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Dear Agency Volunteer Coordinator or Representative,

The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, the City of Tallahassee, Florida A & M University, Florida State University, Keiser University, Tallahassee Community College, United Partners for Human Services, and VolunteerLEON are proud to announce *Make A Difference Tallahassee 2008 (MADT)*. This event will take place on Saturday, **February 23, 2008** (specific times are TBA). This community-wide day of service is designed to unite the college community with the local residential community to volunteer side-by-side at agencies like yours, in an effort to make a positive difference in Tallahassee. It is estimated that up to 400 volunteers will participate in this event. The success of *Make A Difference Tallahassee* can only be ensured with your help!

The goals of *MADT 2008* are to bridge campus and community together, foster civic responsibility, create and develop partnerships, and promote volunteerism. We will provide your agency with volunteers on February 23, and your agency is being asked to provide a community service project for volunteers that will bring about a quality experience and that will encourage volunteers to serve again in the future.

You and your executive director are invited to join us for the entire event. This will give you the opportunity to see and understand more about what the event is about, from the welcome and energizer before the service, to the powerful reflection following the service. By being there, you will also see what impact this event has on the volunteers that participate. Besides that, the volunteers will feel a great sense of pride and accomplishment if you are there to support and encourage their efforts.

PLEASE NOTE: I further wanted to share that "*Hands on Tallahassee*" (*H.O.T.*), coordinated through St. Peter's Anglican Church, is also taking place on February 23rd. This is St. Peter's annual community support day, when they send hundreds of lay ministers out into the community to serve for the day. So as not to create confusion or concern among agencies, I wanted you to know that the *MADT* planning committee is communicating and working closely with *H.O.T.* coordinators to plan our individual events. We realize that a number of you may already have strong commitments to supporting one or both of these events. Collectively, our hope is that you would participate in at least one of these two events - and depending on how many volunteers you can accommodate, you may be able to have both of our groups involved in serving at your agency that day. That would be super!

Enclosed is a notice of intent to participate. Kindly complete and return that form to me no later than **Friday, September 28th** to express your intent to participate. The form can be sent via fax to (850) 644-3362. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for helping to make *Make A Difference Tallahassee 2008* a great success!

Sincerely,

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