

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“Take Stock in Children was and still is an integral part of my past, present, and future success. The program provided me with a good financial foundation to get a solid college education and escaping the trap of student loans that haunts many graduates. But the most important thing TSIC gave me was a lifelong friend in my mentor Dyer Matlock. His guidance, care, and dedication to my life and career have helped put me on a path to success. The impact of this scholarship on my life may not just be measured in my success, but in the opportunity it provides me to impact that success of others.”

*Stephen Helwig
Siemens Energy, Inc.
2002 Graduate of Brevard
Take Stock in Children*

“My family knows first-hand that the transition to college is not always an easy one, and that is why we support Take Stock in Children and partnered to create a very special fellowship program. We want to ensure that these students achieve their dreams and can reach their full potential to become the next generation of great leaders.”

*Mark Asofsky,
President of Twin-Star International and
Founder of Leaders 4 Life Fellowship*

“Take Stock has given me so much more self-confidence than I had before. My mentor was always there to give me that extra nudge I needed to do things I never thought I could. I've grown so much throughout these four years and I have Take Stock to thank for it. I never would've imagined I'd be where I am today and I wouldn't be here without Take Stock!”

*Tyler Dwyer,
current University of Florida student*

“Take Stock in Children is responsible for what I have and will accomplish. The best possible way for Take Stock students to say thank you, is by remembering where we came from and to be cognizant of the fact that we have people believing in us that we can change the world. To give is to receive, now its our turn to give back.”

*Alfonso Mejia,
current University of Florida student*

“Take Stock in Children has provided me with a strong support network of dedicated staff and mentors who have helped me in the transition from high school to college. Take Stock in Children has become a second family to me.”

*Maria Rincon,
current Harvard College student*

“Take Stock in Children isn't your typical scholarship program. It's not about the money or the prestige. Rather, it's about the personal relationships you develop when you are part of the Take Stock in Children family. We, the students, support each other through the crazy high school years and beyond. We have our mentors behind us, cheering us on. We have met so many influential people that have inspired us. For me, there is no value that can be placed on our relationships. This is simply priceless.”

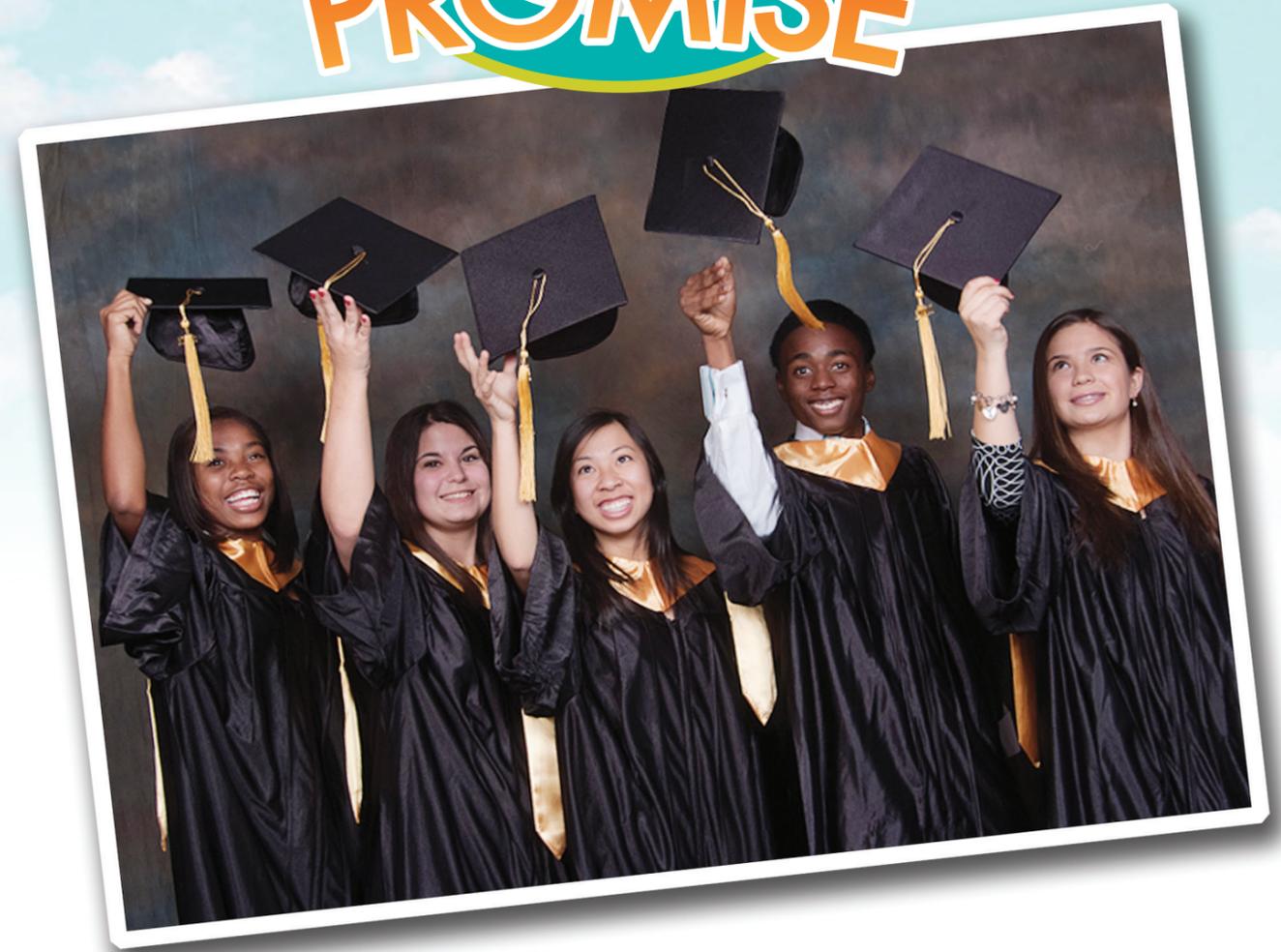
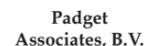
*Ha Tran,
current Duke University student*

“We are in a race against the clock in education today. We are living in a knowledge-based economy, and it's going to take all of us - parents, teachers, school systems, political leaders, businesses - everybody staying engaged and investing in education if we are to graduate our students college and career ready. We're excited to partner with the Rays Baseball Foundation and to support an organization like Take Stock in Children, which is committed to helping our students achieve postsecondary education success.”

*Vince Roig,
Chairman of Helios Education Foundation*



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Providing scholarships, mentors and hope to Florida's deserving low-income students

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TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN



Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability conducted a comprehensive study of mentoring programs around the state and reported that Take Stock in Children outperformed their peers in academic performance, attendance and ultimately, high school completion.

These accolades motivated the Florida Board of Education and Florida Legislature to fund a \$1 million increase in the 2012-13 state funding for Take Stock in Children. This support allows us to help more than 1,800 additional deserving low-income students.

Take Stock in Children, a 501(c)3, is Florida's flagship student mentoring organization with an unparalleled record of success in helping Florida's deserving low-income children reach their full potential through education. Since 1995, we have provided caring volunteer mentors, college scholarships and hope for more than 18,000 children in 67 counties. Many of these students are the first in their family to have the opportunity to pursue a college degree.

One of 49 organizations awarded the prestigious "Investing in Innovation" national grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Take Stock in Children is delivering the promise of education to deserving students. Florida's



Now, Take Stock in Children is expanding on its promise for student success and high school completion to include college completion.

Introducing "Keeping the Promise"

"Keeping the Promise" is a statewide campaign to purchase college scholarships for these additional 1,800 eligible and ambitious students. The total number of student scholars served by Take Stock in Children will grow by 25% to reach about 9,000 students this year.

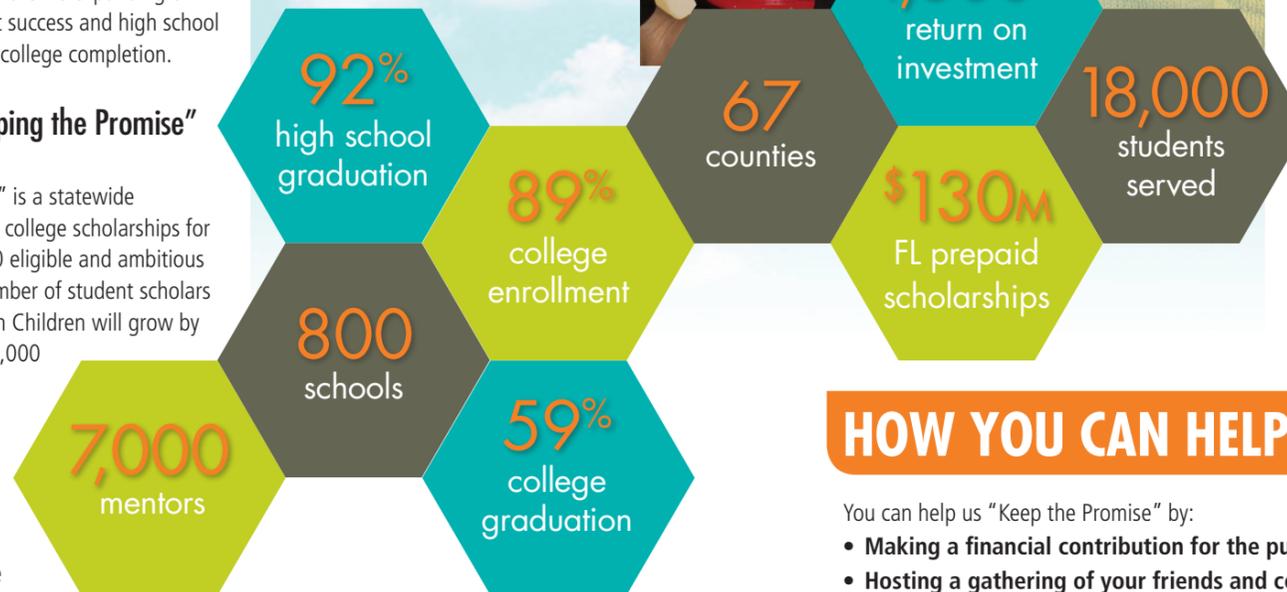
You can help "Keep the Promise" to provide a better future for Florida's deserving, low-income children.

Building an educated workforce for Florida's employers

Take Stock in Children makes the American dream of achieving a college education a reality for many of our future leaders. Our programs excel in developing strong leadership skills in students and in empowering them to reach their full potential. By preparing students for college and helping to establish lifelong skills, Take Stock in Children scholars have become valued employees at major companies throughout Florida. Earning a higher education is life-changing for the students we serve and incredibly rewarding for our students and our state's workforce.

The proof is in the results

With an unrivaled high school graduation rate of 92%, and with 89% of our students enrolling in college, Take Stock in Children is improving the economic viability of Florida. Unlike high school drop-outs, college graduates contribute 46% more in taxes, live longer with less public health dependency, and are three times more likely to be employed and not dependent on government assistance. The state of Florida saves an estimated \$300,000 per college graduate over the course of a lifetime.



Take Stock in Children's promise

Prior to enrolling a student, Take Stock in Children secures donations to purchase a college scholarship for that student. We promise our scholars the support of a caring mentor, in-school support services provided by student advocates and program directors, and a paid college scholarship upon high school graduation. Take Stock in Children is the single largest purchaser of Florida Prepaid Scholarships.

Our students' promise

Deserving, low-income students enroll in our program in middle school and each Take Stock in Children scholar and their parent/guardian reinforce their commitment to achieving an education by signing a contract. Our scholars promise to meet with their mentor weekly, to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5, to remain drug and crime free, to demonstrate good behavior and attendance, and to attend high school and college readiness workshops. Upon successful high school graduation, and fulfillment of their contractual agreement, Take Stock in Children scholars are awarded a scholarship to a Florida college, university or vocational school.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help us "Keep the Promise" by:

- Making a financial contribution for the purchase of scholarships
- Hosting a gathering of your friends and colleagues to rally scholarship fundraising support
- Serving as a Take Stock in Children advocate speaker at community, civic or professional organization events
- Donating in-kind services such as radio, television or print advertising and point of sale fundraising opportunities
- Providing on-site business promotion opportunities to help share our message
- Creating an employee/student mentoring challenge at your corporation/business

The reward is great – you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you transformed a child's future and the future of your community. Knowledge is power, and an investment in education pays the highest dividends.



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