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### President's Update

The word **Impact** has two definitions. The first is to come into forcible contact with another object, a collision of sorts; and the second is to have a strong effect on someone or something. When I think about the Brevard Schools Foundation, I can't help but feel like our mission is really a combination of both definitions.

Most of us can relate to having a time in our lives where we needed some sort of forcible contact or collision to help guide us along a different path or give us a second chance. Anyone who has had a moment like that would most likely agree that it had a strong effect on their life, like it did for Lakisha Davis, on her journey from Victim to Victorious.

Here at Brevard Schools Foundation, our goal is to create a positive impact on the lives of all students and teachers in Brevard County. Whether it's paving the way to college for an at-risk student by connecting them with a caring mentor, or it's sending sixth graders to Kennedy Space Center to discover the endless possibility of how far they can go, everything we do is geared at making an impact, and that impact cannot happen without the help of so many of our amazing supporters.

There are thousands of books, quizzes and various resources that focus on finding the purpose or meaning in life. I think the most wonderful thing about the Brevard Schools Foundation is that we know our purpose, and to us, the *what* we do is far less important than *why* we do it. Our *why* is simple. When you invest in young minds, you invest in the endless possibilities and play a part in shaping lives. To us, there can be no greater impact.



Janice Kershaw, President  
Brevard Schools Foundation

## The Journey from Victim to Victorious

Lakisha Davis, TSIC alumni

In 1999, I found myself sitting at a little brown table writing intimate details of my life for a Take Stock in Children ("TSIC") scholarship. It made me uneasy to know that my past pains and future aspirations would be perused by individuals

### From Victim to Victorious (cont.)

Lakisha Davies, TSIC alumni

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unknown to me. But, I also knew that these same individuals had the ability to make a big difference in my life.

Eight years prior to me applying for the TSIC program, I went through the most traumatic event of my life—the murder of my mother. At five years old, I was left to endure

the loss of my mother and separation from my two younger sisters. Additionally, my father did not play an active role in my life, which made me feel somewhat like a parentless child.



## #Nikhita's Challenge - How a 7 year old is taking action to help kids in need

Nikhita Shree Kumar, a second grader in Brevard County decided she wants to make the world a better place by turning her birthday into a gift for other children.

Now, she's challenging the community to do the same by donating to Brevard Schools Foundation's Supply Zone for Teachers, a resource center that provides school supplies to children in need.

If you would like to learn more about Nikhita's Challenge, please click the button below or visit our Facebook or Twitter feeds.

[Donate to Nikhita's Challenge](#)



#NikhitasChallenge

## Changing Lives Over Lunch

Brevard Schools Foundation's Take Stock In Children program has an immediate need for 40 mentors. Schools with particularly high need are Palm Bay Magnet High School, Space Coast Jr./Sr. High, and Heritage High.

By sharing just one hour of your time each week with a local middle or high school student, you could make the difference in whether or not they graduate from high school and go on to higher education.

Volunteer mentors provide support and encouragement to our Take Stock in Children students. You already have the heart and the knowledge; let us teach you how to mentor student and help him/her go to college, achieve their dreams and break the cycle of poverty.



If you'd like to learn more about how you can impact the life of a deserving child, please click the button below.

[Learn More About Mentoring a Child](#)

# Back to School Giveaway Update and Opportunity

The Back to School Giveaway Registration is currently underway and will remain open until July 13, 2017 or until all available slots are filled. To date, we have nearly 1,900 students registered to receive free school supplies.

There is still time to become a sponsor for this event, or to host a supply drive at your business or organization. For more information on how you can help send Brevard students to school prepared and ready to learn, please contact Elizabeth Schreiber at (321) 633-1000 ext. 301 or via email [schreiber.elizabeth@brevardschools.org](mailto:schreiber.elizabeth@brevardschools.org)

## BSF Board of Directors Update

Did you know that Brevard Schools Foundation is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors? At its monthly meeting in June, the 26 member board elected new officers to serve for the next two years.

They are:

Chair - Mike LaFortune, Product Strategy and Business Development

Vice Chair – Richard Miller, Miller and Hurt Financial Services

Secretary – Erica Lemp, WeVenture

Treasurer – Christine Noll-Rhan, Carr Riggs and Ingram

Immediate Past Chair – Yvonne McGuire, Wells Fargo Advisors

We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful community leaders and businesses who become involved on a deeper level to ensure that our mission continues to thrive and provide as much support for Brevard students and teachers as possible.

## Do you want to learn about how you can make an impact?

Twice monthly, Brevard Schools Foundation holds “Launch to Success” informational tours of our mission. Each session is one hour and you will leave with a lasting impression of how our work supports innovation, engages communities and changes lives.

For more details and to reserve your spot, please contact Linda Filippini at [filippini.linda@brevardschools.org](mailto:filippini.linda@brevardschools.org) or 321.633.1000 ext. 454



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