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If that doesn't get you all shook up, this will: Joining him onstage will be our fun-loving emcees, **10 Tampa Bay's Angelina Salcedo** and **Miranda Parnell**.

Everyone knows that the King of Rock 'N' Roll was a food lover. He would be so impressed by the array of delicious samples and beverages at this fabulous food fest. Whether it's barbecue, beer, Bundt cakes or anything in between, you will find it all here tonight.

The Gourmet Festival is more than simply Tampa's most delicious party; it is an essential fundraiser for The Centre for Women. Proceeds support all of our programs and services. This year's party would not have been possible without the help of so many generous sponsors.

We can't help falling in love with **Stephanie Smith** at **TECO** who helped to get the party started by agreeing to be this year's presenting sponsor. When the doors of The Centre for Women opened 46 years ago, TECO was the first company to step forward to support our work to empower, educate and elevate women and girls. Since then, more than 200,000 people have turned to us for help.

Heartfelt thanks to this year's Festival Chair **Elizabeth Colón** and Co-chair **Tiffany Kleber** along with Restaurant Chair **Andy Madsen**, and our fabulous Festival committee. You will find their names highlighted in this program.

We are also grateful to our Board members, silent auction donors, volunteers, dedicated staff and all who have made this celebration possible. And, as Elvis would say, *Thank you. Thank You Very Much.*

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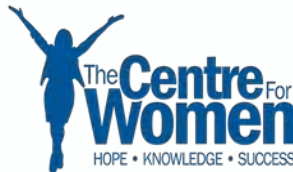
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## COUNSELING AND WELLNESS

Another core program at The Helen Gordon Davis Centre for Women is our Counseling and Wellness program. This is a behavioral health program which provides low-cost clinical counseling for adults, children, teens, couples and families, with extensive public outreach for services at multiple sites, group education classes, and year-round workshops. Licensed, Master's prepared counselors help individuals negotiate everyday challenges such as job loss, divorce, death, parental and child issues; domestic violence and depression.



## CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Launched more than three decades ago, our **Senior Home Improvement Program** has expanded to meet the increasing needs of the community. A 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 of both women and men.





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## CENTERING ON GIRLS

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