



April Update 2014

Stocks in the Future (SIF) teaches middle school students financial life skills while providing them incentives to improve their school performance.



APRIL FINANCIAL IS LITERACY MONTH

introduced by the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) more than a decade ago as an activity of its High School Financial Planning Program. NEFE turned Financial Literacy Day over to the Jump\$tart Coalition to promote among its network of national partners and state coalitions.

In 2003, the United States Senate designated April as Financial Literacy for Youth Month. In March 2004 the Senate passed Resolution 316 that officially recognized April as National Financial Literacy Month. Every month is Financial Literacy Month at Stocks in the Future!

Planting the seeds of knowledge for Baltimore's young investors

SIF Spring Reception

On April 16, 2014 Stocks in the Future hosted over fifty of Baltimore's brightest at their first annual Spring Reception event. Representatives from Baltimore area financial institutions, Baltimore based nonprofit organizations, Baltimore City Councilmen, and Johns Hopkins University joined in celebrating Stocks in the Future's progress and momentum. We are thrilled to have had Senator Bill Ferguson deliver keynote remarks on the challenges facing Baltimore City Public Schools and opportunities to effectively address them. We also received an insider's perspective on education and *SIF's* impact from Baltimore City School principal, Dr. Faith Hibbert; teacher, Amber Johnson; and *Stocks in the Future* student ambassador, Taylor Dorsey. Stocks in the Future would like to thank the following sponsors for helping to make this event possible: Mid Atlantic Security Traders Association, Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley, and Outback Steakhouse.



SIF Executive Director- Rebecca Lange-Thernes, Senator William "Bill" Ferguson, SIF Founder – Pat Bernstein



Thank you to SIF VIP's (from left to right) Amber Johnson – SIF Instructor, Dr. Faith Hibbert – Principal Fallstaff EMS, Taylor Dorsey – SIF Alumni Ambassador



(From left to right) Mr. Larry Gibson, Jayne Miller, and Rebecca Lange-Thernes

Celebrate Your Journey to Prosperity! **SIF 8th Grade Celebration Rally**

Baltimore City's Enoch Pratt Free Library hosted SIF's 8th grade celebration Rally. On April 24th SIF celebrated 200 of its students moving forward to high school. The event was hosted by Stocks in the Future Board member, Ms. Jayne Miller of WBAL with guest speaker Mr. Larry Gibson, author of *Young Thurgood: The making of a Supreme Court Justice*. Top portfolio earners from each class were congratulated and received awards. The winner of SIF's First annual Essay contest was announced and awarded along with the 4 runner ups. Essay contest winners will also receive monetary awards to their SIF portfolios!

