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Gulf Power Foundation Donates TSIC Scholarship

The Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation was recently awarded a grant from the Gulf Power Foundation in support of the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program in Okaloosa County. Funding from the grant will provide a full four-year Take Stock Scholarship as well as support services for Take Stock Scholars in every high school in Okaloosa County. The contribution was presented by Gulf Power General Manager Bernard Johnson who stated, "Gulf Power is proud to support Superintendent Mary Beth Jackson and the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation by investing in the lives of Take Stock students and future collegians." In accepting the Gulf Power grant, Jackson expressed her appreciation for the years-long support from the Gulf Power Foundation. "The support from Gulf Power for Take Stock in Children is a powerful investment in students who have great potential. The return on that investment will be of benefit to our community for many years to come."

About Gulf Power Foundation

To further deserving causes in education, Gulf Power Foundation offers educational grants to Educational Foundations in each county. The grants offer a number of benefits aimed at building knowledge and enhancing the quality of life and the economic well-being of our local communities. The Foundation also donates scholarships to junior colleges and universities in Gulf Power's service territory. Financial aid officers at the schools select deserving northwest Florida students to receive the scholarships.

In 2017, the Foundation awarded more than \$458,000 to Northwest Florida organizations. Another \$13,000 in matching funds went to 13 colleges and universities across the nation, matching contributions made by Gulf Power employees.

About the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation (OPSF)

The OPSF is a not-for-profit community-based public schools foundation. It is a partnership between families, schools, community and business. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting and extending the educational opportunities of all individuals within Okaloosa County. Since its establishment in 1995, OPSF has funded educational enrichment programs including teacher grants for unique programs, student scholars in the Take Stock in Children Program, community educational initiatives, and student and teacher recognition awards. For more information about Take Stock in Children and the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, visit www.OkaloosaSchools.com/OPSF.

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