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FATHER AND SON TEAM UP TO CHANGE A LIFE

(June 28, 2010) TAMPA – As a Hillsborough Education Foundation Florida Prepaid Scholarship recipient, Jamarcus was matched with a mentor to help guide him through his high school career to graduation. He, however, had the unique opportunity to have two mentors in one.

Jeff Cathey, an executive with Bank of America, and his son Tyler Cathey, an associate with Holland & Knight, spent the past year as Jamarcus' co-mentors. A Tampa native and graduate of H.B. Plant High School, Jeff's experience with the "extraordinary role models" in his life led him to pursue the opportunity to serve as a mentor. He sees Jamarcus as "a talented young man with unlimited potential and a great attitude."

Before working towards a law degree from the University of Florida, Tyler Cathey spent some time as a high school teacher. Through this rewarding experience he built meaningful relationships with his students, some of which have lasted five years. With their "tag team" approach to mentoring, Tyler hoped to cultivate a similar relationship with his mentee.

Now a high school graduate, Jamarcus was accepted to his top choice school, Florida A&M University, and will start classes in the fall. With the help of the Take Stock in Children mentoring program and his "team" of mentors, Jamarcus is well on his way to realizing his dreams for his future.

For more information on the Take Stock in Children mentoring program, visit www.educationfoundation.com.

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Information on Hillsborough Education Foundation, Inc:

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