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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY FEATURES A STUDENT AND A CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



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Take Stock in Children turns Dreams into Reality

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) provides college scholarships, mentors, and hope to the children and families of Manatee County. Enrolling students as early as the sixth grade, Take Stock in Children offers each child a volunteer mentor to provide motivation and support a college tuition scholarship a student advocate to support the student's educational achievements and college and career counseling. The children in the program sign performance contracts agreeing to earn good grades, remain drug and crime free, and maintain positive behavior.

Our program would not be possible without the support of volunteers and community donations. Volunteer mentors meet with students for 30 minutes a week. All donations are matched by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation to double the impact. Together we are making a difference in our community. We are thankful for the donors, mentors, school staff, and families that make our program possible.

Proudly Announcing New TSIC Scholars

Jennifer Andrade
 Ashley Bell
 Sonia Bencomo
 Domonique Bohley
 Pedro Calvillo Jr.
 Kaitlyn Capocchi
 Barry Darius

Erika Delosh
 James Desiderio
 Mark Garner
 Joselene Gomez
 Rashay Graham
 Gregory Green
 Victor Gutierrez

Alexandria
 Henderson
 Deneasha Hill
 Daniel Hird
 Charkyla Hudson
 Jakaiya Johnson
 Miranda Johnson
 Nicole Katsihtis

Robin Lawshe
 Jacob Lochotzki
 Colby McCroy
 Shakeria McNear
 Ryan Meredith
 Maria Moreno
 Keith Nash
 Erika Orozco

Katty Pierre
 Charles
 Eva Quintero
 Cassandra
 Saletnik
 Peter Sandelis
 Ashlee Shearer
 Gloria Solano

Maria Solano
 Jennifer Sorto
 Lauren Tam
 Gaurav Thakkar
 Kirsten Toro
 Lenny Twenty
 Clayton Weems
 Jaymia Woods



Interested in college? Visit your school's guidance counselor for more college planning information. Ask if you qualify to apply for a Take Stock in Children scholarship.

Thanks to Our Mentors

We are thankful for all of our mentors. They are making a difference one child at a time. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all of our volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

Jim Adkins
 Barbara Andrews
 Mary Andrews
 Kay Appgar
 Julie Aranibar
 Monica Baker-Brown
 Julia Baran
 Lisa Barnott
 John Barnott
 Laraine Batista
 Larry Bell
 Ron Bernard
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 Nicholas Blair
 Bryan Boudreaux
 Terri Bragg
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 Melissa Brussee
 John Buice
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 Michelle Bush

James Byrne
 Tafara Callaway
 Jane Cheatham
 Keith Coffey
 Aida Coleman
 Casey Collins
 Michael Corley
 Judi Cotignola
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 Dana Mills
 Phyllis Milton
 Roderick Mitchell
 Kimberly Ann Mitchell
 Susan Muldoon
 John Murrell
 Matt Nesser

Jennifer O'Connor
 Jacqueline Palazzolo
 Walter Pascal
 Tim Passmore
 Lisa Pessina
 Caryl Ponder
 Chris Putnam
 Kari Reddish
 Polly Reiter
 Richard Rice
 Louis Robison
 Kathryn Roskow
 Stuart Roth
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 Janet Williams
 Karen Windon
 Jeff Wolfe
 Jane Young

Interested in joining the Take Stock Team? We need mentors for our new scholars. Please consider investing time in a child. Contact Diana Dill, Program Director for Take Stock in Children, at 751-7012 ext #2047 or dianadill@ManateeSchools.net

A Mentor's Point of View

By Mentor Katie Klomp

I became a mentor because I believe that each of us can make just a little difference by reaching out to one person at a time. I was a teacher, a counselor, and a psychologist and worked with children my entire career until I became a Realtor®. But I missed the exuberance, the naiveté, and the surprises that youth brings. I now have the honor and the privilege of mentoring Liliana.

It was obvious from our first meeting that Liliana is tremendously gifted, determined and hard working. She challenges herself academically and bravely takes advanced and honor courses. She has a wonderful sense of humor, is confident, and can interact with people of all ages and all walks of life.

Liliana exercises a duty to family, friends and community. She volunteers and helps organize various charity events and is a leader amongst her peers. She actively participates in the National Honor Society and the French Club. Lilianna is an exceptional person and has enriched my life in countless ways. I'm just lucky that our paths crossed. Remember her name because she is destined to do great things.

A Mentee's Point of View

By Mentee Lilianna Ibarra, Lakewood Ranch High School



Mentor Catherine (Katie) Klomp and Take Stock scholar Lilianna Ibarra.

TSIC is awesome—having the opportunity to be a part of it is phenomenal. TSIC not only helps you pay for college, but it also helps you stay out of trouble, provides you with a mentor that understands and guides you, and is dedicated to helping every TSIC scholar. Being mentored and just having someone to be there to listen to me has made a huge impact on me as a person.

I'm very lucky to say that I have had two "mentors," (District farmworker liaison) Loraine Batista, and (TSIC mentor) Catherine Klomp. Catherine always manages to dedicate some time to me every week. This woman is one of the best things that has come my way. I treasure her in my heart and would never be able to repay her for all her kindness. I've known Loraine Batista since the eighth grade. I will never be able to find enough words to express my gratitude. She's an amazing woman and I love her very much. She's just so special to me and I will always be in debt with her for everything she has done for me.

Director's note: Lilianna was recently awarded the opportunity to attend the Presidential Inauguration through the "Close Up" essay contest. Close Up is the nation's largest non-profit civic organization. Lilianna is one of eight students selected from the entire state of Florida for this opportunity. In her essay's conclusion, she states:

"My life has had some bumps along the road, but it has not slowed me down. I have not quit and am determined to achieve what I want most. With the help of the Take Stock in Children Scholarship that I was awarded in eighth grade, I plan to pursue my dreams."

Save the Dates—
2009 Fundraiser Events

Please save the dates and join the TSIC fundraising efforts! The more scholarship dollars we raise, the more students we may serve. Sponsorships are available.

Leadership Prayer Breakfast

February 5, 2009
 7:30 a.m. at Renaissance on 9th.
 Keynote Speaker Nick Bollettieri,
 President, IMG Academies
 Chairperson: Paul Sharff

Take Stock in Children 10K Run/Walk

March 29, 2009
 7:30 a.m. on Main Street, Lakewood Ranch
 Chairperson: Kelly Gettel

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 www.takestockinchildren.com
 www.collegeboard.com
 https://access.bridges.com
 www.petersons.com



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