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TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN OF SARASOTA COUNTY PROGRAM HONORED
Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County was recognized at Take Stock's College and Career Readiness Summit with a Silver Award for Program Excellence

Sarasota, FL (September 21, 2016) – Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County (TSIC) was recently recognized by Take Stock in Children as one of 20 programs statewide receiving the Excellence Award – Silver Level Category. TSIC of Sarasota County was selected for this distinction through a rigorous review system that measured program performance on criteria including student college readiness, mentoring support, and growth.

TSIC of Sarasota County received the award during Take Stock in Children's College and Career Readiness Summit held in Jacksonville that attracted more than 250 participants from local programs across Florida who learned from national leaders about the latest trends and data on innovation in education, mentoring, college readiness skills, and career pipelines and resources. Serving more than 26,000 students since 1995, Take Stock in Children is a scholarship mentoring program based on the principal that with high expectations, mentorship, a college scholarship and college and career readiness curriculum, children living in poverty can succeed.

"The award is a source of great pride for our organization, and shows Take Stock's dedication to serving the students in our communities who aspire to achieve their dreams through postsecondary education," said Take Stock in Children Program Director Candice McLeod "Our program staff work hard throughout the year to make sure our students stay on track from high school to college and into a competitive career."

About Take Stock in Children

Take Stock in Children, a Florida 501(c)3 non-profit organization has been providing volunteer mentors, scholarships and hope to more than 26,000 of Florida's deserving at-risk, low-income students since 1995. Reporting an unparalleled 96% annual high school graduation rate and an 96% college enrollment rate, TSIC is Florida's flagship and most successful mentoring and scholarship program. In every Florida county, TSIC scholars in middle and high school pledge to meet regularly with their mentor, maintain academic standards, and remain drug and crime-free on the way to achieving a high school diploma. The reward for fulfilling these commitments is a scholarship to a Florida state college, university or vocational school. To donate, volunteer or learn more about Take Stock in Children, please call 888-322-4673 or visit www.takestockinchildren.org. For information about TSIC of Sarasota County, please call (941)358-4407 or visit www.takestocksarasota.org.

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