

## Take Stock Tribune

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Dear Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County Family,

Welcome to the February edition of the Take Stock Tribune! We had a rewarding first month of 2024 by recognizing all of our volunteer mentors during National Mentoring Month. With that, also comes our newest addition to our team and dynamic duo, Kamil and Elissa, our Mentor Managers. Our mentorship program continues to thrive providing invaluable guidance and support to our mentors. With over 400 mentors in our program, we are excited to see what Kamil and Elissa will accomplish this year!

In other news, we have several college prep workshops scheduled for this month, covering topics such as SAT/ACT preparation, financial aid assistance and other senior workshops. These are great resources to help prepare our students for their future. Stay tuned for more updates by following our emails, newsletter and social media pages.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Take Stock in Children family. Wishing you all a great month and Happy Valentine's Day!

Warmly,

The Take Stock Team

## PROGRAM NEWS

We are thrilled to announce that Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County has achieved the prestigious Gold Level of Excellence in our Mid-Year Balanced Scorecard (BSC). This recognition reserved for local affiliates that demonstrate outstanding performance across a range of Balanced Scorecard indicators.

The Balanced Scorecard serves as an internal measure of our program's performance and its alignment with the stringent requirements set by the Florida Department of Education. Meeting the Gold Level criteria reflects our commitment to excellence and dedication to the highest standards in education.

Key criteria for this achievement includes maintaining a robust data reporting system to measure student growth and readiness, effective student recruitment strategies, high mentor matching rates, and consistent mentor-student contacts. Earning the Gold Level of Excellence underscores our ongoing efforts to uphold and exceed these rigorous

standards.

## MENTOR NEWS

On January 30 we had our Mentor Appreciation Event at the Canopy by Hilton West Palm Beach. We had over 100 mentors and a guest of their choosing attend.

Their presence and support made the evening truly memorable and meaningful. Throughout the event, we had the privilege of celebrating the commitment and dedication of our mentors who selflessly invest their time and wisdom into shaping the futures of our students. Their invaluable contributions empower our youth to overcome challenges, pursue their dreams, and realize their full potential.

The evening was filled with heartfelt conversations, inspiring stories, and genuine connections, reflecting the profound impact mentors have on the lives of their mentees. We also recognized and awarded mentors who have been with us 5 years, 10 years and more.

Thank you once again to our mentors for their support and commitment to Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County. We look forward to continuing this journey together and making a lasting difference in the lives of our students.

We are excited to introduce Elissa Sorel as a Mentor Manager for Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County. With a wealth of experience and a passion for empowering young minds, Elissa brings a dynamic and compassionate approach to her role. As a dedicated advocate for education and community engagement, she will play a pivotal role in fostering meaningful connections between mentors and students.

Her commitment to the success of the program is truly commendable, as she works collaboratively with Kamil Segarra to ensure the seamless implementation of our mentorship initiatives. Together, Elissa and Kamil are instrumental in shaping the future for our students, embodying the values of Take Stock in Children, and making a positive impact in Palm Beach County. We are grateful to have such dedicated leaders steering our mentorship program toward success.

**CLICK BELOW FOR ALL FUTURE MENTOR UPDATES AND  
COMMUNICATION AVAILABLE AT THE "MENTOR HUB"**

*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

### UPCOMING EVENT: BRIDGE THE GAP 5K

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!](#)

Receive a free shirt and goodie bag included with your \$45 registration fee for Bridge the Gap 5k. The long sleeve, lightweight shirt is UPF and great for protecting Floridians from the sun. All goodie bag items are a \$200 value that you will receive for FREE!

Volunteers are also needed along the course to cheer on runners, handout waters and handout medals at the finish line. To volunteer, please click the link below.

[Click here to Volunteer for our event!](#)

## 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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