



14th Annual
REACH for the **STARS**
Gala 2026



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Reach for the Stars Gala?

The Reach for the Stars Gala is the signature fundraising event benefiting Take Stock in Children of Brevard, a program of Brevard Schools Foundation. The gala brings together community leaders, educators, businesses, and supporters to celebrate student success while raising funds for scholarships, mentoring, and college and career readiness services.

2. When and where is the gala?

The 14th Annual Reach for the Stars Gala will be held on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, at the **Hilton Melbourne**, located at **200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL 32901**.

3. What time do doors open?

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Additional event details and the evening schedule will be shared with registered guests prior to the event.

4. What is included with an Individual Seat ticket?

An Individual Seat ticket includes admission to the gala, dinner, access to event activities, and participation in the evening's program. Drink tickets will be available for purchase.

5. What is included with a VIP Individual Seat ticket?

A VIP Individual Seat includes preferred seating, admission to the gala, dinner, and unlimited drink tickets throughout the evening.

6. Can I sit with friends or colleagues if purchasing individual tickets?

Yes. Guests who purchase individual tickets separately may request to be seated together. To request seating accommodation, please contact:

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Seating requests must be submitted no later than **Friday, September 4, 2026**.

Every effort will be made to accommodate seating requests; however, requests cannot be guaranteed and are subject to table availability, event capacity, and the size of the group requesting to be seated together.

7. Are table purchases available?

Reserved tables are available exclusively through gala sponsorship opportunities. Individual guests may purchase either Individual Seat or VIP Individual Seat tickets.

8. How do sponsorships work?

Businesses, organizations, and individuals may support the gala through a variety of sponsorship levels. Sponsorships include recognition opportunities, event benefits, and VIP seating. Sponsorship details and benefits can be found in the Sponsorship Opportunities section of the website.

9. Can sponsors donate unused seats?

Yes. Sponsors who choose not to utilize some or all of their included seats may notify event organizers. Unused seats may be provided to students, mentors, educators, or special guests, and may increase the tax-deductible value of the sponsorship.



10. Where do the proceeds from the gala go?

Proceeds support Take Stock in Children of Brevard, helping provide scholarships, volunteer mentoring, college readiness support, and student success coaching for students working toward postsecondary education and career success.

11. Is my contribution tax-deductible?

Brevard Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax-deductible amounts vary based on sponsorship benefits received. Please consult your tax advisor for specific guidance.

12. What is the dress code?

Guests are encouraged to wear cocktail or formal attire appropriate for an elegant evening celebration.

13. How can I make a donation if I cannot attend?

Supporters may make a tax-deductible donation online, contribute an auction item, become a sponsor, participate in the silent auction, or make a direct gift to support students served through Take Stock in Children of Brevard.

14. How can I stay informed about sponsorships, tickets, and event updates?

Visit this page regularly and follow Brevard Schools Foundation and Take Stock in Children of Brevard on social media for the latest announcements, sponsorship opportunities, ticket availability, and event updates.

15. Do I have to attend the gala to participate in the Silent Auction?

No. Anyone may register and participate in the Silent Auction online once bidding opens. Participants can browse items, place bids, watch favorite items, set maximum bids, and receive notifications throughout the auction.

16. How do I participate in the Silent Auction?

Visit the online auction site and register for an account. A credit card is required to participate in bidding and to facilitate payment if you win an item.

17. What types of auction items are available?

Auction offerings vary each year and may include vacation packages, dining experiences, entertainment, sports memorabilia, gift baskets, professional services, event tickets, and other unique experiences.

18. How can I donate an item to the auction?

The gala features silent and live auction opportunities. Donations of gift certificates, experiences, vacation packages, event tickets, professional services, themed baskets, and other unique items are welcome. Businesses and individuals interested in donating an item, service, or experience may contact the gala team or complete the auction donation form available on this page.

19. Who should I contact with questions?

For sponsorship opportunities, ticket information, auction donations, or general event questions, please contact:

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