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ANIMALS & ENVIRONMENT

Milliken Bartlett – Helen A. Davis Elementary School

Little Milliken is only in third grade, but her anti-litter campaign is having a big impact on the school's environment. Through her actions, she sets an example while sharing the message that littering is not okay. She picks up trash on the playground, politely educates those she sees littering, and encourages others to take pride in their school's appearance. Milliken even started a letter campaign asking teachers for their support.

Pam Burns – SPCA Tampa Bay

When disaster strikes, Pam springs into action. As a coordinator for the Disaster Animal Response Team (DART), Pam has been instrumental in organizing rescue and recovery missions across the nation. As a highly trained volunteer, Pam has been deployed to work during the aftermath of hurricanes and natural disasters. She has also rescued hundreds of dogs from deplorable conditions in puppy mills and has recruited countless volunteers to help rehabilitate, bathe, feed and find homes for thousands of animals. In addition to passing the Humane Society of the United States' training program, she has helped direct over 300 volunteers to also become certified. Pam's passion and dedication are remarkable.

Linda Delapenha – Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo

As a docent for the zoo, Linda strolls through the grounds with her sidekick Angie, a young llama that Linda helped nurse back to health after its mother died shortly after giving birth. The pair serves as ambassadors, educating visitors about zoo animals and providing a dose of inspiration to anyone challenged by adversity (Angie has a birth defect in her hind legs). Though Linda is vice president of the docent organization, she's better known as "Llama Linda".

Marianne Halleran – Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Marianne is as dedicated to CMA's mission as any of the paid staff. She approaches her work—30 hours each week—with commitment and professionalism, taking an active role in many areas that directly impact the quality of care provided to sick and injured marine life. Through Marianne, others are able to see that caring for another living being is good for the soul. Her public outreach and communication skills are invaluable in expanding educational programs.

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Stephanie Hickey – Bakas Horses for Handicapped

When Stephanie volunteers, she makes it a family affair by sharing the experience with her two children. They all help behind the scenes, and Stephanie is often a key organizer. Her corporate and Tampa Bay Bucs contacts have allowed the center to participate in numerous special events for free. Despite the fact that she had little previous experience with horses, she learned quickly and now develops activities for riders and even helps with instruction.

Jim Iglar – Tampa Bay Watch

Jim contributes so much time and physical labor to restoration and preservation projects that he's considered a legend! He signs up for virtually every available project and has invested more than 130 hours building, shoveling and planting. In fact, he knows the ins and outs of things so well that he's often called upon to explain the programs to other volunteers. Jim's personable demeanor and passion for life makes every project more enjoyable.

**Lindsey Parks – Pinellas County Environmental Management/
Watershed Management**

As a volunteer, Lindsey jumps right in—literally—to conduct water quality sampling in adverse field conditions. She also helped complete a challenging shoreline restoration project, removing invasive exotic species and replanting the shoreline with native plants. And when it comes to training volunteers or fielding questions from concerned citizens, Lindsey's education and experience is a valuable asset to the organization.

Deborah Schwanz – Ronald McDonald House, St. Petersburg

Debbie and her two King Charles Cavalier therapy dogs have made over 280 visits to the Ronald McDonald House over the past seven years. The furry fashionistas named Lindsay and Blaze are always dressed to impress in costumes that delight kids and adults alike. As a registered nurse, Debbie knows the value of laughter in counteracting loneliness and depression, and the joy she brings—if even for a moment—provides welcome relief to many.

Arthur Simon, DVM – The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Dr. Simon and his staff provide a safe haven for animals impacted by domestic violence situations. His services help make the SAVE (Sheltering Animals from Violent Environments) program a success by boarding, treating and caring for pets while their owners relocate to a safe place. Dr. Simon's efforts allow both pets and humans the chance for a fresh start, with the ultimate goal being the health and safety of the animals during times of transition.

