



# Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots USA

## Roots & Shoots – Tampa Bay Basecamp Fall 2023 Project Grants

**Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association** will involve local youth in creating a beautiful, safe, and engaging community space where people can come together to address community needs. The project involves working with a local artist to create a community mural, adding native landscaping and pollinator gardens, and adding new mulch and updated benches to the playground. An interactive "chalkboard" with engaging questions will be placed on the back of the property, which is adjacent to the well trafficked Tampa Heights Greenway.

**Indi-Ed**, a non-profit school in St. Petersburg, will collaborate with several schools in the Cayman Islands to educate their communities on sea turtles and how litter, light, fishing nets and fishing line adversely affect them. Students will research what threats the sea turtles currently face, brainstorm solutions, and use grant funds to launch a local "Turtle Festival" to encourage the community to get involved in making the changes necessary to take all turtles off the endangered list.

**The City of Tampa's Green Team**, in partnership with AmeriCorps and Volunteer Florida, will design a multi-purpose pollinator and memorial garden at Woodlawn Cemetery. The memorial will signify the remembrance of over 500 unmarked graves of low income, black and brown people dating back to the 1880s, as well as providing therapeutic grounding points throughout with the use of native vegetation and their arrangements. Funds for this project will be used for supplies such as native plants, soil, and building supplies.

**The Woodrow Wilson Middle School Agriscience Program and Prodigy Club** will share what they have learned about oyster recycling and renewal and vertical oyster gardening with 5<sup>th</sup> graders at two local elementary schools. The students will talk about how these beneficial bivalves clean bay waters and provide ecosystem services to other marine creatures. Funds will be used to develop printed materials and educational materials for the student teaching event.

**Evan G** will work with local foster care and homeless shelters to incorporate interactive drum circles into children's birthday celebrations. By introducing underserved children to the world of drumming and music-making during their birthday celebrations, the project aims to create positive and memorable experiences that can contribute to their overall well-being. Funds will be used to recruit and train experienced drum facilitators and to

acquire a variety of drums and percussion instruments suitable for children of different ages and abilities.

**Allison G** will work with local foster care, homeless shelters, and rehabilitation centers to provide children with personalized birthday celebrations. By baking and delivering cupcakes on their special day, the project aims to create cherished memories for the children and demonstrate that they are valued and deserve to be celebrated. Funds will be used for baking supplies and to recruit and train volunteers to bake and decorate cupcakes.

**Pepin Academies**, a public charter school for children with learning disabilities, will build a community garden on campus for students to gain practical skills and to support the school's Pack a Sac program. The Pack a Sac program provides meals to low-income students who otherwise battle hunger and access to quality sourced foods. Funds will be used for gardening supplies.

**Grace B** will work with the Tampa Family Health Center to create healthy, easy, and inexpensive recipes using fresh fruits and vegetables from the Center's community garden, as well as healthy items from their food pantry. By having recipes written by a kid for kids, the project aims to help the younger generation learn healthy eating habits. Grace will create recipe booklets to be handed out during cooking classes featuring her recipes at the Center.