



**2010 National Alternative Break Awards  
Alternative Break T-Shirt of the Year  
University of Florida**

**Nominator:** Nicole Azzi, Director of Education – Florida Alternative Breaks

**Designer:** Steph Davlantes, Director of Public Relations – Florida Alternative Breaks

**Highlights:**

In keeping with the vision of Florida Alternative Breaks, “To create active citizens through a commitment to community service, leadership and social change,” this year’s shirts were made from “recycled” materials. Instead of spending their budget on new shirts, the leadership of FAB asked every student to donate one of their own shirts with the knowledge that their same shirt would be returned to them at the end of the year.

The design was screen printed on the side of the shirt that previously had the most prominently displayed logo or design; this was done so that FAB could “leave its impression.” This method was chosen because of its sustainability and also with the knowledge that 308 individually handcrafted shirts would catch the attention of other students and would exemplify the alternative break program’s commitment to being a socially conscious organization. By printing shirts in this way and educating the alternative break participants about the process, FAB hopes to create awareness and inspire others to pursue sustainable practices.

“The design itself depicts a diverse network of exchange through a series of ‘lending hands’ . Florida Alternative Breaks promotes itself as being a ‘hands on experience’ wherein students are able to take the learning from classrooms and apply it in real world situations. The ‘09-10 shirt design demonstrates the give and take of community service and promotes the idea that doing one good deed can start a chain of kind acts as it inspires others to take part in their community,” says Nicole Azzi, Director of Education.

