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\$50,000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

(Miami, January 9, 2013) – The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) awards \$50,000 in scholarships to Miami Dade College for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami (BBBS) “Littles” who will be enrolled in the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Scholarship Program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami and The Take Stock in Children programs provides youth with the opportunity and tools necessary to achieve excellence in all facets of their lives. The participants are involved in mentoring, early intervention and prevention, case management, educational opportunities, academic support and more.

“The strength of our communities and vitality of our economy depends on how prepared are young people are able to compete in today’s job market. By awarding \$50,000 in scholarships, SFWIB is affording an opportunity for our students to receive a post-secondary education, Rick Beasley, executive director for the South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

Baptist Health South Florida, Inc. will assist Big Brothers Big Sisters in securing matching funds for scholarships to assist youth in the Big Brothers Big Sister’s School to Work Program. The Big Brothers Big Sisters School to Work Program is the fastest growing program directly relating to workforce development.

ABOUT BIG BROTHER BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, founded in 1958, is the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the country, serving more than 6,000 local children, volunteers and families through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with caring adult volunteers.

ABOUT TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization in Florida that provides a unique opportunity for deserving students from economically disadvantage families. Their comprehensive services start in middle school and continue in high school and throughout their transitioning into college.

ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

South Florida Workforce is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. South Florida Workforce’s services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of career centers located throughout the region.

For more information on SFWIB Youth Programs, call 305-594-7615 or visit www.southfloridaworkforce.com.

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