

Okaloosa County News Release

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\$9,907.20 Saved by 97 Children in 2007 Teach Children to Save 6 Children Receive \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds

The Teach Children to Save Program, a program of Okaloosa Saves, resulted in 97 children saving \$9,907.20 in their savings accounts. Over \$50,000 dollars has been saved since the program began in 2004. Okaloosa Saves is coordinated by the Okaloosa County-University of Florida Extension program.

Six \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds were awarded randomly this week to children participating in “Teach Children to Save.” Savings bonds have been donated by NEW Customer Services, Eglin Federal Credit Union and Crestview Kiwanis Club. The winners are:

Damien Tanner of Baker

Jessica Heady of Crestview

Madison Tyler Black of Ft. Walton Beach

Carla Staton, Kasey Carr and Hadleigh Robbins, all from Niceville

The Teach Children to Save Program is only one part of the Okaloosa Saves initiative that teaches and encourages people to “Build Wealth, Not Debt.” Okaloosa Saves is a community coalition of the national America Saves initiative. The Okaloosa Saves coalition supports National Teach Children to Save Day, Young Investors program and America Saves Week, February 24-March 1, 2008.

Okaloosa Saves offers worksite and community group programs designed to motivate employees and staff to increase savings/wealth and reduce debt. If you are interested, please look for information at local financial institutions, contact the University of Florida and Okaloosa County Extension office at 850-689-5850 or visit the Okaloosa Saves web site, www.okaloosasaves.org.

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Teach Children to Save A Photo: (L-R) Sherry Harlow, Eglin Federal Credit Union; Savings Bond Winner Carla Staton; Commission Chair Don Amunds; Winner Hadleigh Robbins; Cheryl Walker, Teachers Federal Credit Union & Extension Agent Elaine Courtney.

Teach Children to Save B: Dale Rice, President of First National Bank of Crestview; Savings Bond Winner Damien Tanner, Winner Jessica Heady, Susan Fabry, HR Director-NEW Customer Services Co.; Winner Kasey Carr, Sherry Harlow, Eglin Federal Credit Union & County Commissioner Sherry Campbell.