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Vision Statement

The Board of Trustees of STAR Sponsorship Program, Inc./CSF FW is dedicated to increasing educational options for children in Tarrant County whose parents do not have the financial means to provide an education best suited to their children's unique needs. We believe the well-being of the entire community is enhanced when children are given a quality education that allows them to achieve to their utmost ability. Therefore, we intend wherever possible, to encourage partnerships with schools, parents, community organizations and concerned citizens in supporting its children to achieve the American Dream.



Success Through Academic Readiness

Our Christmas Wish...

Please introduce us to one of your friends whom you feel might be interested in helping provide hope and opportunity for one of the many families who call daily! Scholarship families value education and sacrifice to provide the opportunities for a better life for their child. All donations are tax-deductible and make a much appreciated end-of-year contribution.

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A Principal's Thoughts



All Saints Catholic School STAR Students

As the principal of All Saints Catholic School in Fort Worth, I have been privileged to see the great effects the STAR sponsorship program has on our students. The students in the program are hard workers who do their best to meet the high academic, behavior and attendance standards of the program. Often I have found that these students go above and beyond the minimum expectations. For example, one of our previous 8th grade STAR students, Briana Wallace, who was promoted last May, received a special award for not having missed a day of school for her entire school career (1795 days if you're counting!) Now that is going above and beyond!

Our STAR kids are courteous to others and helpful to not only their classmates but their teachers as well. I can always count on one of our middle school STAR students, Jesus, to smile and give a cheerful greeting or lend me a hand.

Our STAR students have many different interests and participate in a number of different activities. They are open to trying new things. Three of our STAR students, Andrea, Daniela and Britni, were in our first ever violin class and each made amazing progress.

I guess the best analogy I can come up with is that the STAR students at All Saints are like leaven in bread. Our STAR students are models within the school that our other students can look to as guides. Just as leaven causes bread to rise, so to do the STAR students, as models, raise their schoolmates to higher achievements because others want to be like them.

I am so proud of every single one of my STAR students. They have worked hard and persevere when things have become difficult, emerging stronger than when they started. It was bitter-sweet to say goodbye to Juan and Briana our two STAR students moving on to high school, but I know that they have been well prepared for their

futures at Country Day and All Saints Episcopal not only by ASCS, but by the life lessons they learned as a part of the STAR program. The STAR Sponsorship Program has truly been a blessing in our school! *Christina Mendez*



Visiting STAR students at their school recently was a cause for joy. It was evident in the children's demeanor as they introduced themselves and described what it meant to be a STAR student. "Respecting others, working hard to achieve good grades, considering it a privilege and a honor" were their words. Their eyes sparkled as they discussed their school and how happy they were to be able to attend.

A child's education is one of the single most important influences in their life, shaping opportunities, character, and perception of the world and of self. A school can edify, encourage curiosity and creativity, or it can repress, killing the child's natural love of learning.

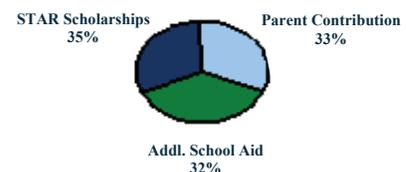


Calvary Christian School STAR Students meet with Sponsors

Parents want the best education for their children. However, because of their lack of financial resources, most parents with low incomes are forced to put their children into the nearby public school, regardless of its compatibility with their children's needs. Giving our parents a choice in education makes a difference, not only in the life of their student, but also in the life of the student's family. Donors make a difference, one student at a time.

S.T.A.R. 2011 Program Statistics

- Average Tuition: \$4,687.81
- Average Family Income: \$24,782.00



Students Write to their Sponsors....



Dear Sponsor,

I am really enjoying my new school. I really love my new teacher. He has a lot of patience for his students... My homework assignments

have been getting a little harder, but I don't mind the challenge. It helps me better myself to prepare for High School. Also, we have been reading more novels in my class. We have to read books during the school year. I love to read. That is my favorite thing to do...

I am really looking forward to the new semester coming up. I'm getting my report card in a week, so I'm really excited to see my grades. I have been working hard and studying hard too...

I want to thank you for being my sponsor. Without you I would never be able to experience the wonderful education I am getting at [my school]. Once again, thank you so much for your support.

God Bless,
Cynthia — Grade 7 

Dear Sponsor,

Today I got a student of the week award. I like 3rd grade because I learn new stuff. I like to study every day at my house. I always get good grades. I really like my school. My dream is to go around the world. Thank you for your help.



Love,
Isaias — Grade 3 

Dear Sponsor,

My grades have been outstanding. I do really well in my school subjects. I want to get good grades and get into a perfect college. I want to be a straight A student and get a lot of degrees so I can be really smart... I want to work hard and get a really good education.

I read every day and I get a dictionary and look up big words to see what they mean. I am building up my vocabulary. I study at night so when I go to school and my teacher gives me a pop quiz, I know the answers.

Sincerely Yours,
Julius — Grade 4 

Children's Scholarship Fund Mourns the Loss of Co-Founder and Co-Chair Ted Forstmann

"It is with great sadness that Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) announces that its co-founder and co-chair, Theodore J. (Ted) Forstmann, has passed away.

"Ted Forstmann was a great philanthropist who leveraged his business acumen to start Children's Scholarship Fund along with my late husband, John Walton, changing thousands of lives for the better," said Christy Walton, co-chair of CSF. "He was a powerful force for good for children who got a 'raw deal' in life, as he put it, and he will be greatly missed."

Mr. Forstmann was Chairman and CEO of IMG and the Senior Founding Partner of the preeminent investment firm, Forstmann Little & Co. Along with being recognized as a prominent and successful business leader, Mr. Forstmann also was well-known for his commitments to numerous philanthropic causes, particularly those helping children.

His understanding of the importance of educational opportunity began with his involvement in a Big Brothers program more than 20 years ago when he began mentoring a ten-year-old boy. Mr. Forstmann's interest in education led to his involvement in the Inner-City Scholarship Fund where he was an active board member and major contributor helping to provide scholarships to children of low-income families in New York City.

These convictions led him to co-found the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) -- the country's largest charity helping parents send their children to the school of their choice. In 1998, he teamed with the late John Walton and together they offered 40,000 K-12 scholarships -- worth \$200 million -- to low-income families across

America. Parents of more than 1.25 million students applied for the four-year scholarships.

As Mr. Forstmann said, "Every child, regardless of their parents' income, should have access to a quality education -- an education that will not only prepare them for successful private lives, but help them to build cohesive communities and a strong

democracy. We believe if you give parents a choice, you will give their children a chance."

Today, CSF is heralded not only for changing the lives of thousands of children, but also for spotlighting the huge demand for educational alternatives to

the current system. Since its inception, CSF has gone on to help almost 123,000 low-income children nationwide with scholarships worth \$483 million.

Throughout his life, Mr. Forstmann worked to improve the lives of children in the United States and overseas, including:

The Board of Directors of Children's Scholarship Fund and its staff, on behalf of the families of almost 123,000 children who have benefited from CSF scholarships, express our sincere condolences to the Forstmann family."

*Excerpted from The Children's Scholarship Fund website, November 20th, 2011:
<http://www.scholarshipfund.org/drupal1/tjf>*

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For an poignant look at Ted's life and work, watch the Charlie Rose special "An Appreciation of Ted Forstmann" online at:

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