



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS. MENTORS. HOPE.

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Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the December edition of the Take Stock Tribune! As the year draws to a close, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support throughout 2024. From the success of our Stock the Cellars Wine Auction to preparing for our 6th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K, we've continued to provide life-changing opportunities for the students we serve.

In this issue, we're sharing highlights from 2024, exciting updates on our upcoming events, and ways you can help us make an even greater impact in 2025. Recent highlights include our Drive Shack Mentor/Mentee event, New Student Orientation and handing out Thanksgiving meals to families in need. Together, we're building brighter futures, one student at a time.

Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Thank you for being an essential part of the Take Stock Palm Beach family. Stay tuned for more updates by following our emails, newsletter and social media pages. Wishing you all a great month.

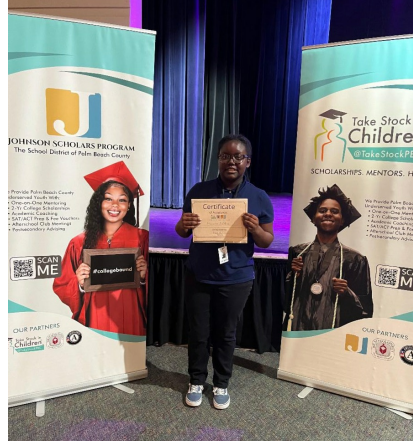
Warmly,

The Take Stock Palm Beach Team



PROGRAM NEWS

New Student Orientation



We proudly hosted our New Student Orientation event at Forest Hill High School, welcoming 80 new students into the Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County program. This milestone event marked the beginning of an exciting journey for these students and their families.

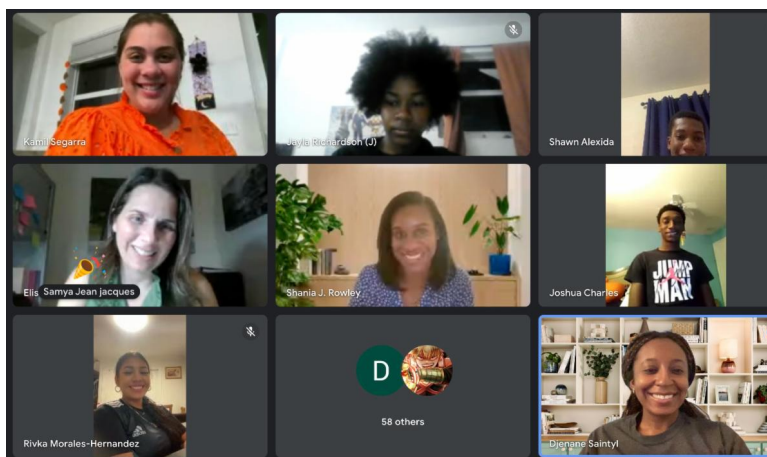
The orientation provided an opportunity to celebrate their acceptance into the program and introduce them to the resources and support they will receive to achieve their academic and personal goals. Students were officially welcomed by our staff and mentors, and their families were provided with essential information about the program's expectations and benefits, including our two-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship.

A highlight of the event was the ceremonial distribution of student acceptance letters. Each student was recognized for their achievement, receiving their letter as families and supporters cheered them on. Following this, students proudly signed their names on the Student Acceptance Board, symbolizing their commitment to the program and their future success.

This special day set the tone for their journey with our program, emphasizing the importance of education, perseverance, and community support. We are thrilled to guide these young scholars as they embark on their path to post-secondary success!

MENTOR NEWS

Inspiring Career Mentoring Sessions



This year, we aimed to introduce students to a wide range of career opportunities they might not have considered before. In addition to our Hospitality field trip, we've been hosting monthly group mentoring sessions featuring professionals from diverse industries.

In September, Yasmine Julmisse from WPBF shared her journey to becoming a television

reporter. As a Wellington High School alumna, Yasmine offered an honest account of her challenges and triumphs. She emphasized that while the path to success wasn't always smooth, hard work and perseverance made it possible to achieve her goals.

October's session spotlighted our very own staff members. For many students, it was their first introduction to nonprofit organizations. Each of our team members shared their unique career journeys, highlighting the different paths that led them to their roles. The session underscored the idea that there are multiple ways to achieve a goal.

In November, Detective Bevin England from the Broward Sheriff's Office spoke to the students. He recounted his immigration journey from Jamaica, where his father served as a police officer. Initially pursuing engineering, Detective England ultimately found his calling in law enforcement. His career path included roles as a corrections officer and positions across various departments before becoming a detective specializing in financial crimes. His story demonstrated that careers can evolve, offering growth and new opportunities.

We're thrilled to continue these sessions, helping students explore career paths they may not have previously considered!

Are you interested in doing a virtual session? Please reach out to Kamil Segarra at ksegarra@takestockpalmbeach.org.



WE NEED MENTORS!

GUIDE, INSPIRE, EMPOWER: BECOME A MENTOR

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

-  You Commit to 1 School Year of School-Based Mentoring, 3x/p month either In Person or Virtual.
-  Be a Friend and Motivator. Help Guide Under-Resourced Students Toward Success.
-  As a Result, Your Mentee Receives a Guaranteed 2-Year College Scholarship!

Become a mentor with Take Stock in Children and make a lasting impact on the lives of underserved students in Palm Beach County. Just 1 hour a week can inspire and guide a young person towards a brighter future and provide them with the opportunity to pursue higher education.

No experience necessary. All backgrounds welcome.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

SCAN AND APPLY



www.TakeStockPalmBeach.org/Mentors



Current Take Stock Mentors, don't forget to check out the Mentor HUB for regular updates and info!

[Click Here to Access the Mentor HUB](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

6th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K Run



Get ready to run for a cause! We're excited to invite you to the 6th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K, happening on February 15, 2025, in beautiful Singer Island. Lace up your running shoes and come out to support our mission of providing college scholarships for low-income students in Palm Beach County. Every step helps bridge the gap to brighter futures!

All participants will enjoy a delicious post-race breakfast provided by Castaways, along with awesome swag bags and UPF shirts to keep you covered in style. Don't miss this chance to make an impact while enjoying a beautiful day on the island!

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

ABOUT US

At-risk teens face overwhelming challenges as they struggle with poverty. They desperately need the support of Take Stock in Children and its caring sponsors.

We have 11 Students remaining on our 2024 Waitlist.

By sponsoring a Waitlisted Student, either full or partial, your generous donation will help a student break free from adversity, unlock their potential, and create a positive life.

YOUR DONATION

Your sponsored teen will receive 5-8 years of support services:

- A Guaranteed 2-Year College Scholarship
- One-on-One Mentoring
- In school Academic Coaching
- Career Guidance
- Post Secondary Retention

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PLEASE HELP WAITLISTED STUDENTS



HELP DONATE \$ANY

ALL DONATION AMOUNTS WELCOMED

At Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County, we believe in the power of education to break the cycle of poverty. Right now, 11 promising students are eagerly waiting to join our program —but they need your help.

Our Waitlist Campaign highlights these students' inspiring stories and dreams. By sponsoring a student, you'll not only provide them with educational opportunities but also help pave their way to a brighter future.

Each student requires funding to unlock their future. This provides vital program services, including mentorship and college readiness support.

Your generosity will change lives, ensuring these students receive the support and resources they need to succeed. Any contribution—big or small—moves us closer to our goal of transforming lives through education. Together, we can make a difference.

[Click here to learn more and make your donation today: Donate Here.](#)

Thank you for believing in the power of education and for being a part of our mission to create lasting change in our community.

P.S. Every dollar makes a difference. Let's work together to ensure no student is left waiting.

[Click to Sponsor a Student](#)

WAYS TO SUPPORT

We appreciate your time and interest in our organization. Take Stock in Children's program model is rated "best in class" by the Florida Legislature, with 98% of our students graduating high school and 74% obtaining a post-secondary credential (compared to only 27% of their peer group). For low-income and minority students, education is the key to success and upward mobility. Take Stock in Children is the single-largest nonprofit purchaser of Florida Prepaid College Foundation Scholarships, with assets totaling more than \$250M and over \$20M awarded to Palm Beach County students. Our scholarship plans are purchased at half-price and matched \$ for \$ through our partnership with the Florida Prepaid Foundation, enabling us to serve twice as many students.

Join us, "take stock in a child today," and help us ensure that all students, no matter their background, have equitable access to quality education.

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