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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the July edition of the Take Stock Tribune! As we dive into the heart of summer, we hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits. This month, we want to highlight the incredible impact our program has on the lives of low-income minority students, while also expressing our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated mentors and volunteers.

Our program is designed to address the unique challenges faced by these students, who often encounter financial barriers and lack the guidance and support necessary to navigate the education system successfully. Our mentors serve as role models, advocates, and trusted confidants for our students. They provide guidance, encouragement, and a listening ear, helping our students overcome obstacles, set goals, and develop the skills necessary for success. We are immensely grateful for the mentors who selflessly dedicate their time and expertise to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students.

As we embark on the month of July, we are excited to share stories of resilience, academic achievements, and personal growth from our students. We will also provide updates on upcoming events, workshops, and opportunities for our Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County family. We encourage you to stay connected, engaged, and inspired by the incredible journeys of our students.

Thank you for your unwavering support and

dedication to our mission. Together, we are making a profound impact on the lives of low-income minority students, empowering them to overcome barriers and reach their full potential. We look forward to another month of progress, growth, and celebration.

Warmly,

The Take Stock Team



## PROGRAM NEWS



Take Stock in Children's annual Senior Summit is a much-anticipated event that celebrates the achievements of our graduating scholars while equipping them with the tools and connections they need to thrive in their future endeavors. In collaboration with our esteemed community partners, Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University, this event offers a transformative platform for our seniors to explore an array of opportunities and network with their peers and professionals.



Through structured activities and interactive sessions, students can establish connections, share experiences, and build relationships that may shape their educational and professional journeys. These enriching activities and discussions cover a range of topics, including college and career readiness, financial literacy, leadership development, and personal growth.



By bringing together community partners, educational institutions, and accomplished individuals, the Senior Summit creates an empowering environment where our scholars can tap into a wealth of resources and support. This event serves as a stepping stone for their transition into the next phase of life, equipping them with the confidence, connections, and insights needed to succeed in their educational and professional pursuits.

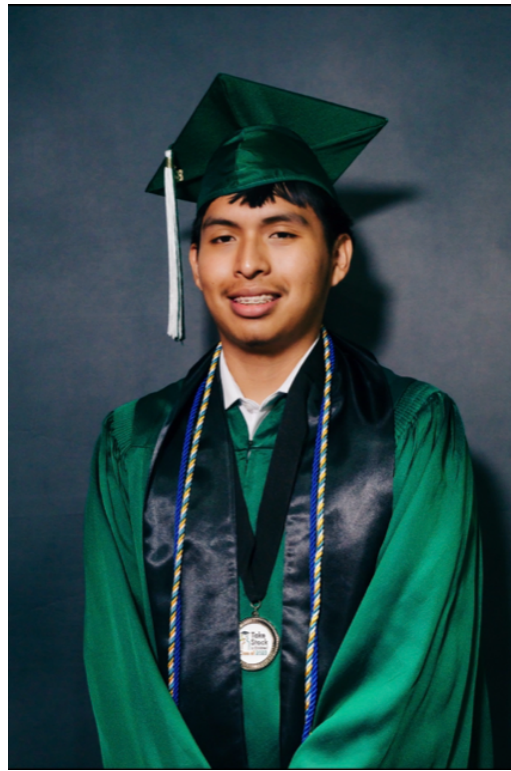
## MENTOR GRAD BRAG

"Alejandro Hernandez has been a remarkable student mentee under our guidance since his ninth-grade year. Witnessing his growth and progress has been a true privilege. Initially a reserved and introverted individual, Alejandro has blossomed into an exceptional young man with an outgoing personality.

When we first embarked on this mentoring journey, he displayed hesitancy in making eye contact, often choosing to keep his gaze fixed on the ground. His responses were limited to single-word answers, barely audible from across the table. Through our guidance and encouragement, Alejandro learned to project his voice, maintain eye contact, and exude confidence. Today, he stands tall, radiating a sense of pride and self-assurance, engaging in meaningful conversations effortlessly. Not only is Alejandro polite and courteous, but he has also become a remarkable conversationalist.

The transformation Alejandro has undergone is a testament to his dedication and perseverance. As the first member of his family to attend college, his accomplishments are a source of immense pride for both his mentors and his parents. Securing scholarships from Take Stock in Children and other sources, Alejandro has earned full tuition coverage, along with provisions for books, accommodation, and meals throughout his four-year tenure at Florida International University in Miami. Furthermore, by diligently attending classes at Palm Beach State College during his senior year, he has already accumulated valuable college credits.

Alejandro's commitment to community service, exemplified through his involvement in projects in Delray Beach, his tutoring endeavors, and his dedication to his younger siblings, showcases his caring and compassionate nature. He consistently seeks to make a positive impact on the lives of those around him, and we have no doubt that he will continue to do so as he establishes himself in his future community.



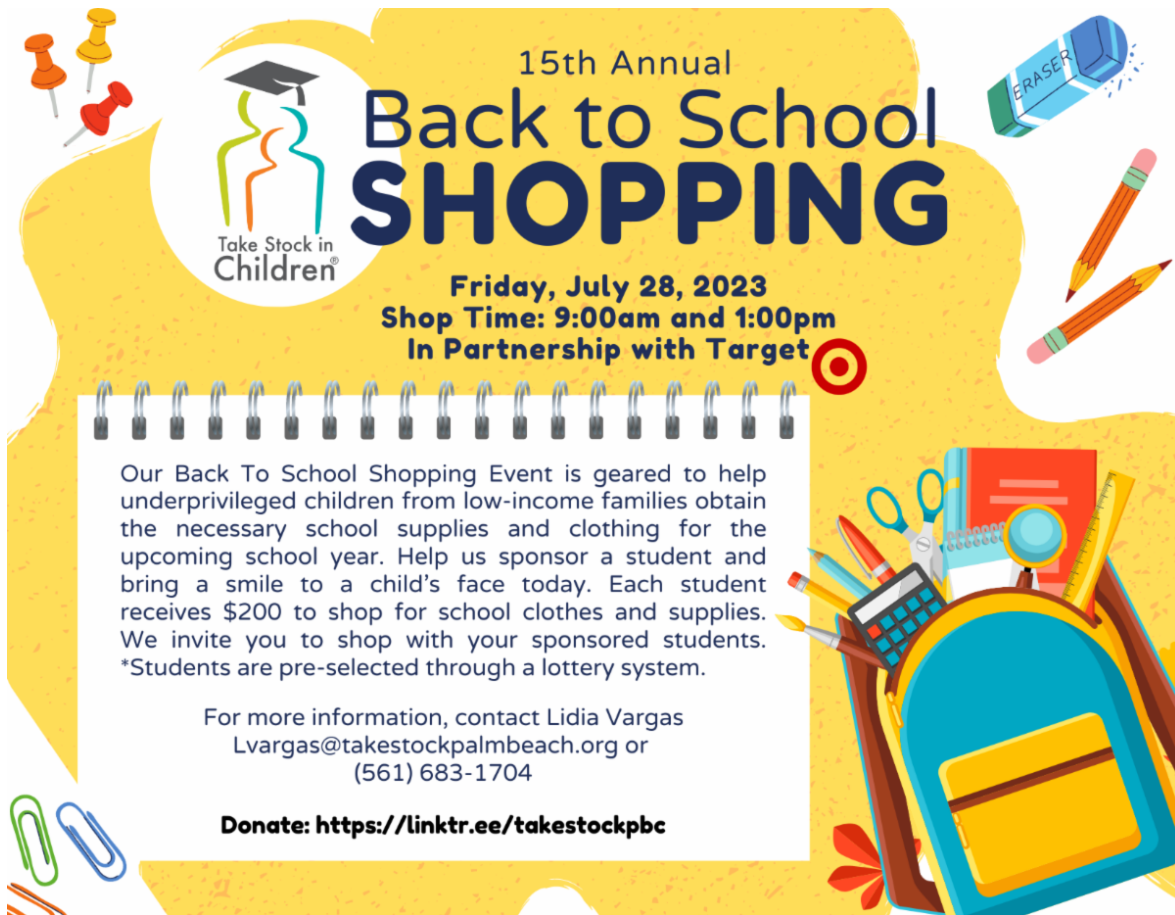
We are honored to have had the opportunity to mentor Alejandro, and we plan to maintain a lasting connection with him throughout his college experience and beyond. It is our hope that our mentorship has not only forged a lasting friendship but also equipped Alejandro with the tools to thrive. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Take Stock in Children for their unwavering support of Florida's youth, as well as for allowing us to play a part in this transformative program. Without this initiative, we would not have had the privilege of encountering such an exceptional young man. We wholeheartedly wish Alejandro good health and great success in all his future endeavors."

- Harvey Ring & Marvin Anklow  
Take Stock in Children Mentors

*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

A vibrant yellow flyer for a 'Back to School Shopping' event. At the top left, there are three pushpins (orange, yellow, red) and a logo for 'Take Stock in Children' featuring a graduation cap and two stylized figures. The main title '15th Annual Back to School SHOPPING' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, the date 'Friday, July 28, 2023' and shop times 'Shop Time: 9:00am and 1:00pm' are listed, along with 'In Partnership with Target' and the Target logo. A central white spiral notebook contains the event details. To the right, there are illustrations of school supplies: an eraser, two pencils, a blue backpack, a calculator, a magnifying glass, a ruler, and a pair of scissors. At the bottom left, there are two paper clips (green and blue) and a pencil. The background is a textured yellow with faint school supply icons.

15th Annual  
**Back to School  
SHOPPING**

Take Stock in  
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**Friday, July 28, 2023**  
**Shop Time: 9:00am and 1:00pm**  
**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.

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Calling all kind-hearted individuals! Join us for an incredibly special event that will make a lasting impact on the lives of 50 deserving students.

Imagine the joy on the faces of these low-income students as they embark on a shopping spree, armed with \$200 each, to purchase everything they need to start the school year off right. But we can't do it alone. We need YOUR support to make this event a resounding success.

This is where YOU come in! By donating and sponsoring a student, you'll provide them with the resources they need to thrive academically and chase their dreams. Your generosity will not only help these students look and feel their best on the first day of school, but it will also instill in them the confidence and motivation they need to excel throughout the year.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these incredible young minds. Let's show them that their dreams matter and that their community is here to support them every step of the way.

To donate and sponsor a student, please [CLICK HERE](https://linktr.ee/takestockpbc).

## 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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