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Take Stock in Children and the Florida Lottery Announce the 2011 Celebration of Hope Dinner  
*Join us for a wonderful event celebrating our senior graduates.*

Sarasota, FL. – (April 22, 2011) – This year has flown by and we are honored to be presenting Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County’s 2011 graduates to the community. The event will be held at the Chelsea Center on Thursday, May 19 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A delicious dinner from Carrabba’s Italian Grill will be served and the program will reflect on the great achievements of these children’s lives.

Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County, Inc. (TSIC) currently serves more than 250 middle and high school students in 22 schools in Sarasota County. Every student goes through an extensive application and interview process to be eligible for the program. All students must sign a contract agreeing to maintain good grades and stay crime and drug free. During their time in the program, a mentor is selected to meet with them for an hour each week.

With a successful completion of the program, each child is awarded a full tuition scholarship for two years at a community college and two years at a state university through the Florida Prepaid College Foundation’s Program STARS. This program matches every scholarship dollar raised in Sarasota County. Ninety-five percent of TSIC scholarship recipients throughout the state of Florida graduate from high school and attend a post-secondary school.

There are numerous ways to engage in the evening’s activities and support the students. Individual tickets are \$25 for dinner and the evening program. Ticket sponsorships are available and range from \$100 for (4) guests to \$1,000 for (2) tables of 16 guests total. For more information on attending this wonderful celebration, please contact Danielle at [danielle@takestocksarasota.org](mailto:danielle@takestocksarasota.org) or 941-358-4407. Also, visit us online at [www.takestocksarasota.org](http://www.takestocksarasota.org).

We hope you can come celebrate with us and wish the students onward to a bright and successful future!

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