



August Mentor Newsletter 2019



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Time to Gear Up!

“The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.” — Steven Spielberg

Mentor News

A Word from your Mentor Coordinator, Kimberly Briard



Dear Mentors,

As we prepare for the new school year, which begins on August 12th, we are excited to introduce new strategies and programs to help support our returning students.

In launching the 2019-2020 school year, please keep in mind that our purpose is to help our students make the most of their time throughout this year. As a mentor, you are there to support, assist and listen. You must be that adult who will accept them as they are. Often times, students may just need someone to listen and be present with them. Never assume, but seek to understand. Get to know who they are, i.e., their background, experiences, their hopes and dreams. The role of mentoring requires patience, flexibility and understanding. As a mentor, try to help them identify their responsibilities, hold them accountable utilizing teachable moments that turn the negative into a positive.

Try walking a mile in your student's shoes before making a judgement call. This approach will help lead them in a positive life direction.

Take advantage of the opportunities Take Stock in Children offers mentors to get more involved, both with your student and other mentors. Resources and workshop information are provided in our monthly newsletter. We are implementing a 'Mentor School Ambassador Program' to help provide you with increased mentor support.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Mentor Back to School Workshop. This will be an additional opportunity to connect, share and collaborate with other mentors.

Thank you for the continued support, commitment and time you give your student(s) and our program. Enjoy the rest of the summer break!

Warmest Regards,
Kimberly Briard
Mentor Coordinator

Take Stock News



Our 11th Annual Target Back to School Shopping was a Success!

Sixty Take Stock in Children students were able to spend \$200 at Target, purchasing what they needed to successfully start the school year! They budgeted with their mentors and donors, and showed gratitude by writing 'Thank You' cards to the generous people who continue to support our program.

Launching Soon!

Take Stock Palm Beach is launching a 'monthly giving initiative', a way to help grow your impact and help more students.

We value your time and we hope you find our program is worth your investment. If you want to become a 'Stockholder for Education', you can now give a monthly gift and become part of Take Stock Palm Beach's 'Giving Club'.

Click [HERE](#) to become a Stockholder!

Take Stock in Children Palm Beach

STOCKHOLDERS PROGRAM

Grow your impact. Invest in education.
Change more lives.

THE STOCKHOLDERS PROGRAM IS A RECURRING GIVING PLATFORM THAT ALLOWS INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN PALM BEACH A PART OF YOUR MONTHLY GIVING.

- \$10-Student Materials
- \$15-Mentor Support
- \$25-College Readiness Coaching
- \$50-College Scholarship Fund

To become a Stockholder please visit our website at www.takestockpalmbeach.org

Keep Us Informed!

PLEASE SEND US THE FOLLOWING (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY)

- Changes in your contact information
- Changes in employment
- Next school year mentor status, continuing, resigning or wanting additional students.

[EMAIL KIMBERLY](#)

Mark your Calendars



**Mentor Back to School Workshop
Connect and Collaborate**

Renew and refresh in this highly interactive setting.
Join us on...

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM

or

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM

Location: Extraordinary Charities,
2635 Okeechobee Rd, WPB. [Map](#)

*Lunch and/or Dinner will be served.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

On the Horizon

The health and wellness of our students and families are very important to us. Please mark your calendars for our 'Reset for Success' in October. Click below for more info.

[RESET FOR SUCCESS FLYER](#)

Attention All Mentors! The Mentor School Ambassador Initiative

We now have 25 + volunteer mentors who will be supporting specific schools as a Mentor School Ambassador. Each school ambassador will be contacting their mentors at their assigned schools via email in September.

Their role will be:

- enhance communication and provide more support to mentors.
- promote good will among all mentors.
- guide and assist mentors through mentoring challenges.

- liaison between mentors and mentor department.
- We are very excited about this new endeavor. When your Mentor School Ambassador contacts you, please make sure you acknowledge them. They are here to support both you and your student(s).
If any questions or concerns , please contact Kimberly Briard.

Mentor Spotlight



Today we honor Tony Strauss. He has been a mentor for Take Stock in Children Palm Beach since 2002 and he is now retiring. Tony has given his love and time for more than 17 years to five students.

In Tony's own words: "I had key mentors in my life who made a big difference in my future. The satisfaction in working with my students is seeing them accomplish their goals and seeing them reach beyond what they thought they could attain."

Thank you, Tony, for your service, leadership, love, and compassion shown over the course of 17 years as a mentor. We are truly fortunate to call you one of Take Stock in Children's mentors. We will miss seeing your smiling face at our events. Thank you!

Mentor Resources

Coming Soon!

September Newsletter:

- Prep Plans for mentors
- College Readiness Coach list
- Student workshops

2019-2020 School Calendar, Revised

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