



20 years of changing lives
scholarships, mentors & hope

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Take Stock in Children helps at-risk, low-income children succeed by providing college scholarships, volunteer mentors, early intervention, and long-term support. High standards, parental involvement, and community support are crucial to our success.

- Qualifying factors include financial need, family status
- Ongoing student requirements with standards for academic performance, school and mentoring session attendance, and behavior
- Florida Prepaid Foundation matches local scholarship dollars 1:1
- Administrative costs are funded 100% by the State of Florida
- 67 students in the SJC program for 2017-18
 - ***Representation (2017-18):***
Schools in north half of county= 23
Schools in south half of county= 44
- 67 active volunteer mentors in 2016-2017, who carried out 1100+ mentoring sessions. ***Mentoring is the backbone of the program.***
- 51% of Take Stock-SJC students attain a college degree within 6 years. State college/university average is 48.5% for all students, and nationally, only 9% of students from low income families attain degrees by age 24
- **98% of local program graduates have attended college immediately upon high school graduation**
- Local cost to fund one student scholarship in 2018 is approximately \$4,300, which is matched 100% by the Florida Prepaid Foundation