

Take Stock Tribune

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Dear Jose,

Mentoring has made a significant mark in our country these last 25 years as new mentoring organizations launch each year, promoting the development of a trusting relationship between a mentor and a mentee. January was National Mentoring Month, shifting our focus to the influence our mentors have on the lives of their students and the impact they make in our community.

Take Stock Palm Beach celebrated this National recognition by highlighting mentor years of service milestones, mentor and mentee testimonials and recognizing business partners who support our mentoring initiatives. In addition, the School Board of Palm Beach County recognized our mentors with a proclamation at the January School Board meeting. Finally, we celebrated at our Mentor/Mentee Appreciation Event at the Cox Science Center and Aquarium.

Remember the great Martin Luther King, Jr. and the impact his mentor, Ralph Bunche, from Howard University, had on him. He shared three things with Dr. King that made a lasting impression that may resonate with you.

1) Focus on what is more tangible.

- 2) Fewer opinions publicly bring less controversy.
- 3) Welcome alternative viewpoints before making a decision.

Best regards,
Kimberly Briard
Mentor Manager



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



PROGRAM NEWS



Our "Balance Scorecard" results are in and we are very proud to announce we're meeting all Department of Education requirements. The Balanced Scorecard is an internal measure of Take Stock in Children's performance and adherence. Criteria on the Balanced Scorecard includes measurement of student growth and readiness, student recruitment, mentor matching rates, and mentor contacts.

On Feb. 6th, we hosted our Senior Workshop at Forest Hill High School where students prepped for their upcoming high school graduation and transition to post-secondary education. Our workshop covers important topics such as budgeting for college, researching additional scholarship opportunities, and what it means to be a first-generation college student.

MENTOR NEWS



On Thursday, February 2nd, we held our 2nd Annual Mentor/Mentee Appreciation Event at the Cox Science Center & Aquarium in honor of National Mentoring Month. Our students and mentors gathered for an evening of science experiments, interactive activities, planetarium shows, dinner and more.

The evening was filled with exploration, hands-on learning, a NitroMania live experiment demonstration, and journeys through the Human Brain.

We are so grateful to the Cox Science Center and our partners at Humana for making this event possible.

Don't forget to check out the Mentor HUB for regular updates and info!

[Access the HUB Here!](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations, Mr. Eddie Rhodes, Take Stock in Children Mentor of the Year 2023!

Mr. Rhodes' career with The School District of Palm Beach County spanned 39 years. For the past 12 years, he has dedicated his time to mentoring Take Stock in Children students in the Glades area. Through his many titles of Teacher, Coach, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Rhodes has

supported many students over the years leaving a legacy that is second to none.

We are honored to recognize you, Mr. Rhodes, and are grateful for your dedication to Take Stock in Children.



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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