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Gourmet Feastival

AUGUST 7, 2025 ★ HIGGINS HALL ★ TAMPA

BENEFITING THE HELEN GORDON DAVIS CENTRE FOR WOMEN





Featuring **Almost ABBA**



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Singing Hits Like
Dancing Queen
Mamma Mia

Take A Chance On Me
Gimme, Gimme, Gimme

EVENT DETAILS

THURSDAY,
AUG. 7, 2025
5:00-8:30 PM
HIGGINS HALL TAMPA

Not a Parish-Sponsored Event

- **HIGGINS HALL**
5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa
Plenty of parking and easy access for vendors.
Space is limited so reserve your table today!
- The Gourmet Festival is a signature event featuring food samples, spirits and beverages from Tampa Bay's finest restaurants, caterers and beverage distributors.

THE TASTIEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

- Expected Attendance: 1,000
(prepare samples for 250-300)
- All proceeds benefit The Helen Gordon Davis Centre for Women, a non-profit 501 (c)(3)

Participant Guidelines

PRESENTATION AND SAMPLING:

- We provide the booth, you as a participant provide sample-size servings of your favorite dish or beverage.
(Please note: Alcohol samplings are limited to two ounces per guest.)

- Plates, paper products and eating utensils **WILL BE PROVIDED** at each booth.

- Participants are encouraged to decorate their booths and display their menus and information.

- **PLEASE BE READY TO RECEIVE GUESTS BY 4:30 P.M.**
FOOD SERVICE IS FROM 5- 8:30 PM.

- **At 5 p.m.** promptly, we will have our VIP guests enter the ballroom. **At 6 p.m.**, we will open the ballroom to all guests. Please remember to wait until 8:30 p.m. before closing down your booth.

STAFFING:

- Participants are responsible for providing adequate number of staff personnel to set up, tear down and operate their booths during the event.
- Each vendor is permitted to have up to 5 staff members per booth. Please instruct your staff to sign in at Vendor Check-In prior to entering the event.
- **Set up will begin at noon.**
PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE YOUR BOOTH SET-UP NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM AS OUR VIP RECEPTION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 5 PM.

- **PLEASE BRING ALL NECESSARY CARTS, DOLLIES ETC. FOR TRANSPORT OF YOUR EQUIPMENT AND FOOD/BEVERAGES.**

LAYOUT/BOOTH SPACE:

- We will follow-up with you via email or by phone after we receive your participation form.
- Two (2) six-foot tables are provided for display of samples, menus, etc. Front table skirted, back table draped with linen.
- **NO PROPANE CAN BE USED** but you may use butane. Please provide your own extension cords. **You must bring a fire extinguisher if you are using sterno or butane.**
- Limited booths with electricity. Available on a first-come basis.
Please mark as needing electricity.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT:

2025 Gourmet Festival Restaurant Chair
Andy Madsen: 813-812-1719
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The Development Office
813-251-8437
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We got about 50 potential client emails from the event with about 10 clients who did repeat events & private home chef bookings. It was a fun event and definately worthwhile for us.



- CHEF JASON

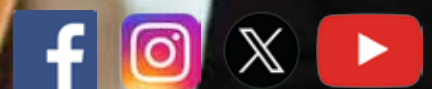
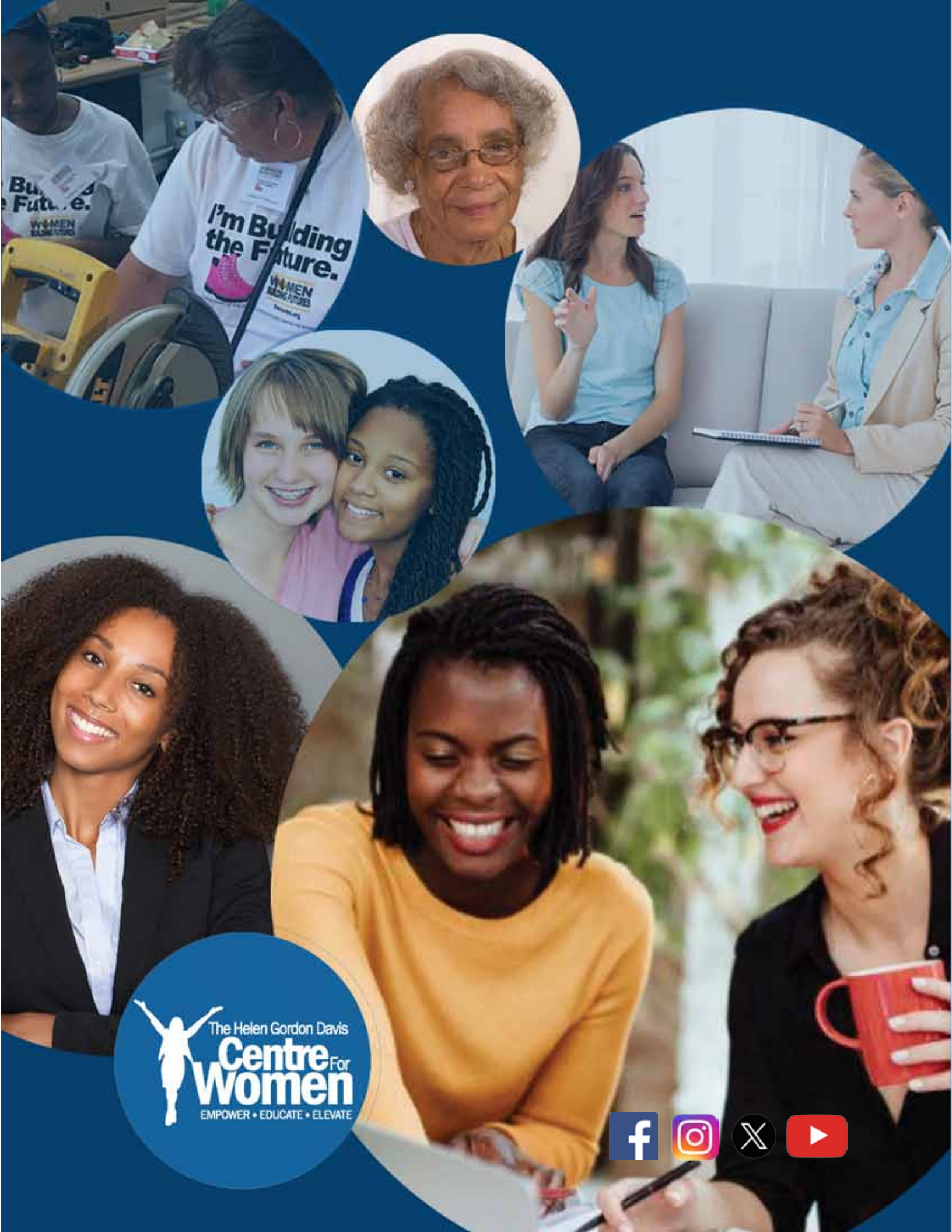
Care Package Meal Prep & Private Chef Company



Photos
from last year's event







THE TAMPA BAY WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTRE

Our Women's Business Centre (WBC) is part of a network of 144 WBCs nationwide dedicated to helping female entrepreneurs to launch and grow their businesses. Funded in part through the Small Business Administration's Federal Office of Women's Business Ownership, our team of professionals help women with training and coaching in entrepreneurial readiness, business plans, networking, career transitions and access to capital. It is the only SBA-designated women's business centre on the west coast of Florida.

TAMPA BAY WORKS FOR WOMEN

Success Strategies for Employment

One of our core programs, this unique workforce development programs provides employment services to help people to prepare for jobs and overcome barriers for women who need help in finding employment or better jobs.

Women Building Futures

This is an accredited construction training program for women who would like to explore options in the lucrative construction field. The 15-week course is accredited by the National Center for Education and Research. Participants also graduate with OSHA Certification.

The Pat Collier Frank Women's Leadership Institute

A strategic initiative designed to help women develop power skills and confidence to achieve their career goals. Our virtual certificate series is led by experts with a focus on essential skills and personal traits needed to move women forward into leadership roles. It is named after one of Tampa's iconic champions for women, Pat Collier Frank, who through her public service and efforts for equality, opened doors for women in our community.



COUNSELING & WELLNESS

The Centre for Women offers free clinical counseling at two locations in the Tampa area: The Centre for Women headquarters in Hyde Park and the Kathy Castor Centre for Counseling & Wellness at 105 W. Sligh Ave. Our counselors create a safe judgment-free space to help clients chart a course for mental wellness. Common issues include difficult transitions, relationship struggles, loss and grief, anxiety, and depression. Clients find that professional support restores a sense of hopefulness and improves the overall quality of their lives. In-person and virtual counseling sessions are by appointment. Clients can receive up to 12 sessions at no charge. Counseling can be provided in Spanish.

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS FOR GIRLS

We have built a reputation for excellence in programming and numerous community partnerships focused on helping at-risk girls to achieve their potential. We work with various community partners to help middle school girls with social-emotional learning and programs on career preparation.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Our wide range of construction services are funded by Hillsborough County's Affordable Housing Program and Senior Connection Services to enable income-eligible homeowners to maintain their homes and enjoy independent living. The program is directed by a licensed general contractor and construction work is done by experienced crews.



YES, COUNT US IN!

Thursday, Aug. 7, 2024 | Higgins Hall

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Restaurant/Company Name (as you want it to appear in the program):

Contact Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Facebook _____ Twitter _____ Instagram _____

Restaurant Description: _____

Please add below a description as you would like it to appear in the event program. Attach additional pages if necessary. If you participated last year, please indicate "SAME AS LAST YEAR" if you would like us to use the description from 2024.

Hours of Operation: _____ Will you need electricity for your booth? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorizing Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Solicitor _____

Please mail, fax or email this form to:

Attn: Trinity Oliver | The Centre for Women | 305 S. Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606

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