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Okaloosa Saves Program Teaches Children to Save & Manage Money 109 Children Saved \$13,811.86

Okaloosa Saves Taught 109 children to save \$13,811.86 this year. The Teach Children to Save Program is a part of the Okaloosa Saves program coordinated by the Okaloosa County-University of Florida Extension to help build wealth and reduce debt. Over \$100,000 dollars have saved since the program began in 2004.

Six \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds were awarded randomly this week to participating children who set savings goals and made savings deposits. Savings bonds were provided by Okaloosa Saves. The 2009 winners are Kaylee Adkins, Morgan Augustine, Brooklyn Costinett, Jasmine Dumas, Katie Huberty and Maia Zagarieyka.

Okaloosa Saves' next event is the Eco-Nomic Living Expo Feb. 27, 2010, which combines family activities, expo booths and seminars to present ways to save money, through environmental and health changes. If you would like to be a vendor, sponsor or just get involved in the fun, educational event, contact the University of Florida and Okaloosa County Extension office at 850-689-5850 or visit the Okaloosa Saves web site, www.okaloosasaves.org. Okaloosa Saves is a community coalition of the national America Saves initiative.

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