



September Update 2013

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



We've grown!!



In 2010-11 we had 8 schools and 350 students. This year we have 16 schools and 940 students. What a reason to CELEBRATE!!

SIF Teacher Training

was held this September at the JHU School of Education. It was a day full of informational sessions including; Basics in Investing, History of the Stock Exchange, Modeling SIF Lessons, Overview of BERC Evaluation, Tour of the SIF website and a look at the new SIF stocks. Thanks to board members Daniel Leon (Bank of America) and Marcus Aiello (Deutsche Bank) for sharing their expertise in finances with our teachers. We salute 29 teachers who join us this year. Several of these dedicated teachers are instructing multiple SIF classes.



2013-2014 Stocks in the Future Educators

SIF is planning a formal evaluation



with BERC (Baltimore Educational Research Consortium) for the 2013-14 school year. We've been busy designing tests & observation tools to help us determine the best way to move our program forward.

We're aligning with Common Core!



Common Core is a rigorous set of standards for the English Language Arts and mathematics curriculum that has been developed based on the best practices of schools and organizations around the country and the world. This year we've aligned our 6th grade level and during 2014-15 we'll be completely aligned in all levels. Common Core has allowed us to go deeper in many subject areas within our curriculum. This is exciting for us and the schools in our partnership.

A big "Thank You" goes to Ken Gelula,



our Interim Executive Director from March to August 2013. Ken, the former Executive Director of CHAI in Baltimore, helped us develop in areas of board and governance formation and future SIF strategies. Ken has not totally left us as he continues to counsel and support us. Ken went beyond the call of duty with his efforts and has helped us grow in many ways seen and unseen.

Rebecca Lange-Thernes has a new title



but is not a new face to **Stocks in the Future**. She served as SIF Instructional Facilitator for the past three years but now takes on the role of Executive Director. "We are delighted to have Rebecca at the helm of SIF to take our organization to the next level," said Herschel Langenthal, president of Stocks in the Future board of directors. "Her broad knowledge and specific experience with our program will be of great benefit to our organization. She has been, and will continue to be, a valuable asset to the program and its mission."