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Take Stock in Children of Manatee County is accepting previously used, in good condition, smart phones and devices (iPads, tablets) to be utilized by students. Take Stock in Children of Manatee County is a powerful and proven mentoring and college scholarship program serving low-income, at-risk students in 6th - 12th grade in the School District of Manatee County.

Many of the Take Stock scholars do not have the ability to communicate through a mobile device on a consistent basis. Through donation of a smart phone, these students will have the ability to access email, iMessage and other communication platforms in a WIFI enabled area including their schools for free.

“Communication is important for success. Providing our students the ability to communicate more consistently with their mentors, Take Stock staff and other support systems will empower children.” says Diana Dill, Take Stock’s Executive Director. “Think of a time when your phone wasn’t available for communication and how frustrated you were. These students face this scenario on a regular basis. Thank you in advance for this generous donation to help make a difference in the lives of our students.”

Currently, major service providers are also offering incentive devices such as a tablet when you upgrade or purchase a new phone. This is another great opportunity to be able to provide a communication tool for a student in need.

Phones and devices may be dropped off at the Professional Support Center, 2501 63rd Ave E., Bradenton during regular business hours. All devices will be cleared of any previous data and account information and new SIM cards will be issued.

For additional information, please contact Jessica Armstrong at 941-651-6550 x 2368 or jessica@takestockmanatee.org.

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Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization in Florida that provides a unique opportunity for deserving low-income student, to break the cycle of poverty through education. We offer our students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life. Our comprehensive services start in middle school, continue through high school and include their transition into college. Over the last year, hundreds of children have benefited from the program through the opportunity to be mentored and receive a college tuition scholarship. Each student and their family go through an application process. Once accepted into the program, each student complies with rigorous standards and meets with a mentor once a week. Take Stock in Children has a 96% high school graduation rate for students selected for the program.