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## **CFY donates \$50,000 to the Pinellas Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Program**

*Matched dollar-for-dollar, this donation will become a \$100,000 investment supporting underserved children through mentorship and guarantees of college scholarships.*

Clearwater, FL: CFY continues to build upon its' mission of elevating the youth of Pinellas County through its partnership with the Pinellas Education Foundation (Foundation), with another \$50,000 contribution to the Take Stock In Children Program (TSIC). Through Foundation's partnership with the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, each donor dollar is matched, doubling the impact of this award to the benefit of 11 Pinellas County children.

"This partnership continues CFY's commitment to our youth's education. Over the past two years through CFY's own Ricard O. Jacobson Postsecondary Scholarship Program and this partnership, CFY has facilitated \$500,000 of support to 72 different children. The Board of Trustees are thrilled by this milestone as is the CFY partnership network," CFY Chairman, Fred Miller.

TSIC is a life-changing initiative that identifies hard-working, financially deserving middle and high school students and provides them with a college scholarship, a college success coach and a mentor willing to help them reach their full potential. 96% of Take Stock in Children students graduate high school on time, compared to the state graduation rate of 83% for economically disadvantaged students.

"We are incredibly grateful for Clearwater for Youth's generous support of our Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program. By investing in deserving students' dreams, we empower them to reach their full potential. Together, we are building a legacy of success in our community, one scholarship at a time," Johnny Boykins, Pinellas Education Foundation Board Member and Take Stock in Children Committee Chair.

Students within the program are paired with mentors, meeting 15 times during the school year to help establish goals, discuss challenges, and build confidence. The program also administers college readiness and coaching. 67% of the Take Stock in Children students, all who are economically disadvantaged go on to complete college.

This donation is the largest of CFY's grant awards to an organization in a single fiscal year and is part of a recurring partnership between the two youth-focused organizations.

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CFY's mission is to elevate the youth of Pinellas County through access to athletics and other skill-building programs where children from all backgrounds can learn, play, and grow together. This is achieved through meaningful collaborations and partnerships with a variety of youth focused organizations across the county, combining efforts and resources to maximize community impact. For more information, please visit our website at [www.cfypinellas.org](http://www.cfypinellas.org)