany Internship Program with students from area universities producing policy-oriented research on environmental and sustainability issues.
- Speakers Bureau – Sustany will identify speakers for events that focus on environmental and sustainability issues.

### In Development:

- Green Schools Profiles – Invitation to area schools to post activities and achievements on the [www.sustany.org](http://www.sustany.org) website.
- Green Schools Designation Program – Similar to Green Business program, in development.
- Waterway Clean-Ups – Currently developing a partnership with the St. Petersburg-based Green Armada and the Environmental Mentoring Institute.

Sustany invites members of the business community to attend our board meetings as a presenter to help launch ideas into action. We meet the third Monday of every month, 4:00 pm, at the Jan Platt Library in south Tampa.

*For information about Sustany, or on any of these activities, please visit our website [www.sustany.org](http://www.sustany.org) , or email [info@sustany.org](mailto:info@sustany.org)*