

Take Stock Tribune

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS. MENTORS. HOPE.

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Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the October edition of the Take Stock Tribune! As school is back in full force, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey of empowering young minds and shaping the future leaders of tomorrow. This month, we are excited to share inspiring stories from our mentors and mentees, highlighting the impactful relationships that are at the heart of our program. These nurturing connections not only provide academic guidance but also instill confidence and empower dreams. Our mentors play a pivotal role in guiding our students towards success, reminding them that their aspirations are within reach.

In the spirit of collaboration, we invite you to explore the latest developments within our program. Discover firsthand the incredible journeys of our students and mentors, and witness the transformative power of your support. 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 being an integral part of our community. Together, we are making a profound impact on the lives of low-income students, empowering them to overcome barriers and reach their full potential. Your

unwavering support fuels our mission, making it possible for dreams to become reality. Together, let's continue to inspire, mentor and transform lives.

Warmly,

The Take Stock Team



PROGRAM NEWS

We are delighted to share our recent successful engagement with the Back to School Workshops, hosted in collaboration with Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth, Palm Beach Gardens, and Belle Glade, as well as Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. These workshops served as invaluable opportunities to prepare our students, families, and mentors for a prosperous academic year ahead. Through interactive sessions and comprehensive resources provided at these esteemed institutions, attendees were equipped with the tools and knowledge necessary for a successful start to the school year.

Our sincere gratitude goes to our esteemed partners, Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University, for their unwavering support and collaboration. Their dedication to education and commitment to empowering our community were instrumental in making these workshops a resounding success. We look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership and creating more opportunities to positively impact the educational journey of our students.



MENTOR NEWS

In 2020, I became a mentor for TSIC. Since then, my mentee, Thanksly Destine, and I have been meeting or speaking for 30-60 minutes every week. We have used the resources and exercises provided in TSIC's Mentor Toolkit to get to know each other, but over time, our conversations have become more natural. The Mentor Toolkit served as a foundation for building a relationship based on trust and respect, with the common goal of helping Thanksly lead a fulfilling and happy life.

Our sessions cover a wide range of topics, from discussing strategies for completing long-term assignments to finding ways to

regain favor with coaches after missing a practice. We always try to end each session by choosing a question or topic for our next meeting. Recently, we started reading and discussing George Orwell's "1984." Our conversations are a mix of practical and philosophical discussions, touching on subjects as broad as the fairness of life and as specific as the necessary details for Thanksly's English presentation.

Thanksly is a senior this year, and we are now discussing college options. Should he go for a two-year or a four-year program? Does he have any thoughts about his major? Does he want to stay close to home or venture further away? We also explore the financial aspect of his decision-making process and consider the resources, loans, and scholarships that might be available to him.



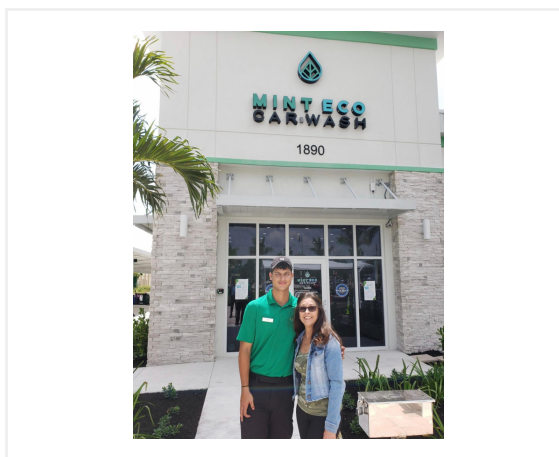
Being a volunteer for TSIC has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience for me. As a mentor, my objective is to share my experience and knowledge to help Thanksly discover his true self, his passions, and how he can find happiness and live a meaningful life. There is no doubt that my involvement with TSIC has also made my own life more meaningful

- Wayne Lawrence
Take Stock in Children Mentor

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



Mark your calendars for 2/17/24! Bridge The Gap presented by Florida Crystals returns for its annual 5k race over the Blue Heron Bridge. Join us for a day filled with fun, fitness and community spirit!

Don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible journey towards creating a brighter future for our students. All proceeds are used to purchase college tuition scholarships for low-income and at-risk students. Bring a friend and sign up today!

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Looking for a job or internship opportunity? Look no further! We have teamed up with Mint Eco to encourage students to apply for jobs. These immense opportunities not only provide students with a glimpse into the professional world but also cultivate essential workplace skills, including teamwork, communication and problem solving.

This month we would like to highlight our Alum, Kevin on his job at the new Mint Eco Car Wash located in WPB! Thanks to his Mentor Samuel and Coach Wanda for guiding him on his path towards success. Congrats Kevin!

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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