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The official newsletter of Take Stock in Children - Manatee.



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CEO UPDATE

Anne LeBaron,
Chief Executive Officer



As the summer days give way to the promise of a fresh academic year, we are thrilled to extend a warm welcome back. With excitement and anticipation, we embark on a new school year at Take Stock in Children - Manatee, filled with possibilities, growth, and a shared commitment to shaping the future of our community.

We are particularly thrilled to share the inspiring news that our Take Stock in Children family has grown even stronger. With your steadfast support, we have welcomed an additional 100 bright young minds into our program.

These eager scholars, brimming with potential and determination, represent a powerful force for positive change in our community and beyond. As we gather momentum and usher in this new academic season, we invite you to be an active participant in our journey.

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Get Involved: Empower Hope

"Nurturing Dreams, Inspiring Futures"

Your invaluable contributions have already paved the way for countless success stories, and we know that together, we can achieve even greater heights. Here's how you can get involved:



- 1. Make an Impact through Donations:** Your generous donations continue to be the lifeblood of our mission. Every contribution, no matter the size, fuels our efforts to provide educational opportunities that transform lives. Your investment in Take Stock in Children - Manatee directly impacts the futures of these deserving students.
- 2. Become a Mentor, Be a Role Model:** Our mentors play a pivotal role in the lives of our students. By becoming a mentor, you offer guidance, friendship, and a supportive presence that can make all the difference in a young person's journey.
- 3. Volunteer and Share Your Expertise:** We encourage you to lend your expertise and time as a volunteer. By sharing your knowledge and skills, you can inspire and guide our students toward their aspirations, creating a lasting ripple effect of empowerment.
- 4. Spread the Word:** Help us amplify our impact by spreading the word about Take Stock in Children - Manatee. Your advocacy can lead to increased awareness and greater support from our community.
- 5. Celebrate Successes Together:** Stay engaged with our progress by attending our events, workshops, and gatherings. Together, we'll celebrate the milestones achieved by our students and share in their triumphs.

As we embark on this exciting new school year, let's remember that the future we envision is one that's brighter and more inclusive—a future where education transcends barriers and unlocks limitless potential. Your partnership is instrumental in making this vision a reality. Thank you for your commitment and support to Take Stock in Children - Manatee. Your belief in the power of education to change lives is truly the driving force behind our endeavors. Let us unite, inspire, and create lasting impact together.

Here's to a school year filled with discovery, growth, and countless opportunities!

Warm regards,
Anne

A Fresh Start: Back to School

As we kick off another exciting academic season, we want to ensure a seamless start for both students and mentors. Our College Success Coaches (CSCs) have hit the ground running and will begin meeting with students at their schools soon. We're excited to embark on this journey together, embracing growth, learning, and achievement. Here's to a successful and enriching school year with Take Stock in Children! 🇺🇸🌟

Student Reminders

- Make sure your TSIC app is fresh and up-to-date.
- Keep an eye out for TSIC's messages in the app. Ping your mentor on the TSIC app to set up mentor time.
- Your mentor is here to help you shine. Ask questions, share your goals, and get advice. It's teamwork all the way!
- Work with your mentor on bite-sized goals. Every step forward counts, and you'll celebrate every achievement.
- If you're stuck, just ask! Talk to your mentor or your College Success Coach (CSC) for superhero-level guidance.
- Don't forget to share your victories – big or small. High fives with your mentor keep the motivation going!
- Finally, check out the cool new **College and Career Readiness** webpage on the TSIC Manatee website at manateetakestock.org. It's packed with helpful stuff to level up your education journey! 🇺🇸

Mentor Reminders

- First things first, make sure you've got the latest TSIC app.
- Reach out to your awesome mentee using the TSIC app. It's your chance to start planning mentor sessions and supporting their journey.
- Be there for your mentee's dreams and questions. Share your insights, set goals together, and enjoy the mentor-mentee ride!
- Help your mentee set achievable goals. Celebrate every victory – no matter how small. Your mentor high-fives keep the motivation flowing!
- If your mentee needs a hand, give them a boost! Chat, advise, and guide them like the mentor superstar you are.
- Watch out for TSIC workshops. They're epic learning opportunities you don't want to miss!
- Finally, check out the anticipated **Mentor's** webpage on the TSIC Manatee website at manateetakestock.org. It's your hub for mentor resources and insights to create an awesome journey for your mentee! 🌟

Mentor Spotlight

Ivory Matthews, TSIC Manatee Mentor

Ivory Matthews is a distinguished leader with over 12 years of dedicated service as the Vice President of Community & Governmental Affairs at Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, Inc. She also serves as a mentor and has contributed as a past board member for Take Stock in Children - Manatee, showcasing her commitment to education. Congratulations to Ms. Matthews for being recognized, a testament to her outstanding contributions to community development, mentorship, and education.



Upcoming Events

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	September 4th Labor Day - No School					
September 10th Rays Game at 1pm				September 14th College 101 6-7pm		September 16th Hope Community Fair at 10am
		September 19th Mentor Q&A 6-7pm	SCAN ME			November 10th & 11th Lakewood Ranch Rotary Festival
November 12th Pineapple Kitchen Holiday Open House at 10am						
November 19th Ponies Under the Palms LWR Main St. at 10am						

DONATIONS CHANGE LIVES

Donate to TSIC Manatee

Transforming Lives Through Donations

Every donation has the power to create a ripple effect of change, and nowhere is this impact felt more profoundly than within the Take Stock in Children - Manatee program. By supporting this initiative, you're not just contributing funds; you're investing in the dreams and aspirations of young minds, shaping their futures, and enabling them to achieve their fullest potential.

Three Ways to Make a Donation:

- 1. Donate Stock:** Your generosity doesn't have to be limited to traditional forms of giving. By donating stock, you unlock a unique opportunity to support the Take Stock in Children - Manatee program. This method not only benefits the students but also allows you to potentially reduce your capital gains tax.
- 2. Straight Donation:** A direct donation is a direct investment in the dreams of the next generation. Your contribution, no matter the size, goes a long way in providing educational opportunities, resources, and mentorship to students, setting them on a path to success.
- 3. Double Your First Donation:** Thanks to Louis and Gloria Flanzer's commitment to fostering positive change, your initial donation can be doubled in impact. The program's dedication to matching first-time donations reflects their belief in the transformative power of education.



Through the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust, your donations to the Take Stock in Children - Manatee program are amplified, allowing more students to access quality education, mentorship, and a brighter future. Each donation is a stepping stone toward breaking barriers and helping students realize their dreams. Scan the QR code above or click <http://bit.ly/FlanzerDonation> and join us in making a lasting impact through your support today!

Change the life of a Florida student today...

BUY A MENTORING CHANGES LIVES LICENSE PLATE!

Help support your local Take Stock in Children program



Mentoring changes lives and makes a difference! If you are a Take Stock mentor, parent, community member, or simply someone who believes that Mentoring Changes Lives and wishes to support our efforts to help bring mentoring to more Florida students, will you join us by purchasing a voucher for our Mentoring License Plate?



The pre-sale voucher costs \$35.95 in total



TSIC needs to sell 3,000 pre-sale license plate vouchers in order for the plate to go into production



You will receive your plate once we sell 3,000 vouchers



All sales go through the Escambia County Tax Collector (no matter the county you reside)

STEP 1: Click the following link <https://govhub.com/fl-escambia/fl-escambia/vouchers>

STEP 2: Scroll down to "Take Stock In Children"

STEP 3: Click the Purchase button & enter the license plate number of the vehicle you are purchasing a voucher

STEP 4: Click **PAY NOW** button

STEP 5: Complete the checkout for payment. \$33 for voucher + \$2.95 convenience fee = \$35.95

STEP 6: You will receive an email from PaymentExpress Escambia County Tax Collector after checkout

STEP 7: Follow the instructions provided in the email you will receive to complete your pre-sale voucher purchase

Please remember, you are purchasing a pre-sale voucher for the Mentoring license plate, not renewing your current plate. Thanks for your support of Take Stock in Children.



Scan the QR Code to purchase a presale voucher for the Take Stock in Children "Mentoring Changes Lives" license plate, or click the link above.

"The Star Thrower" by Loren Elseley: A man walked along the beach. Ahead he saw a boy dashing back and forth in the sand. He smiled thinking the boy was enjoying a game on a fine morning, so he hurried to catch up. As he got closer, he saw the boy picking something up out of the sand and gently tossing it into the sea. As he got closer to the boy, the man called out, "Hello, what are you doing?"

The boy paused in throwing, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back in, they will die."

"But don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You can't possibly make a difference."

