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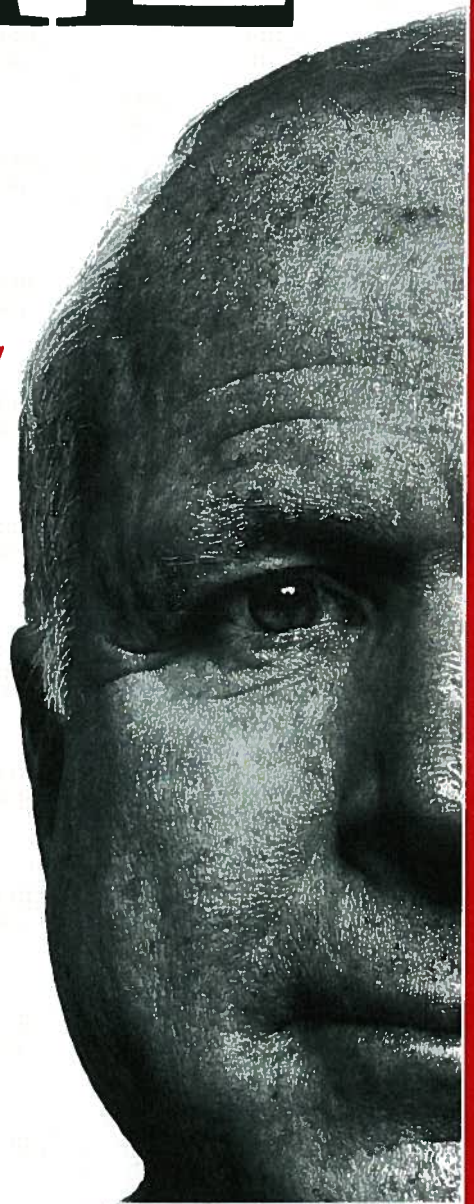
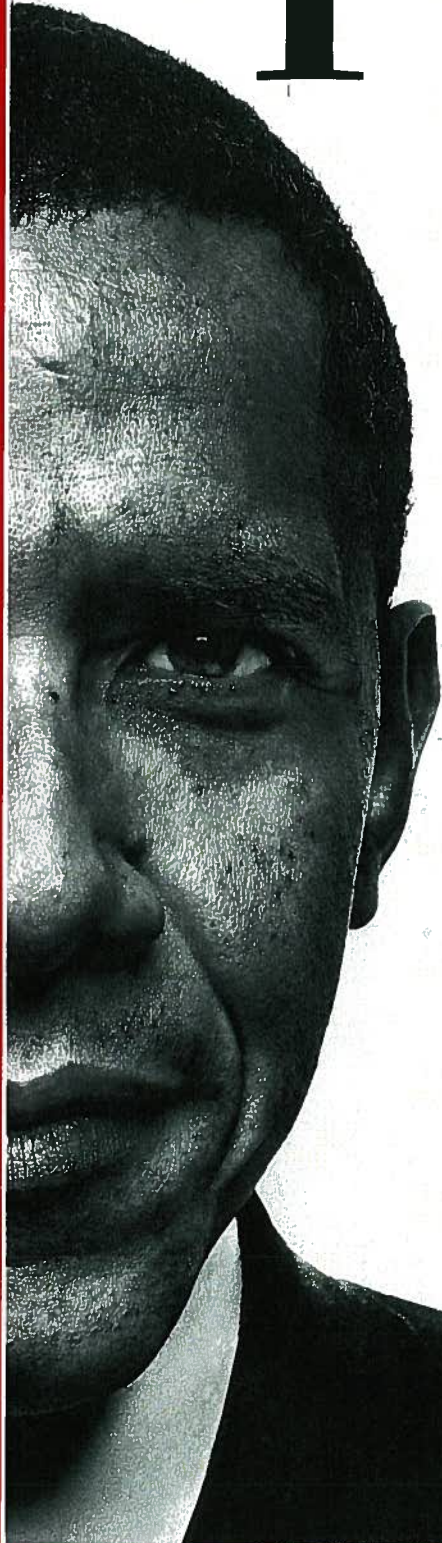
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GETTEL TOYOTA TAKES STOCK IN MANATEE COUNTY'S CHILDREN.

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Gettel Toyota, led by President Jim Gettel (right), supports the efforts of Take Stock in Children and its Program Administrator, Diana Dill (left), in awarding scholarships to deserving students like Emanuel Leon and Nikki Wilson.

For years, the team at Gettel Toyota in Bradenton, Fla., has sponsored toy drives and other events that benefit kids. But when owner Jim Gettel discovered Take Stock in Children, a college scholarship and mentor program for low-income and at-risk students, the dealership's involvement with area youths rose to a new level.

Begun in 1996, the program has awarded 140 college scholarships. It currently assists 120 students throughout the district. Gettel Toyota's association with the program has led to an increase in matching funds totaling \$150,000, giving an additional 15 Manatee County young people the chance to participate.

"By providing scholarships, mentors and hope, Gettel Toyota's partnership helps break the cycle of poverty, one child, one family, at a time," says Program Administrator Diana Dill. "We are honored to receive their support. The college scholarships are gifts that truly last a lifetime."

Each student in the program is assigned a volunteer mentor for encouragement, and a case manager to support educational achievements and college and career planning. Students sign a performance contract, agreeing to make good grades and to remain drug- and crime-free on the way to receiving a four-year scholarship.

"Our partnership helps break the cycle of defeat," says Gettel. "We're proud to invest in kids' futures, and to give them the opportunity to pursue their dreams."

GETTEL TOYOTA

has received the Toyota President's Award for the 11th year. The award is given for outstanding sales, customer service and quality.