



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS. MENTORS. HOPE.



Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the March edition of the Take Stock Tribune! Last month was full of impact, inspiration, and opportunities for our students at Take Stock! From the success of our 6th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K, raising crucial funds to purchase college scholarships, to our mentor spotlight, highlighting the incredible individuals who guide our students toward success, February was a month to remember.

This month, we held multiple workshops to help our juniors prepare for senior year and student interviews to welcome new students into the program. We are also gearing up for Graduation and our 2nd Annual College Decision Day. We are excited to celebrate this year's class of 2025 and we hope to see you all at the Hilton for College Decision Day on April 28th!

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

Exploring Possibilities: Students Tour Florida's Top Colleges & Universities



Thank you to the Johnson Scholarship Foundation, our students had an incredible opportunity to visit the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, Florida State University, and Florida A&M University—immersing themselves in campus life, connecting with student leaders, and envisioning their futures.

From personalized guided tours led by current students and alumni to engaging conversations with program officials and campus leaders, our students gained valuable insights into academic programs, campus resources, and the rich traditions that make each institution unique.

Experiences like these are game changers, helping students see firsthand what's possible and empowering them to take the next steps toward their educational and career goals.

A huge thank you to the student leaders, faculty, and alumni who welcomed and inspired our students along the way. The future is bright!

2nd Annual College Decision Day

A blue poster with white text and graphics. At the top, it says 'SAVE THE DATE' in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'COLLEGE DECISION DAY CELEBRATION' in smaller white letters. In the center, there is a photo of a smiling young woman wearing a blue baseball cap and a white top, pointing towards the viewer. Surrounding her are four thought bubbles containing logos for Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Florida International University (FIU), the University of Florida (UF), and the University of Central Florida (UCF) Knights. At the bottom, the date 'MON | 28 | APR' is written in large white letters, followed by '6:00 PM' and 'At Hilton West Palm Beach'. At the very bottom, there are logos for 'Take Stock in Children' and a large white letter 'J' on a blue background.

We are thrilled to announce our 2nd Annual College Decision Day on April 28th at 6:00 PM at the beautiful Hilton West Palm Beach!

College Decision Day is a special evening dedicated to recognizing our students' hard work, resilience, and bright futures. Surrounded by their families, mentors, and supporters, our seniors will proudly announce their college choices as they walk across stage. This event marks the

beginning of an exciting new chapter as they take the next step in their academic journeys.

Let's come together to cheer on our students as they make their college dreams a reality! To sponsor or purchase tickets to the event, please click the link below.

****Please checkout as 'General Admission' for the general public. Mentors, students and parents who have not yet registered, please contact our office.****

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MENTOR NEWS

Thank you Mentors



On January 29th, we gathered at the beautiful Café Saporì to honor the dedicated mentors who make a lasting impact on our community. With over 125 mentors and guests in attendance, the evening was filled with gratitude, inspiration, and well-deserved recognition.

A highlight of the night was celebrating those who have been mentoring with us for 5, 10, and even 15 years—an incredible testament to their commitment to guiding and uplifting others. In addition to these milestones, we proudly presented special awards to individuals who went above and beyond in their roles:

Mentor of the Year – Dr. Shannon Solis and Mrs. Shar Solis
Rookie of the Year– Zvonko Cindrìch
Recruiter of the Year – Suveer Bahirwani
Essential Piece Award – Sonia Soto

Each of these honorees exemplifies the heart and soul of our mentoring program, and we are beyond grateful for their dedication. The event also sparked enthusiasm among attendees, as we continue to receive mentor applications from those inspired by the evening.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating our mentors—your support helps us grow and strengthen this incredible community. We look forward to another year of mentorship, impact, and connection!



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!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

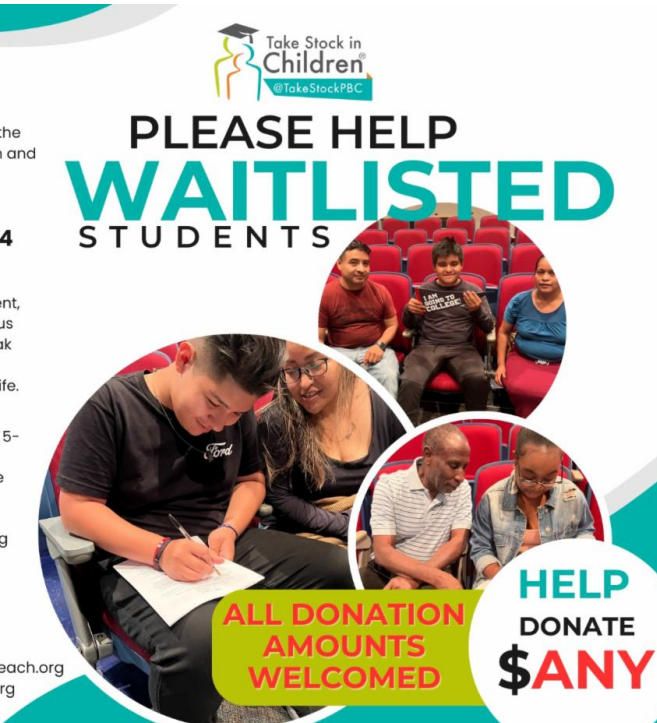
6th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K Run



Our 6th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K presented by Florida Crystals was a huge success, bringing together 950 participants who ran, walked, and supported our mission to break the cycle of poverty through education. Together, we raised an amazing \$125,000 to provide life-changing scholarships and mentorship for students in Palm Beach County!

A huge thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and every runner who showed up to make a difference. Your support helps us empower students to achieve their dreams of a college education.

Help Sponsor a Student Today!



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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ALL DONATION AMOUNTS WELCOMED

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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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