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BANK OF AMERICA PRESENTS \$25,000 CHECK



Pictured are: Deborah Bailey, Project Heart; Douglas Sherman, Bank of America; Diana Dill, Take Stock in Children; and Andrew Reddish, Bank of America.
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BANK OF AMERICA MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR TWO PROGRAMS

During a time when government institutions, private businesses and individual families are struggling to meet the challenges of a sluggish economy, Bank of America is investing in the future of Manatee County students. On August 29, **Douglas J. Sherman** and **Andrew Reddish** of **Bank of America** presented a \$25,000 check to representatives of two Manatee District programs that benefit underprivileged children.

Take Stock in Children will receive \$20,000 of the donation from **Bank of America**. The **Take Stock in Children** program helps high-potential, low-income students achieve success by providing them with mentors and the opportunity to attain a four-year college scholarship if they maintain good grades and exhibit positive behavior. In addition, the program offers ongoing career counseling and guidance once the students graduate from college.

The remainder of the donation will go to **Project Heart**, a program that ensures homeless students in Manatee County have equal opportunity to achieve academic success regardless of their living circumstances.

Diana Dill, **Project Director for Take Stock in Children**, and **Deborah Bailey**, **Program Manager for Project Heart**, were on hand at **Bank of America's** Braden Plaza branch to receive the donation from **Mr. Sherman** and **Mr. Reddish**. **Mr. Sherman** is the **President of Bank of America's** West Central Florida operations while **Mr. Reddish** is the **Assistant Vice President for Business Banking**.

"The **Bank of America Foundation** is proud to support education in the communities we serve," said **Mr. Sherman**, who has lived in Manatee County for 25 years and whose kids attended or are attending district schools. "We know times are tough and our School Board has had to make some tough decisions, so it's really great to be able to make a contribution to education in our community at this time."

Deborah Bailey said the **Bank of American** contribution was very timely for **Project Heart**. "With the back-to-school rush, we've already run out of some uniform sizes and all of our backpacks," Deborah said. "This donation makes all the difference because it allows us to replenish our supplies."

Diana Dill said the combination of investing in **Take Stock in Children** and **Project Heart** can really make a difference in the lives of district students. "Partnering with **Project Heart** is an ideal situation for our **Take Stock in Children** program," Diana said. "**Project Heart** provides the resources for our homeless children to stay in school, and **Take Stock** gives them the mentors and hope to receive a college scholarship. Working together, we can help break the cycle of poverty in our community."

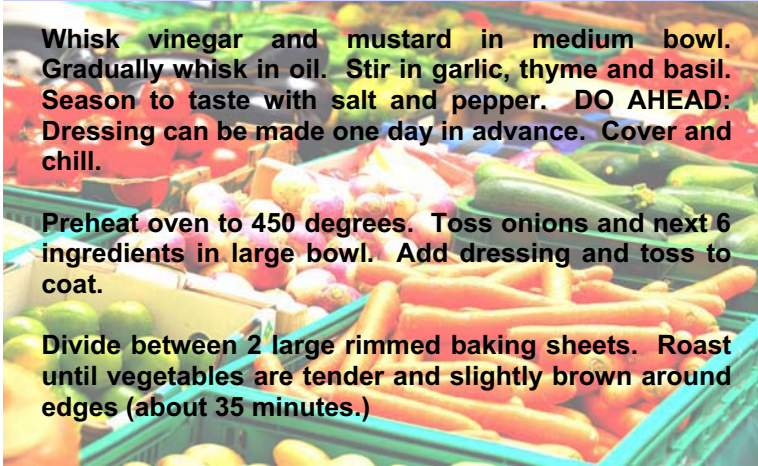
A member of the Leadership Council for **Take Stock in Children** and the husband of **Lakewood Ranch High teacher** and **Take Stock mentor Kari Reddish**, **Andrew Reddish** said **Bank of America** is happy to contribute to a program that can change a child's life. "Helping education is a big part of what the **Bank of America Foundation** is all about," **Mr. Reddish** said. "Being able to provide assistance to a program like **Take Stock in Children** is a dream scenario for our foundation."

CHEF BILL'S RECIPE: Balsamic Roasted Vegetables

Whisk vinegar and mustard in medium bowl. Gradually whisk in oil. Stir in garlic, thyme and basil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. **DO AHEAD:** Dressing can be made one day in advance. Cover and chill.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Toss onions and next 6 ingredients in large bowl. Add dressing and toss to coat.

Divide between 2 large rimmed baking sheets. Roast until vegetables are tender and slightly brown around edges (about 35 minutes.)



Ingredients

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| 2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar | 1 orange bell pepper, cut in 1/2" wide strips |
| 1 tsp. Dijon mustard | 1 lb. eggplant, quartered lengthwise, cut cross-wise in 1/2 inch slices |
| 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil | 1/2 lb. yellow squash (about 2 medium), cut into 1/3" thick rounds |
| 3 garlic cloves, pressed | 1/2 lb. zucchini (about 2 medium) , cut into 1/3" thick rounds |
| 2 tsps. finely chopped fresh thyme | Coarse kosher salt & pepper |
| 1 tsp. finely chopped fresh basil | |
| 2 large red onions, halved & thinly sliced | |
| 1 yellow bell pepper, cut in 1/2" wide strips | |
| 1 red bell pepper, cut in 1/2" wide strips | |

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION: Per serving: 239 calories, 19 g fat (3 g saturated), 0 mg cholesterol, 32 mg sodium, 18 g carbohydrates, 6 g fiber, 3 g protein (nutritional analysis provided by Nutrition Data.)

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MISSION

The mission of the Manatee County School District is to inspire our students with a passion for learning, empowered to pursue their dreams confidently and creatively while contributing to our community, nation and world.

CORE VALUES

We believe that...

- ▲ All people have value and can add value
- ▲ Embracing diversity strengthens communities
- ▲ Family is the first and most powerful influence on a person's life
- ▲ Individuals are responsible for their choices and actions
- ▲ Honesty and integrity are vital
- ▲ Lifelong learning is essential for individuals and communities to flourish

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

By the year 2010 each student will...

- ▲ Continually demonstrate enthusiasm for the self-directed pursuit of knowledge
- ▲ Articulate personal goals, create plans to achieve those goals and exhibit progress toward their attainment
- ▲ Continually participate in democratic processes
- ▲ Actively engage in global outreach

