

## Take Stock Tribune

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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Community Partners,

I enjoy nothing more than sitting nose-to-nose with a student who has failed to understand their potential or the power students have over their lives. It's what we do at Take Stock - open the horizons for students to succeed one at a time.

Don't get me wrong, it's not always fun, and it's rarely easy, but it is never boring. After 30 years as an educator, I could not imagine just waking up one day and not having the joy of kids stirring my heart.

About six days after I retired from the School District of Palm Beach County, I sat in the office with the Take Stock team, listening to them chat about the upcoming year. I realized at that moment that I was not done. I decided to work a few hours a week with our most at-risk seniors, helping them finish what they started and help on special scholarship projects. That was almost 18 months ago, and now I'm all in, working more hours, with more students, and even more joy.

After a lifetime of working with students, I finally realized the power of a consistent one-on-one relationship, which helps them move toward their dreams. I loved my years in the

District and will be forever grateful to Take Stock for allowing me to jump into the world of coaching and the pure energy of the Take Stock family.

Best regards,  
**Wanda Kirby**  
Assistant Director of Program Services



## Program News

It's the season of giving, and we are so grateful for our community partners who make it possible for Take Stock Palm Beach to continue supporting and giving to families around this Holiday Season and always.

Thanks to our generous partners, Town of Palm Beach United Way, Jeff and Susan Firestone, and the United Way of Palm Beach County, 40 families were provided with complete Thanksgiving meals. Families picked up their Thanksgiving dinner at our Take Stock Palm Beach office before the holiday, where they were greeted with a turkey, stuffing, and much more, thanks to our sponsors!

This December, we extend our appreciation to the Spirit of Giving, a network of collaborating nonprofits, for making it possible to hand out 50 American Express gift cards to identified Take Stock students meeting recipient criteria.



## Mentor News

For the past few months, our Mentor Ambassadors have hosted mentor mixers throughout Palm Beach County, where area-specific groups of mentors can connect, share stories, and learn from one another. Our ambassadors are seasoned mentors who volunteer additional time to support other mentors in their area. They volunteer a year of service during the school year, with the opportunity to continue supporting fellow mentors year after year.

Not sure who your mentor ambassador is? Check out the "Mentor Ambassador" page on the Mentor HUB! Interested in becoming a mentor ambassador? Reach out to Kimberly Briard.



*If you are interested in mentoring or are involved in an organization or business that is interested in hosting a recruitment event, please reach out to Kimberly at [KBriard@takestockpalmbeach.org](mailto:KBriard@takestockpalmbeach.org).*

***Mentors, don't forget to check the Mentor HUB for regular updates and info!***

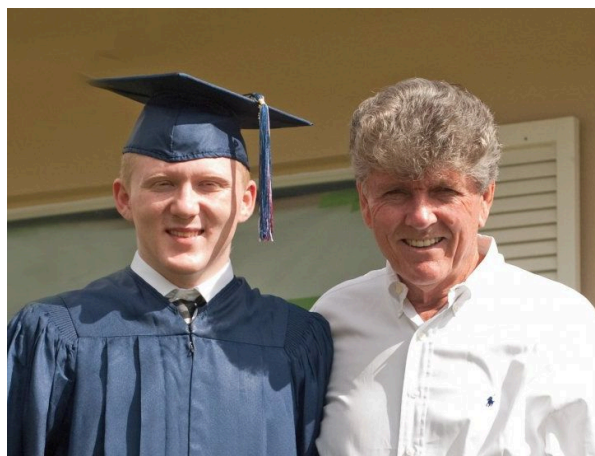
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## Mentor Story

Our mentors cultivate genuine bonds with their mentees that last beyond their high school mentoring sessions. Meet our mentor Bill and his Take Stock mentee, Jason, as he shares their story...

"... success rarely comes in a straight line: [my mentee] was working about 30 hours a week, not making much progress in his business program when a friend told him about Palm Beach State's Automotive Service Technology Career Certificate Program. Jason jumped at the opportunity to take the certificate course and work at a dealership at the same time. He began to excel at the technical course work and loved the hands on part. At the dealership, they started him out doing oil changes and there was a lot of sitting around while they kept the experienced techs busy. He wasn't too happy until he finished at PBSC and moved to another dealership and began removing and installing entire engines on warranty.

He was now growing in confidence and making a decent living. ... "



To Read Bill's & Jason's Full Story, [Click Here!](#)

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**2 TICKETS TO SUPER BOWL LVII  
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**2-NIGHTS GETAWAY AT  
THE BREAKERS PALM BEACH**



2-Nights Stay w/ Dinner for  
Two Included

**3rd PRIZE**

**DRAWING: 01/08/2023** Digital Ticket will be Emailed. Need Not Be Present to Win.

**Purchase a ticket today, and you'll be in the drawing to win 1 of 3 great prizes! All proceeds go towards helping at-risk youth in the Take Stock in Children program.**



## 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 \$19M 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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