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Applications now being accepted for Youth Leadership Pinellas

CLEARWATER (August 20, 2007) – The Youth Leadership Pinellas program, sponsored by Leadership Pinellas and the YMCA of the Suncoast, is accepting applications for the Class of 2007-2008 through October 5, 2007.

Similar to Leadership Pinellas, the program seeks to provide information on community resources and issues, develop an excellence in leadership, build teamwork skills and foster involvement in community services for a diverse group of 10th and 11th grade high school students.

Youth Leadership Pinellas is a seven-month program, operating from November through May. Participants meet for five full-day sessions, plus an orientation retreat and graduation event.

Dialogue is created between established and potential leaders of diverse backgrounds, including business and professional individuals, plus leaders of government, education and other fields. A wide range of topics exposes the youths to the decisions facing their community today. Emphasis is on active, hands-on experience that makes the learning meaningful and interesting.

To be eligible for the program, students must attend an accredited high school in the Tampa Bay area, demonstrate leadership or be emerging leaders in school or community activities, have an interest in addressing issues in their community, be academically sound (a B average or better is recommended), be eager to learn and have strong team spirit and be willing to follow the School Code of Conduct and policy set forth by Youth Leadership Pinellas.

For more information about Youth Leadership Pinellas, or to request a program brochure and application, contact Stephanie Zaragoza at the YMCA of the Suncoast, (727) 467-9622, or Leadership Pinellas, (727) 585-8889.

The YMCA of the Suncoast, a charitable, non-profit organization, serves more than 91,000 members and program participants through its nine branches located in Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando counties.

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