



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS. MENTORS. HOPE.

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Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the January edition of the Take Stock Tribune! As we enter into 2025, we are filled with gratitude for your support and excitement for the incredible opportunities that lie ahead. Your generosity and dedication have made it possible for us to change the lives of countless students, helping them overcome barriers and achieve their dreams of higher education. This year, we are committed to expanding our reach, enhancing our programs, and continuing to inspire the next generation of leaders.

This month, we kicked off the new year with multiple FAFSA workshops to help prepare our seniors for Graduation. Stay tuned for more upcoming workshops and program events as we will have many college tours and campus site visits coming up. We're thrilled to share that we celebrated our mentors this month, as January was Mentor Appreciation Month! Our mentors are the heart of our program and we could not do this without them. Also, a reminder to mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K on February 15th over the Blue Heron Bridge in Singer Island. We hope to see you all there!

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



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## PROGRAM NEWS

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# FAFSA Workshop at Forest Hill High School

Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County hosted an engaging and informative FAFSA workshop at Forest Hill High School. The event was designed to guide students through the essential process of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a critical step in accessing financial aid for post-secondary education.

The workshop provided students with detailed instructions on completing the FAFSA accurately, ensuring they understood each section of the application. Topics included gathering required documentation, navigating the online application system, and identifying key deadlines. Students also learned about the types of financial aid available, such as grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and federal loans.

In addition to the comprehensive walkthrough of the FAFSA process, students had the opportunity to ask questions and receive one-on-one support from knowledgeable TRiO staff members. This personalized assistance ensured that every student felt confident in completing their application.

We are proud to have supported our students in taking this important step toward securing their financial future and pursuing their educational goals. A special thank you to TRiO, the staff at Forest Hill High School for hosting us, and to all the students who participated with enthusiasm and determination!

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## MENTOR NEWS

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### Thank you Mentors

At Take Stock in Children Palm Beach, we believe in the power of mentorship to change lives, and today, and as we celebrate national mentoring month we're thrilled to recognize and thank the incredible mentors who have dedicated 5, 10, and 15 years of service to our students.

These mentors have gone above and beyond, providing guidance, support, and encouragement that have shaped the futures of countless young individuals. Their unwavering commitment to fostering academic success, personal growth, and a brighter future for our scholars exemplifies the true spirit of community.

We want to give a special recognition to Mrs. Yasmine Stem who has been with us for 15 years. She has had an unwavering commitment to Take Stock and her mentees, we honor your extraordinary dedication and the countless students whose lives you've touched along the way.

Thank you to all our mentors for your ongoing passion, compassion, and belief in the power of education. Your contributions make all the difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your partnership in our mission.

Here's to many more years of making a difference, one student at a time!



# 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](http://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**

**ALL DONATION AMOUNTS WELCOMED**

**HELP DONATE \$ANY**

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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