



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS. MENTORS. HOPE.



Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the June edition of the Take Stock Tribune! As June comes to a close, we're reflecting on a month filled with gratitude, growth, and fresh beginnings. This week, we said farewell to our incredible AmeriCorps team whose dedication and heart made a lasting impact on our students and staff. We wrapped up the year with a meaningful celebration alongside our full team, taking a moment to honor the progress we've made and the people who helped make it possible.

Now, we're turning our attention to the road ahead. Summer is a critical time for preparing our students for the upcoming school year — from class scheduling to college readiness and everything in between. We're especially excited for our 17th Annual Target Back to School Shopping events, taking place on August 1st and 4th. With two event dates this year, we're looking forward to reaching even more students and helping them start the school year with confidence and the supplies they need to thrive. Thank you for continuing to stand with us and support our mission.

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

Senior Summit



As we closed out the academic year, Take Stock Palm Beach and Johnson Scholars proudly hosted the annual Senior Summit—a culminating event designed to help our graduating seniors confidently transition into their next chapter.

This year's Summit was held at Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach State College – Lake Worth Campus, welcoming 101 seniors from across the county. They were provided breakfast and lunch throughout the workshops and campus tours.

Students had the opportunity to: activate their Florida Prepaid Scholarships.



This allowed them to also register for or confirm their college class schedules, receive guidance on accessing on-campus and community-based resources, and engage with representatives and student support services from their future institutions.

We are especially excited to share that 109 students attended the summit between both locations. The energy and excitement were tangible as students took tangible steps toward their futures.

We are immensely proud of the Class of 2025 and look forward to all they will accomplish in the years to come.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



As a proud Alumni of Take Stock Palm Beach, Victoria recently stopped by our office to say hello and share updates on her journey — a full-circle moment that reminded us just how powerful our program can be. We are incredibly proud to feature her as this month's Alumni Spotlight, and we know she will continue to make a lasting impact in the medical field and beyond.

Victoria Estevez is a third-year medical student at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) in Bradenton. She is preparing to begin her clinical rotations this month after spending the past two years immersed in rigorous classroom

During her pre-clinical years, Victoria served as a Student Ambassador for LECOM Bradenton, President of the Student Government Association, and as a member of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP).

Through these roles, she attended national conferences, engaged in leadership seminars, and gathered important insights on developments within the osteopathic medical community.

We are incredibly proud to see her thriving in the medical field and know she will continue to make

MENTOR NEWS

Welcome, Heather!



We're thrilled to welcome Heather Bennett as our new Mentor Coordinator at Take Stock Palm Beach! Heather brings a wealth of experience in nonprofit development, marketing, and relationship-building. She's passionate about creating meaningful connections and increasing engagement, and she's eager to support both our mentors and students while helping to grow the impact of our program.

Outside of work, Heather enjoys spending time in nature—whether she's hiking or relaxing at the beach with her children and dog.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we ask that all mentors complete the short survey about your intentions for next year if you haven't already done so: [Mentor Survey Link](#).

We recently had several new students enter our program who are in need of a mentor. If you know someone who might be interested in making a difference, please share our website and mentor application with them: www.takestockpalmbeach.org.

If you're connected with any organizations or companies that might be open to learning about the incredible impact of mentoring, please reach out to Elissa at esorel@takestockpalmbeach.org.

Thank you for being a vital part of our mentoring community!



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?



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

17th Annual Target Back to School Shopping

**17th Annual
Back to School
SHOPPING**

**Friday, August 1, 2025
Monday, August 4, 2025**

In Partnership with Target

Our Back To School Shopping Event is geared to help underprivileged children from low-income families obtain the necessary school supplies and clothing for the upcoming school year.

Help us sponsor a student and bring a smile to a child's face today. Each student receives \$200 to shop for school clothes and supplies. We invite you to shop with your sponsored students. *Students are pre-selected through a lottery system.

For more information, contact Lidia Vargas
Lvargas@takestockpalmbeach.org or
(561) 683-1704

Donate: <https://linktr.ee/takestockpbc>

We're excited to announce our 17th Annual Back to School Shopping events at Target,

happening this August—and you're invited to be part of the impact!

Thursday, August 1st – Boynton Beach Target
Sunday, August 4th – Palm Beach Lakes Target

Each year, Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County takes students shopping for school clothes, supplies, and essentials—helping them walk into the new year with confidence, dignity, and excitement. This year, we're aiming to support more than 100 students, and we need your help.

You can sponsor a student with a \$200 Target gift card donation, a gift that goes directly into the hands of a student preparing for success.

Your generosity makes a real difference for families who are working hard to make ends meet. For many of our students, this is the only time they get to pick out brand-new clothes and supplies, and the pride they carry with them on the first day of school is immeasurable.

Donate today and help a student start strong!

[Click to Sponsor a Student](#)

Dream Investors



This month, we are celebrating our partnership with the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. This past year, thanks to their generous support, we were able to expand our reach into ten additional low-performing schools, providing even more underserved students with the support and opportunities they need to set them on a path of success.

With their support, we have not only achieved our goal of growing our program but have also made a significant impact on the lives of countless students. Each now has a caring mentor, a college-readiness coach, and a guaranteed 2-year college scholarship, paving the way for a brighter future not only for themselves and their families but also for the entire community.

Thank you, Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, for believing in our mission and investing in our youth. Together, we're not just preparing students for college—we're helping them unlock their potential and dreams.

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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PLEASE HELP WAITLISTED STUDENTS



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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