In honor of your dear friend, Terri Ellison, Frameworks of Tampa Bay Inc has set up the Terri Ellison Teens In Action™ Scholarship. This memorial was made possible through your kind donation to our organization in Terri’s name and will allow more students to participate in our civic engagement and leadership program for youth.

The Teens In Action™ (TIA) program builds the foundational competencies of emotional intelligence (EQ) in our youth, aligning with Frameworks’ mission, to ensure all youth have the tools and strategies to reach their full potential. Currently, there are 4 different TIA cohorts: TIA Tampa (drawing from 26 different local high schools), and 3 on campus clubs at Brandon High School, Brooks DeBartolo High School, and Cristo Rey High School. Each year students attending 9th through 12th grade at a school in Hillsborough County are eligible to apply to the program. This program has a $350 participation fee, but no student is turned away based upon financial need. The Terri Ellison Teens In Action™ Scholarship will ensure more students will be able to access financial assistance.

Potential participants must demonstrate:
- A desire to develop social and emotional competencies to enhance their emotional intelligence and leadership skills.
- A strong commitment to community service and learning. Students will be able to complete 80 hours of service time towards Florida’s Bright Futures.

The program runs each school year and includes:
- TIA participant and parent orientation
- Opening EQ retreat
- Bi-monthly EQ workshops with intentional curriculum and local community leader guest speakers
- Bi-monthly TIA networking sessions/planning committee meetings for team leads and TIA advisory committee
- Weekly volunteering at local community sites
- Capstone project identified, planned, and successfully ran by the students benefitting local need
- TIA end of year celebration
- Seniors have the opportunity to apply for a college scholarship with essay submission on what the program has done for them

At our annual Tampa Oyster Fest (12/11/22), our Frameworks’ fundraiser, we host a VIP lounge where tickets for access go towards our TIA scholarships. It will be our pleasure to note at the event our new Terri Ellison scholarship opportunity that will provide more scholarships for our TIA students. If you would like to know more about our Oyster Fest, you can visit www.tampaoyysterfest.com.

With grateful hearts,
The Frameworks Board of Directors and Staff