



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS. MENTORS. HOPE.



Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the September edition of the Take Stock Tribune! As we step into September, our students are settling into the new school year with renewed energy and big dreams for the months ahead. From back to school workshops, student interviews, to mentor orientations, this season is all about building connections, setting goals, and empowering the next generation to succeed.

In this month's newsletter, we're excited to share highlights from recent events and ways you can get involved to make a lasting impact. Our back to school workshops were a success, with students, parents and mentors all in attendance. With new students joining the program, we look forward to student interviews and orientations this month. Together, we're turning potential into achievement – one student at a time.

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.

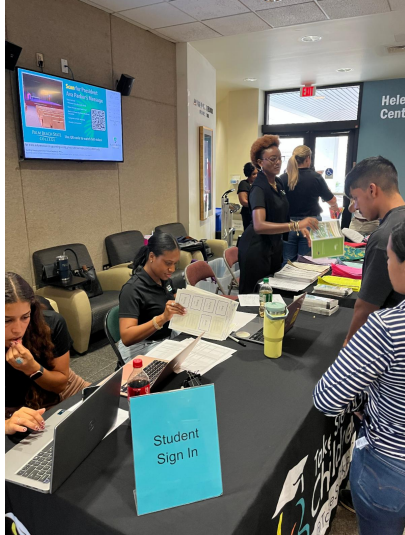
Warmly,

The Take Stock Palm Beach Team



PROGRAM NEWS

Back to School Workshops



This August, Take Stock Palm Beach hosted four back to school workshops designed to set our students, mentors, and families up for a strong academic year. A total of 377 students attended the sessions across Palm Beach State College campuses and Florida Atlantic University.

Each workshop provided valuable information to help students navigate the year ahead and featured inspiring guest speakers, including professors from Palm Beach State College. Parents and mentors also took part, ensuring that our students are supported both inside and outside of the classroom. We also made sure our students were set for success with dinner, school supplies, and brand-new backpacks at every session.

These workshops are an important way to connect our community and make sure our students have the tools, resources, and encouragement they need to succeed.

MENTOR NEWS

Future Makers Series

Conflict Resolution
with Tatiana Bastian

In this interactive session, we'll explore the role communication plays in conflict and how our words and styles can either fuel or fix a problem. Students will learn practical tips for handling different communication styles, along with tools for giving and receiving feedback in a respectful way. By the end, they'll walk away with strategies to handle conflict with more confidence and keep their relationships strong.

**Wednesday,
September 3rd, 2025
at 6:00 PM**





Questions? Reach out to Elissa at esorel@takestockpalmbeach.org

We kicked off the school year with successful workshops across Palm Beach County—thank you to every mentor who was able to attend! With the new year in full swing, now's the time to reconnect with your mentees and schedule regular mentor sessions.

The *Future Makers Speaker Series* is back, offering students fresh inspiration and insight to complement their one-on-one mentoring. These sessions are held every other week, and while mentor attendance isn't required, you're always invited and welcomed to join! Details are sent via text each week a session is scheduled.

Exciting news: the new Take Stock in Children App officially launched on September 2! Directions for

downloading and using the app have been sent via text and email. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for all you do to uplift, guide, and empower our students!

ALUMNI NEWS

YMCA Healthy Connections – Free for Young Adults 18–25

We're excited to share that the YMCA's Healthy Connections program is available at the Palm Beach State College – Lake Worth campus! This opportunity gives young people ages 18–25 a free membership with access to countless resources designed to support your health, wellness, and personal growth. From fitness and recreation to community connections and educational support, Healthy Connections is here to help you thrive on a personal and professional level.

How to Get Started

Ready to join? Signing up is simple!

- ➔ Visit the YMCA Healthy Connections office on the PBSC Lake Worth campus, or
- ➔ Learn more online by clicking the link below.

Don't miss out; take advantage of this free membership today!

YMCA Sign Up

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Welcome AmeriCorps Members



We're excited to introduce six new AmeriCorps members who have joined the Take Stock Palm Beach team this year! Welcome, Kendra, Armando, Jephtanie, Emily, Caroline, and Tierra. These dedicated individuals will play a key role in supporting our students through college readiness coaching, mentoring, and guidance as they prepare for their futures.

Our AmeriCorps members will work alongside staff, mentors, and families to ensure every student has the tools and encouragement they need to reach their goals. We're grateful for their commitment and look forward to the incredible impact they'll make this year!

7th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K



Mark your calendars! The 7th Annual Bridge the Gap 5K presented by Florida Crystals will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2026, in Riviera Beach at the Ocean Walk Mall on Singer Island. This scenic race takes runners and walkers over the iconic Blue Heron Bridge, offering breathtaking water views along the way.

Participants will enjoy a lively morning of fitness and community, with fun vendor booths, music, pre-race coffee, bananas and bagels as well as a post-race breakfast all provided by Castaways Bar & Grill. Whether you're racing to beat your best time, walking with friends, or cheering from the sidelines, this event is the perfect way to come together and support Take Stock Palm Beach.

Proceeds from the race will help provide life-changing college scholarships, volunteer mentors, and college readiness programs for local students. Join us for an unforgettable morning by the water—while making a lasting difference in the lives of our future leaders.

[Register Here!](#)

WAYS TO SUPPORT



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](#)

Help Sponsor a Student Today!



PLEASE HELP WAITLISTED STUDENTS

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 15 Students on our Waitlist.

By sponsoring a Waitlisted Student 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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SPONSOR \$5,000

At Take Stock Palm Beach, we believe in the power of education to break the cycle of poverty. Right now, 15 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

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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