



## **CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FLORIDA COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SPRUCE UP CITY**

**(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 8/11/06) – Florida College’s incoming freshman class will help spruce up the city’s downtown redevelopment area, riverfront and other sites on Aug. 23. It is part of the school’s Good Samaritan program aimed at strengthening ties between the college and the community.**

**More than 200 students are expected to participate in the daylong project. They will wash windows, pick up trash, pull weeds, remove debris and do other chores. The event is co-sponsored by Florida College, the City of Temple Terrace and the Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club.**

**“The idea is that the freshman class will bond together, working side-by-side in a casual, informal atmosphere. It gives the students a vested interest in the community, and it reinforces our position as a good neighbor in Temple Terrace,” said Ralph Walker, the school’s director of public relations.**

**The Good Samaritan program kicked off two years ago when 150 Florida College students cleaned up Terrace Plaza and committed a huge effort toward sprucing up the riverfront area where Riverside Park is being developed.**

**“That was a major cleanup,” Walker said. “Our kids really care. They really worked hard.”**

**It also helped forge a stronger partnership between the city and the college, said Woody Hubbard, Temple Terrace’s human resources director.**

**“That has been one of the city council’s goals, to establish closer ties with Florida College and the University of South Florida,” he said. “We think it’s a great project. We appreciate the college’s support.”**

**For information about Florida College’s Good Samaritan program, contact Ralph Walker at (813) 899-6764.**

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