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2011 Tampa Bay Red Ribbon Run

Last week Commissioner Beckner hosted the 2011 Tampa Bay Red Ribbon Run which took place at Lowry Park Zoo. This annual event was held in conjunction with World AIDS Day. The event was also a fundraiser for the AIDS Institute and Metro Wellness Community Centers. Participants showed their support for HIV/AIDS education, advocacy, prevention, and treatment programs.

The AIDS Institute, Inc. a 501(c)3 organization, is a national nonprofit organization that promotes action for social change through public policy research, advocacy and education.

Metropolitan Charities, Inc. a 501(c)3 organization, is committed to providing premier HIV services, social networking, and other health and wellness programs that enhance the quality of life. We strive to promote a healthy environment for all and to foster diversity within the community as a whole,



regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status.

"I was pleased to join citizens throughout Hillsborough County on World AIDS Day for the Red Ribbon Run. We must remember those we have lost to this devastating disease, and remind residents and people everywhere that HIV and AIDS has not gone away," said Beckner.



Upcoming Community Office Hours (11:00am – 1:00pm)

Friday, December 16: Upper Tampa Bay Regional Public Library,
11211 Countryway Blvd Tampa, FL 33626 813.964.2971

Friday, January 27: C. Blythe Andrews, Jr Public Library,
2607 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Tampa, FL 33610 813.273.3682

Colonel Robert Rocco Honored by BOCC



Last month, United States Air Force Colonel Robert Rocco was honored by the BOCC upon assuming command of the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base.

The Colonel is responsible for providing world-class prevention and healthcare services to a global air mobility wing, two combatant command headquarters and 35 mission partner units. Colonel Rocco oversees the Department of Defense's largest single catchment area supporting more than 113,000 warfighters, retirees and their families with more than 160,000 clinic visits, 24,000 dental visits and 880,000 ancillary visits annually.

Colonel Rocco was commissioned into the United States Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School in 1987. He has held a wide variety of assignments at the Wing, Numbered Air Force, Major Command and Combined/Joint levels and has participated in multi-national operations throughout the United States Central Command, Pacific Command and European Command Joint Operating Areas. The Colonel has also commanded squadrons in Afghanistan, Germany and Utah.

38th annual Human Rights Council Breakfast



This year, the Tampa / Hillsborough County Human Rights Council will be hosting the 38th Annual Human Rights Breakfast at the Doubletree Hotel located at 4500 West Cypress Street on December 9, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. until about 9:00 a.m.

The theme this year is Freedom Riders: Then & Now. 50 years ago, a courageous group of young people from across America, dedicated to fairness and equality, traveled by bus and train through the nation's southern states, to integrate public spaces.

Commissioner Beckner will join awards recipients and other elected officials at the 38th annual breakfast. He will also make a special presentation on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners recognizing the work and accomplishments of the Human Rights Council.

For more information about the Tampa / Hillsborough Human Rights Council or to purchase tickets to attend the event, you can visit www.thhrc.org.

Current Boards

- Arts Council
- Children's Board
- EPC (*Chair*)
- HART
- Juvenile Justice Task Force (*Chair*)
- MPO
- Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Straz Center Board of Trustees

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Keeping You Informed

There are seven members of the Board of County Commissioners for Hillsborough County. Four are elected from single-member districts, and three are elected county wide. The Board approves the County's operating and capital budgets and the County's capital improvement program. It may take action on any programs for the improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents.

Under a Charter Ordinance that went into effect in May 1985, County Commissioners are to perform legislative functions of government by developing policy for the overall management of Hillsborough County. The County administrative staff are entrusted with the implementation of these policies



Getting Involved in Your County Government

Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are open to the public and are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 9 a.m. Speakers generally are limited to 3 minutes. The Commissioners' offices and boardroom are located on the 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard in downtown Tampa.

The meetings also aired live on Hillsborough Television. Check your cable listings for the appropriate channel in your area. Or you can watch the live streaming broadcast at www.CommissionerBeckner.com.

