



Date: May 7th, 2024

**For Immediate Release**

Contact: Kate Clement, Marketing Administrator of The Education Foundation of Alachua County

Phone: 352-955-7250 Ext 6434

Email: [conclementka@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:conclementka@gm.sbac.edu)

**23 out of 66 new Take Stock in Children students are still in need of a mentor to secure their college scholarships**

For the last 38 years, Take Stock in Children, a non-profit organization, has provided low-income, high-achieving students with an opportunity to go to college on a scholarship. After successfully graduating from high school, each Take Stock in Children scholar is awarded a 2-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship to use at any technical school, college, or university.

Take Stock in Children, the biggest program of The Education Foundation of Alachua County currently serves 350 students and will induct 66 new students into the program this month. To secure the scholarships for all of new students, TSIC Alachua is looking to recruit 23 more volunteer mentors.

By becoming a Take Stock Mentor, you can not only help be a positive and reliable role model to a child in need but also help break the cycle of poverty through education.

New mentors will train virtually before being matched with a student. Additionally, mentors will receive support from the Take Stock in Children staff. Mentoring will start at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year in Alachua County, starting August 2024.

The Education Foundation of Alachua County has been an affiliate of the Take Stock in Children program since 1996. The majority of these students are currently enrolled in college or have already received degrees. The program will graduate 50 more alumni on May 9th, 2024, when the Class of 2024 graduates from high schools across the Alachua County school district.



To become a mentor with Take Stock in Children in Alachua County, please visit [www.edfoundationac.org/volunteering-as-a-mentor](http://www.edfoundationac.org/volunteering-as-a-mentor)

**23 Mentors Needed!**

Take Stock in Children®

<b>Fort Clarke Middle</b>	<b>Lincoln Middle</b>
<b>Howard Bishop Middle</b>	<b>Mebane Middle</b>
<b>High Springs Community</b>	<b>Santa Fe High</b>
<b>Kanapaha Middle</b>	<b>Westwood Middle</b>

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
Supporting Alachua County Public Schools

The Education Foundation of Alachua County, Inc. is a 501(C)3 organization founded in 1986 to support the Alachua County Public Schools. The Foundation has three programs: Senior Scholarship, Take Stock in Children and Catalyst for Change. For more information, please visit <http://edfoundationac.org/about-us/>.