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At-Risk Teens Benefit from Inaugural Rowing Camp

Tampa, FL (July 8, 2015) – This summer, YMCA Teen Achievers from one of Tampa’s most poverty-stricken neighborhoods are learning how to row. It’s a sport many of the Sulphur Springs students may never have come in contact with if it weren’t for the partnership and generosity of [The Stewards Foundation, Inc.](#), a nonprofit organization with the mission to use the sport of rowing as a vehicle to raise self-esteem and teach teamwork and responsibility to youth.

Row Tampa Camp started this week and will run for two weeks Monday-Friday from 9:15-11:15 am. The Y transports Y Teen Achievers from the [Bob Gilbertson Central City Family YMCA](#) to the docks and boathouse at Riverfront Park. The Stewards Foundation, Inc. provides the coaching and equipment to teach the Olympic sport of rowing, giving the teens from Sligh Middle School - where 86 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch - the opportunity to improve their fitness while enjoying the sights and sounds along the Hillsborough River.

Y Teen Achievers is a career and college readiness program designed to support middle and high school students who otherwise may not set post-graduation goals to either enroll in a higher education institute or begin a chosen career path. Y Teen Achievers helps teens raise their academic standards, develop a positive sense of self, build character, explore diverse college and career options, and interact with professionals who serve as role models to inspire them to greater heights.

The Y and Stewards Foundation, Inc. are looking for generous donors interested in helping continue this collaboration throughout the year. If you’re interested in donating to help at-risk youth succeed, contact Amber Carpenter at amber.carpenter@tampaymca.org or 813.224.9622 ext. 1241.

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About The Stewards Foundation

As a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization, The Stewards Foundation mission is to use the sport of crew (rowing) as a vehicle to raise self-esteem and teach teamwork and responsibility to youngsters within the community of Tampa while giving them an opportunity to enhance their future educational opportunities. The sport of rowing is an endeavor with a natural inclination for doing so because in crew it is not the best athletes that win a race but the athletes that row best together. We value Community, Learning, Teamwork and Responsibility. <http://rowtampa.com/>

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About the Tampa Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area’s leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 160,000 men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community’s health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org