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## Vision Statement

The Board of Trustees of the 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 our children to achieve the American Dream.



Please introduce us to a friend who may be interested in providing hope and opportunity for a family who values education. Give a student a chance for a better future. All donations are tax-deductible and make a wonderful year-end gift.

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## "Your Gift that Keeps Giving"



**Ly Hoang '06**

I'm in my third year of medical school; in a year and a half, I'll hopefully have an MD at the end of my name. I'm currently on rotations in different specialties; I've been on Obstetrics and Gynecology, Neurology, Family Medicine, and Psychiatry, and I am now currently on Cardiology. Next semester, I'll be doing Surgery, Pediatrics, and Internal Medicine. It's true what they say: the more you learn, the more you realize you don't know much! The breadth and depth of medicine is at the same time awe-inspiring and terrifying; there's just so much to know! But it's incredible working with such amazing mentors and even being in this field. I feel very blessed. At the moment, I'm thinking about specializing in Pediatric Cardiology, which deals with congenital heart defects. I'll know soon. Please tell my sponsors I truly wouldn't be where I am today without their support, so I am very grateful for them. Please send them my warmest regards!

(*Ly graduated from TAMS at UNT, Rice University, and is currently at UTHSC in Houston.*)

I have been serving in active duty in the United States Navy. I was stationed in Monterey, California, where I studied to be a linguist in a 63-week Chinese Mandarin course. There, I learned how to fluently and proficiently read, write, and speak Chinese Mandarin. I graduated from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in December with a 3.5 GPA. (I'm still a STAR student!) I'm stationed in Hawaii and a newlywed; my husband and I tied the knot in January 2012.

I honestly feel that being a part of the STAR program has given me the opportunity not only to succeed but excel. I owe a large part of my accomplishments to the STAR program, and I feel like other talented but disadvantaged youth whose parents don't have the financial means or access to a better education will greatly benefit from this type of program.

During this long, arduous journey, many times I have thought about how grateful and appreciative I am of the time and finances you've invested in me, which have played a major part in the success I have experienced in my career thus far... The contributions you've made have positively impacted me now, even as a young adult. God Bless!

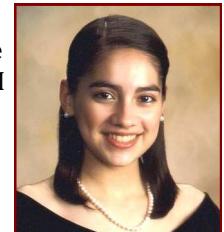


**Jamie Jones '05**

Knowing that I have a group of people supporting me on my life journey is such an amazing gift. I want to thank each of you for touching the lives of so many of us! College is not easy! What I am starting to realize is that college is about becoming your own self and being satisfied with who you are. Being a Biology Major means I have to give up my social life and render myself to my studies.

What do I want to do with my Biology Major? I plan to enter medical school and specialize in pediatrics. My hopes are to help those who cannot afford medical attention for their children. One of my bigger goals is to do *Doctors Without Borders*. I am working with Cook Children's Medical Center and will be shadowing a surgeon during the holidays. I am very excited for this experience! I just wanted to thank you once more because each and every one of you has placed confidence in each of us STAR students. You believe in us and that trust is what empowers us to reach for the stars!

(*Maria is at St. Mary's University in San Antonio*)



**Maria Barragan '09**



**Edward Monreal '06**

I'm currently in my second-to-last semester here at Washington University in Saint Louis. I'm majoring in International and Area Studies and minoring in Spanish. This past summer I spent 8 weeks in Shanghai studying Mandarin Chinese, which was an absolute blast as well as my first time abroad.

I am currently looking to work at the Casa de Salud, which is a free clinic for minorities in Saint Louis. I hope to improve my interpreting abilities and potentially use those skills as a social worker. While I don't have anything concrete for post-graduation, I am looking to apply to the Peace Corps as well as the AmeriCorps. On a lighter note, I like to spend my time singing in my school's mariachi band. While we mostly perform around campus, we have an upcoming performance at a club in Busch Stadium. It's lighthearted and fun, and it reminds me of home.

(*Edward speaks English, Spanish, Chinese, & American Sign Language and will graduate in May 2014.*)



## All I Want For Christmas is a SPONSOR

We have STAR students who need sponsors! The results of your gift are tangible. 100% of your gift goes to scholarships. Students send letters, pictures, drawings, schoolwork, and awards to their sponsors during the school year to show their progress and appreciation. For more information, please call 817-332-8550.



### MILES KIMMEL

St. Rita Catholic School—4th Grade  
Birthday—October 25, 2003

"I like to draw, eat, have fun, watch TV, ride horses, and play video games. My favorite subject in school is reading because I can learn everything from reading.

I went to Camp Thurman. It was an all outdoor camp with zip lines and pools and a lot of other fun stuff. They also taught us about Jesus and how to be a good person."



### ABIGAIL MADRID

St. Rita Catholic School—4th Grade  
Birthday—February 21, 2004

"My favorite subject is Social Studies because I can learn about everything." A good education will help me in the future "because I can help people around the world with their studies."



### ADRIANA SMALL

Our Lake of Victory Catholic School—3rd Grade  
Birthday—January, 20, 2005

"My favorite subject is science because of the different experiments."

During the summer I attended Key School to learn addition, subtraction, and multiplication. Also, I went swimming, read books, and played with my cousins. Last but not least, playing basketball with my dad was also fun."



### ISAIAH LAUDERDALE

Calvary Christian Academy—6th Grade  
Birthday—March 21, 2002

"My favorite things to do are art and science, because I like finding out how the world works. To thank my dad for the summer, I drew a self-portrait of my dad. To thank my mom I did arts and crafts. Also, we had two hours a day for education-activities like reading, math worksheets, and jigsaw puzzles."



### CALEB TUBBS

Christian Life Preparatory School—1st Grade  
Birthday—May 13, 2006

"My favorite subject is Math because I am good at it..  
I am seven years old and have two sisters and a cute dog named Sadie. Thank you for helping me to go to CLPS."



### MAGAN BUI

St. Andrew Catholic School—6th Grade  
Birthday—March, 2002

"My favorite things to do are to learn and play soccer. I just love Math, and I plan to teach Math when I'm older.



### BREANNA TINSLEY

St. Rita Catholic School—3rd Grade  
Birthday—November 16, 2004

"My favorite subject is religion; I learn about God. We are going to do so many things at school like math, social studies, science, reading AR books, and the computer lab."

How will a good education help you? "So I can have a better life and a good future."



### BENJAMIN REYNA

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School—Kindergarten  
Birthday—November 14, 2007

"I like to draw, play with my toys, and run. I like to learn the alphabet because I know all the letters; at lunch, I get to talk with my friends."



### NATHAN BUI

St. Andrew Catholic School—3rd Grade  
Birthday—August 19, 2005

"I have fun learning at school because I have a new teacher and friends. My best subject is science. I am good at Math. My favorite sport is soccer. I play piano and I am good at it."



**Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.**

**Gilbert K. Chesterton**



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