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## TOWNE PARK AND THE CHECK FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE THE 2010 VALENTINE MEMORIAL SCHOLAR

**ANNAPOLIS, MD [May 14, 2010]:** Towne Park and The Check Foundation are pleased to announce the 2010 recipient of the Valentine Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship has been awarded to David South of Fort Worth, Texas. David will receive \$10,000 in tuition assistance and, based on eligibility, could receive up to \$40,000 over his college tenure.

The Check Foundation received over 25 eligible applications for the Valentine Memorial Scholarship for the 2010/2011 academic year. Based on the applicant pool, the scholarship was awarded to the applicant who: (1) is in good academic standing, (2) embodied the ideal Valentine Scholar, and, (3) demonstrated a financial need.

David South is a Towne Park Guest Service Coordinator at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. Although they share the same last name, David South is not related to Jerry South, founder of Towne Park.

### ABOUT VALENTINE SCHOLAR DAVID SOUTH

David is planning to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas this fall and is pursuing a four-year degree in Business Administration. In 10 years, David plans to be working in an administration department of a hospital. In his application, David stated “I want to be able to help people and families get through their unfortunate situations of having someone who struggles with Autism...I want to be able to pull communities together to help lead people in the right direction on this issue.” He ended his future goals section with “My goal is to make living with Autism a little easier.”



In 2001, David was awarded the Eagle Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. The designation is held for life, “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle” is their motto. “Becoming an Eagle Scout has given me the knowledge and leadership skills it takes to manage and budget my life on a day-to-day basis. The training and survival techniques...have given me the power and will help to keep my head held high.” David shared. He went on to say, “This is the best training I have ever accomplished.”

## **ABOUT THE VALENTINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Valentine Memorial Scholarship was created by The Check Foundation and Towne Park to honor the memory of Robert James Valentine, a colleague, friend and one of The Check Foundation's largest supporters.

Part of Bob's passion in life was teaching others what he learned, developing people's talents and strengths, and encouraging individuals to pursue their dreams and aspirations. This scholarship was created to honor Bob's memory and passion for life.

Annually, The Check Foundation will award one student a **\$10,000** college tuition scholarship to be disbursed in equal installments per college semester. Based on eligibility, The Check Foundation will continue to provide financial support during the recipients' two- or four-year undergraduate program. During their college tenure, a student could receive up to **\$40,000** in tuition assistance from the Valentine Memorial Scholarship Fund. By 2012, The Check Foundation envisions providing assistance to four college students through the Valentine Memorial Scholarship Fund. To learn more about the Valentine Memorial Scholarship, visit [www.thecheckfoundation.org/scholarship.html](http://www.thecheckfoundation.org/scholarship.html).

David South is the second recipient of the scholarship. The first scholarship was awarded in 2009 to Jesse Burke of Silver Spring, Maryland. Jesse has maintained his eligibility and continues to receive support from the foundation.

## **ABOUT THE CHECK FOUNDATION**

Founded in 2004, The Check Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization established to serve and support the communities in which Towne Park associates live and work. The Check Foundation's charitable focus is to help children in need - specifically with education. We strive to support and contribute to other non-profit organizations providing educational resources, tutoring, learning disabilities instruction, special needs, and extraordinary educational programs. To learn more about The Check Foundation, visit [www.thecheckfoundation.org](http://www.thecheckfoundation.org).

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