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Quarterly State of the Foundation Report

What a great beginning of the new 2011 year here for Southern Scholarship Foundation! Here is our first quarter State of the Foundation update for the start of another great new year - detailing our strong kick-off with a highly successful fundraiser, our annual Education for Life 5K, Board member additions with slate of new officers and more excitement to come in 2011! (Just click on the image to view the video.)

We are also pleased to highlight one of Southern Scholarship Foundation's alumni in the Alumni Spotlight below.



THANKS FOR MAKING OUR SECOND ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR LIFE 5K A HUGE SUCCESS

We at Southern Scholarship Foundation would like to thank our sponsors and partners, our staff and volunteers, our students and the participants for making our second annual Education for Life 5K here in Tallahassee such a success. The increased awareness and support from this event will provide scholarship support for over 412 students and will assist us in the maintenance of our 25 houses across the state of Florida.



Congratulations to Men's Winner Ben Wenger and to Women's Winner Allison Williams. For all of the results, click [HERE](#).

To make things even more interesting and to keep the runners motivated, the residents of the scholarship houses dressed up and were stationed around the race course to cheer on the runners as they passed. A Spirit competition was held for the houses and the winner received a 50-inch plasma TV donated by Best Buy.

Speaking of sponsors, we would like to encourage you all to support and thank our many sponsors for making this event so successful. Please click [HERE](#) to view our race sponsors.

Want to see more images of the race? Check out lots more photos of the award presentations as you click [HERE](#) and to view the race video, click [HERE](#).



SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday, February 19, 2011. We welcomed in the following five new Board members, and thanked the following departing members for all of their dedication and support of the Foundation. The following slate of officers was also voted in to their new positions.

New SSF Board Members Term of Service: 2011-2014

Pamela Davis - Executive Director/CEO, Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend

John Fort - Medical, Natural Resource Emergency Services, parent of current SSF resident

Dean Piacente - Vice President, Sales & Marketing, CSX Transportation

Kim Rivers - Senior Vice President, Hunter & Harp Holdings, LLC

Jaimi Wacksman - Communications Director, NewspaperClips.com

Executive Committee Officers

Chairman - Jay Newman

Chair Elect - Dhyana Ziegler

Immediate Past Chairman - Jim Wylie

Treasurer - John Harvard

Secretary - John Dailey



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: RONALD BOWEN, ARTIST, ROTARY HOUSE, 1966



Southern Scholarship Foundation is pleased to introduce you to Ronald Bowen, a very accomplished artist and former resident of Rotary Scholarship House, formerly located on Pensacola Street.

Ronald Bowen was an art major at FSU from 1962 to 1967. During January through August 1966 he resided at Rotary House before leaving for Florence in September to complete his BFA while taking advantage of the first Florence program. Except for one year teaching high school art in his home town, Lake Placid, Florida, he has since lived in Europe. For the past 40 years he has been based in Paris, pursuing his career in painting and teaching.



Of his experience as a resident of Southern Scholarship Foundation, Mr. Bowen had the following to say: "These 43 years of living in Europe, besides being very stimulating culturally, have served to turn me into a global citizen much more aware of other cultures. Perhaps the time I spent at Rotary House cooperating in close proximity with 13 other boys from different backgrounds and with different interests helped to prepare me for the rest of my life."

For a more in-depth look at Mr. Bowen's career and to review his artwork, please click [HERE](#).