



TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN OF MANATEE COUNTY

Take Stock Times

SCHOLARSHIPS, MENTORS, & HOPE

2007

An Awesome Year in Review

Leadership Council Created

The school year was off to a great start with the development of the Leadership Council for Take Stock in Children of Manatee County. Community leaders made

the commitment to ensure that high potential, low-income students have the opportunity to attend college through a growing Take Stock program.



Leadership Council members, from left: Brenda Harvey, Sharon Burke, Walter Miller, Heath Marston, Sherry Berry (in front), Dale Thompson, Denice Maynard, Beth Carney, Alex Chavez, Tony Templeton, Steven Cecil, and Cynthia Truewell. Not pictured, Jeff Williams.

Mentor/Mentee Spotlight: A Win-Win Case



*Mentor and mentee:
Julie Parker and
Analia Musitano*



Analia Musitano, a recently graduated senior from Bayshore High School, was approaching some daunting decisions. “Where should I go to college? Where can I find the best physics programs? What am I doing?” and finally, “When will I be able to buy a purple Lamborghini?” For guidance, she often turned to her Take Stock in Children mentor, Julie Parker. Analia welcomed the weekly connection. Conversations varied but the message was consistent: be open to what is available...pay attention in school...plan for the future...make goals and then make a plan to reach them. Thanks to TSIC and her mentor, Analia is headed in the right direction.

Attorney Julie Parker, founder of The Parker Law Group, knows the value of mentoring. Her own mentor helped her pursue law school after working as a legal assistant for ten years. Julie developed a special bond with her mentee, Analia Musitano. She offered her guidance with the hope of furthering Analia’s education. She encouraged community involvement and giving back. She inspired Analia to rise to the challenge of being a successful student and giving new ideas and opportunities a chance. Being a mentor was definitely a commitment of time and energy, but the rewards were tremendous. For Julie Parker, being a Take Stock in Children mentor was definitely a win-win case.



Donors Come Through! Manatee Awarded Matching Turbo-Charge Grant

A total of \$300,000 was awarded to Take Stock in Children agencies in Collier, DeSoto, Duval, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee, Marion, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Sarasota counties. Called the "TurboCharge Challenge," the grants rewarded programs planning dramatic growth by giving additional four-year college scholarships to low-income, at-risk children. The winning counties plan to collectively increase the students they serve by a total of 770 (or 72%) from the end of the 2006-7 school year through the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Manatee County was one of eight counties (out of 42 applicants) receiving the Turbo-Charge Grant and was awarded \$30,000, matched by area donors.

Manatee Education Foundation was the first to commit, donating \$30,000. Additional donors included:

- **The Templeton Foundation**
- **Manatee Family YMCA**
- **Kiwanis of Bradenton**

- **Kiwanis of Manatee East**
- **Bank of America**
- **Gettel Foundation**
- **State Farm Insurance**
- **Palmetto Rotary**
- **American Businesswomen's Association**
- **Various individuals**

The \$125,000 raised this year is matched by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation creating \$250,000 in scholarships for Manatee County students. Wow!



Richard Fawley, Manatee Education Foundation Board of Directors Chairman, receives appreciation award from Diana Dill



TurboCharge team presents check to Doug Wagner and Diana Dill



TurboCharge 2 is revving up! Please contact us immediately if you know of a person, company, foundation, or organized club that will invest in the children of our community.



...a strong sense of commitment to both the community and its children.

Patricia Ranthum, Community Leader Extraordinaire

Patricia Ranthum has been a Bradenton area leader for years and possesses a strong sense of commitment to both the community and its children. Patricia is a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Lakewood Ranch. The Kiwanis Club recently funded a scholarship for TSIC which was dedicated to the memory of longtime friend, educator, and TSIC

volunteer Chuck Edwards. Patricia is preparing to take on an exciting role as the first female Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis for Division 17, Manatee County. Her community and volunteer efforts have provided Patricia with many opportunities to share what she has learned with other civic organizations and clubs. Her dedicated involvement is making a difference in the future of Manatee County.

Mentor Program Makes Dreams a Reality

By Michael Barber

Turning the dream of going to college into a reality is the goal of a special mentoring program at Lincoln Middle School in Palmetto.

Started two years ago by Assistant Principal Curtis Davis and Guidance Counselor Virginia Massie, the mentoring program matches teachers at Lincoln with students at the school who are committed to maintaining good grades and positive conduct.

“Teachers meet with the students before school, after school, between classes or whenever they can meet during the day,” Davis said. “The most significant factor is that students are being held accountable for their behavior and academic success.”

Lincoln’s mentoring program received an enormous boost of encouragement recently when 11 students were accepted into the Take Stock In Children scholarship program. The Take

Stock program provides a four-year college scholarship to high-potential, low-income students as long as the students maintain good grades and positive behavior throughout high school.

Of the 11 Lincoln Middle students selected for the Take Stock In Children program, 10 have participated in the mentoring effort at Lincoln. The students from Lincoln accepted into the Take Stock In Children program are: Chardonnae Baity, Mariana Barboza, Elizabeth Bazan, Calvin Bell, Amber Corigliano, Raul Gutierrez, Alexandria Lindsay, Rosbie Thompson, Ruby Vazquez, Samantha Vazquez and Jodeci Walker.



*Lincoln
Middle
School
Scholars*



Did you know? You can designate Take Stock in Children to receive your contribution to United Way. What a great way to double your investment and support education in Manatee County.

Special Thanks to ALL of our Generous Donors

We are honored and extremely grateful for the following donors who contributed to the Take Stock in Children program with their treasures.

- American Business Women’s Association
- Bank of America
- Community Foundation of the Florida Keys
- Gettel Foundation
- Global Financial Insurance Services
- Kevin & Sara Grottick
- Kiwanis Club of Anna Maria
- Kiwanis Club of Bradenton
- Kiwanis Club of Manatee East
- Live Rich – Stay Wealthy, Kenneth Himmler Sr. & Julie Berloni
- Manatee Education Foundation
- Manatee Family YMCA
- Manatee High School Student Council
- Marianne Moyer
- Outback Steakhouse – Stuart Jueong
- Paul Sharff
- Rotary Club of Palmetto
- Rotary Club of South Manatee
- Starbucks Coffee
- State Farm Insurance, Heath Marston
- Steven Cecil
- Suncoast Workforce Board
- The Templeton Foundation
- United Way
- Walter Miller
- Ultimate Tailgate Experience Ticket Donors

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

*“Time, talent
and treasure—
everyone has
something to give”*



*Mentors and mentees:
Rachelle Joseph & Dawn
Lengel; Walter Miller and
Gasper Wilson; Patricia
Díaz & Sara Gold; Bart
Huitema & Leo Zavala*

Thanks to our Volunteer Mentors

Our heartfelt gratitude to the following volunteers that are mentors for the Take Stock in Children scholars. Mentors share their time and talent with the students for 30 minutes per week during the school year.

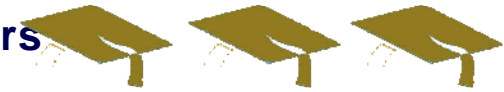
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Shawna Taylor
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Debbie Valcarcel
Amy VanDell
Elizabeth Walch
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Denise Watkins

*JUST 30 MINUTES A WEEK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE
LIFE OF A CHILD. FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN
BECOME A TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN MENTOR, CALL PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATOR DIANA DILL AT (941) 751-7012 EXT. #247 OR
EMAIL DIANADILL@MANATEESCHOOLS.NET.*

Introducing our New Take Stock Scholars



The Take Stock in Children college scholarship and mentor program of Manatee County is proud to announce the following scholars for 2007.

David Agapito
 Marlen Aguirre
 Edith Alvarado
 Jessica Amaya
 Tamara Bailey
 Chardonnae Baity
 Javar Baity
 Mariana Barboza
 Mariela Barragan
 Elizabeth Bazan
 Calvin Bell
 Marielle Bellamy

Fernando Capula
 Cheyenne Carter
 Jessica Cassels
 Debra Chestnut
 Amber Corigliano
 Errika Driver
 Marco Escalante
 Dominique Ferraraccio
 Angela Garcia
 Raul Gutierrez
 Breanna Hicks
 Destiny Jones

Zachary Kelle
 Craig Keys
 Kyle Kreitzer
 Alexandria Lindsay
 Jennifer Luong
 Kenisha Matthew
 Roni Ray Maugherman
 Jessica McGee
 Carol O'Brien
 Joshua Senften
 Jennifer Squire
 Deon Taylor

Rosbie Thompson
 Vanessa Torres
 Abydjana Tresalus
 Ruby Vazquez
 Samantha Vazquez
 Andrew Viera
 Ethan Viera
 Jodeci Walker
 Kayla Williams
 Shantel Williams
 Nicole Wilson



Just a few of our new scholars... and a few of the reasons why we at Take Stock in Children appreciate your involvement and support in offering scholarships, mentors, and hope. Students: Vanessa Torres, Cheyenne Carter, Ruby Vazquez, Fernando Capula, Ethan Viera, Destiny Jones, Javar Baity, Jessica Amaya, and Tamara Bailey.

Drumming for Dreams Benefited Scholars

Starbucks and Manatee High School's (MHS) Student Council sponsored the second annual Drumming for Dreams drum line competition benefiting Take Stock in Children. The event featured performances by Manatee High School, Bradenton Christian Academy, Riverview High School, Lakewood Ranch High School, and Palmetto High School. Local community leaders judged the competition. The event raised \$3,250 for TSIC of Manatee County. Thanks Starbucks, MHS Student Council, all of the drummers and their audience for making a difference.



Drumming for Dreams poster advertising the TSIC event; Christine Pennekamp, Starbucks Store Manager

Ultimate Tailgate a Big Success

Manatee County's chapter of Take Stock in Children (TSIC) joined the state-wide launch of a scholarship fundraiser offering participants a chance to win the Ultimate Tailgate, a prize package that included two tickets to Super Bowl XLI in Miami, a 2007 Mustang Convertible donated by AutoNation, and two nights for

two at the InterContinental West Hotel in Miami. Corporate sponsors included AutoNation, the Outback Steakhouse, Comcast, Publix, Bank of America, and JM Family Enterprises, Inc. The winning ticket belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nagorski from Pensacola, but Take Stock was a big winner too! The event raised \$8,000 for scholarships for needy children.

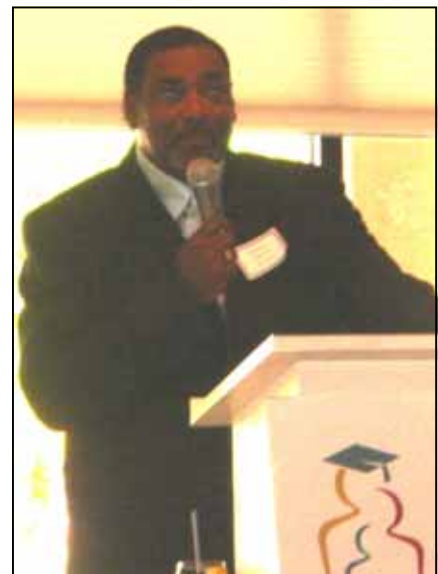


"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Take Stock Held Appreciation Luncheon

Reverend Rozell Foster spoke at a Mentor Appreciation Luncheon held in January at the Palm Aire Country Club. The purpose of the luncheon was to honor and acknowledge volunteers. Members of the Leadership Council who attended the luncheon included School Board member and Chairman Walter Miller, Dr. Sharon Burke, Steven Cecil, Alex Chavez, Brenda Harvey, Cynthia Lorraine and Jeff Williams. Other attendees included mentors, future mentors, and members of the Manatee School District Take Stock family.



Reverend Rozell Foster

Has someone made a difference in your life? Pass it on!

Congratulations TSIC Graduates!

Whitley Bolden
Sully Carranza
David Carrillo
Jeremy Catob
Patricia Diaz
Matthew Drake
Altina Fenelon

Marcus Goff
Rachelle Joseph
Alejandra Lozano
Jose Martinez
Joshua Mitchell
Adriana Moreno
James Muldoon

Jessica Nethery
Deanna Pearson
Enock Presendieu
Elizabeth Schultz-Keil
Kathy Tran
Gasper Wilson



*Mentoring is
a way of
giving back
to the
community.*

Nearly 200 students have graduated from Manatee County School District with Take Stock in Children Scholarships since the program began

in 1996. We extend our gratitude and sincere appreciation to the donors and volunteer mentors that made their success possible.

Community leaders making a difference. Top row from left: Mary Glass, Director of Manatee Education Foundation with Harry Kinnan, Chairman of Manatee County School Board; Elizabeth Schultz-Keil and mentor Diane Siecinski; Stuart Jeuong of the Outback Steakhouse. Bottom row from left: Deanna Pearson and Lynette Edwards, Assistant Superintendent of the Manatee School District; Sharon Albrecht, TSIC Mentor Development; Sherry Berry of Tropicana; and Diana Dill, TSIC Program Administrator.



Take Stock in Children College Scholarship and Mentor Program

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) is a comprehensive program that helps low-income children stay in school, earn a high school diploma, graduate from college and enter the workforce. Enrolling students as early as the sixth grade, TSIC offers each child:

- A 4 year college scholarship.
- A volunteer mentor to provide motivation and support.
- A case manager to support the student's educational achievements.
- College and career counseling.

The students sign performance contracts agreeing to maintain a 2.5 grade point average, exhibit positive behaviors and remain drug and crime free.

BECOME A MENTOR

You can change a child's life by becoming a mentor. Just 30 minutes of your time per week can make an impact that will last a lifetime.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Each year funds are raised locally through donations and are matched dollar-for-dollar by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, thereby doubling your investment in the future of a child.

YOU CAN HELP TODAY!

Manatee County School District has over 5,000 students in the 6th – 12th grades that qualify for the Take Stock in Children program. We need your help in providing scholarships, mentors and hope to these deserving students. Please, contact us today!

*"For these are
all our children;
we will either
pay for, or profit
from, whatever
they become."*

James Baldwin, author



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Scholarships, Mentors, & Hope

Would you like to donate, mentor, or recommend a student to TSIC? Visit our website at www.ManateeAct.com and click the link to *Take Stock in Children*.

Since its inception in 1995, Take Stock in Children statewide has:

- Given more than **12,000** underserved children the opportunity to succeed in life
- Awarded over **\$86 million** in college scholarships
- Logged over **841,000 volunteer** hours provided by more than **11,000 volunteers**
- Received national recognition by being awarded the Excellence in Mentoring Award for Program Leadership from MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership.
- More than **5,144 students** have graduated high school with a Take Stock in Children scholarship since the first graduating class of 1999.

Source: www.takestockinchildren.com/about_us



Take Stock in Children adheres to the core values of the School District of Manatee County as outlined in the EdVantage principles.



Core Values

- We believe that all people have value and can add value.
- We believe that embracing diversity strengthens communities.
- We believe that family is the first and most powerful influence on a person's life.
- We believe that individuals are responsible for their choices and actions.
- We believe that honesty and integrity are vital.
- We believe that lifelong learning is essential for individuals and communities to flourish.



DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA THAT WILL HELP THE TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN PROGRAM? PLEASE CONTACT US... WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Watch for all of the publications keeping you informed about what's happening around the District in the Adult, Career & Technical Education Department. To view past issues, visit www.ManateeACT.com and click **News**.



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