



Hello, my name is Nelson Greene. I am the program coordinator for Take Stock in Children for Clay County. I would like to start off by thanking the Clay County Bar Association for their commitment to improving our community. If you are not familiar with **Take Stock in Children, we are a comprehensive drop out prevention program that helps low-income children stay in school, earn a high school diploma, graduate from college and enter the workforce.** We enroll students as early as the 7th grade in Clay County. Take Stock in Children offers each child: **A college tuition scholarship, a volunteer mentor to provide motivation and tutoring, a case manager to support the student's educational achievements, and college career counseling.**

As I mentioned in the previous paragraph, we match program participants with a **volunteer mentor to provide emotional and academic support.** Having a mentor may not seem as important to individuals us, but often times they are the only positive figure in our students lives. I would like to extend a personal invitation to you and other members of the Clay County Bar Association to become mentors. Due to the fact that your organization is so closely associated with morally righteous ideals, I feel as if you all would be assets to Take Stock in Children.

We currently do not have enough mentors to match all 74 of our participants. It pains me to see our students continue to fight their way through the trials and tribulations of school alone, especially when we have so many potentially great mentors throughout Clay County. Mentoring is only a 45 – 60 minute commitment a week at your student's school. Please seriously consider this opportunity to change a life in your community. Please refer to my contact information below if you are interested.

Sincerely,

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