

## The Church of Scientology Downtown Block Party Celebrates the Centennial of the Historic Clearwater Building in style

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, US, November 22, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Saturday November 17th the <u>Church of</u> <u>Scientology Flag Service Organization</u> celebrated the Centennial of the Historic Clearwater Building, as the highlight of its quarterly Downtown Block Party for the community. The event brought 2,000 neighbors, families and local non-profits together to celebrate. Guests enjoyed live music, carnival games, balloons, face painting, raffles and more on the corner of Cleveland Street and Fort Harrison and learned solutions for societal issues.

"We wanted to share this local milestone with our neighbors and local non-profits that help others every day," said Nicole Biancolini, the event organizer.



The Church of Scientology's Flag Band entertaining guests at the Downtown Block Party on November 17th in celebration of the Historic Clearwater Building's Centennial (left).

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The Clearwater Building has been a part of downtown for 100 years, so it is apt for us to celebrate this anniversary with the community." Nicole Biancolini, Church of Scientology Block Party organizer A 1920's theme was imbued throughout the event. The <u>Scientology</u> Information Center (housed in the Clearwater Building) featured a 1920s photo station where guests took group pictures and selfies with themed photo props. In addition to other activities, parked on the Fort Harrison side of Cleveland Street was a fire truck from the Clearwater Fire Department where kids got to see and "touch-a-truck."

Participating non-profits included: A Will and Way, Inc., My Hope Chest, Veterans 4 Child Rescue, Dogs for Deployment, Clearwater Community Gardens, The Benevolution Foundation, Toastmasters, Clearwater Community Volunteers, Narconon Suncoast, Applied Scholastics Community Learning Center, and L. Ron Hubbard East Coast Theatre. Guests also visited the humanitarian centers sponsored by the Church of Scientology: United for Human Rights, The Way to Happiness Association Tampa Bay, <u>Foundation for a Drug-Free World</u>, Criminon, Scientology Volunteer Ministers, and Citizens Commission on Human Rights. For those wanting to find out about these programs, guests were provided with educational materials that included drug prevention, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, non-religious moral education and Scientology Tools for Life.

The Block party concluded with its eagerly-awaited free chance drawing. Those with the lucky numbers won prizes such as movie pass vouchers, gift certificates from local participating restaurants, \$100, \$250, and \$500 VISA gift cards.

One mother who attended the party with her kids for the first time said, "I just moved here from Baltimore and now live in Tampa. I heard about this event from a friend of mine that works with me. I really like this event and I'm excited to go visit all of the humanitarian centers and the nonprofit organizations. Thank you for being so kind and putting this event on."

The Church's next Downtown Block Party will be held on February 9th in 2019. For more information about future community events or the Church of Scientology-sponsored humanitarian programs, please contact Amber at 727-467-6966 or amber@cos.flag.org.

About the Church of Scientology:

The Scientology religious philosophy was founded by L. Ron Hubbard. The first Church of Scientology was formed in the United States in 1954 and has expanded to more than 11,000 churches, missions and affiliated groups in 167 nations. Scientologists are optimistic about life and believe there is hope for a saner world and better civilization, and actively do all they can to help achieve this. For more information please visit <u>www.scientology-fso.org</u> or <u>www.scientology.tv</u>.

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