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The Newsletter of STAR/CSF Fort Worth



Children's Scholarship Fund

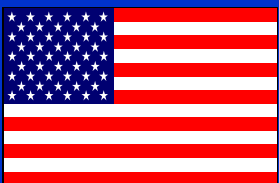
giving parents a choice ♦ giving children a chance

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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.



"A Night with the STAR's"

On the evening of October 10, 2002, "A Night with the STAR's" was held at Joe T. Garcia's "La Puertita". A fine mist floated over the city's north side but for those who sup-



port the STAR Sponsorship Program and the Children's Scholarship

Fund FW, the message of families who seek a choice in education was met with warm applause.

Board President **Paul Greenwell** welcomed the crowd. **Judy Needham**, FW ISD Board Trustee, graciously expressed her support, while **Douglas Dewey**, Exec. VP Children's Scholarship Fund in NY enlightened everyone about the program on the national level.

Patty Myers, Executive Director, summarized the past year's accomplishments of STAR/CSF FW with an exciting announcement...

STAR/CSF-FW has extended elementary school scholarships through 8th grade for current qualified children in Tarrant

County... CSF NY has committed to match dollar-for-dollar any funds raised to extend these scholarships. Families must pay a minimum of \$500 and scholarships are 25%, 50%, or 75% of tuition, depending upon family size and income. A donor's commitment, along with the families disciplined sacrifice, leverages an average scholarship of \$1,260 to send a student to a school the parent chooses. This motivation spells success in the partnership!



Donors are matched dollar-for-dollar on CSF FW scholarship extensions.

New STAR videos available

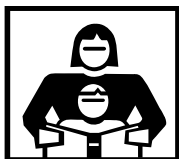


Note to all our wonderful donors! VP and Co-Founder, **Janet Carter**, has been hard at work producing a video about STAR/CSF FW! What makes this Non-profit Charity so special is that it **changes lives...**those of the students, the parents, the principals, and the donors themselves! Getting a chance to help someone with a leg up and not a hand out is an everlasting way to give to someone less fortunate! Children are "expected" to achieve and encouraged to excel. The rewards are priceless! Call for a video today or we will mail one to one of your friends!



Wish List...

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!



Gratitude and Prayers from a family



Dear Sponsor,

Words cannot express the Gratitude I wish to convey for the immeasurable gift you have provided for my children. I have struggled all for my children's lives to provide a solid foundation on which they can build a good college education. Every so often, life can be a bit overwhelming and these are the times when our faith is tested the most. Thank you for joining me in my struggle and renewing my faith. Please know that as of this moment you will be in my daily prayers, so that God may bless you and yours ten fold.

Sincerely, Marina Mindieta

And from Marina's son:

Dear Sponsor,
...I am going to be in the fifth grade at St. George (Catholic School). When I found out my best friend's family was sending him to a different school I was sad. I was even more upset that my parents would probably not be able to pay for me to return to St. George. But now I feel very lucky and blessed. I owe this to you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart...

Sincerely,
Ben



STAR/ CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND FORT WORTH would like to thank Mr. James M. Harrison for his generosity and commitment to STAR/CSF FW. Our gratitude and continued appreciation go out to him for his support of children and their education.

Did you know...

In the academic year of 1999-2000, an average of 30.4% of the 44,099 students entering public universities required remediation because of their performance on the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TASP), according to the Texas Education Agency.



STAR/CSF FW NEEDS A COPY MACHINE!

We are in desperate need of an efficient copy machine for the office. Peak copying season begins in February when packets are mailed to scholarship recipients! If you know of one available, we would sincerely appreciate it!

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We thank TCU Volunteers
Once again, TCU students assisted STAR/CSF FW in preparation for the Donor Appreciation Dinner. For the second year in a row, students participating in TCU LEAPS, an annual TCU student volunteer day, made posters for the dinner. Scholarship students sent in report cards, schoolwork, artwork, pictures, certificates, and letters. TCU students used this input to make imaginative posters that decorated La Puertita. Our donors were impressed with the accomplishments of the students they

Recognizing exemplary performance of STAR Students!

Report cards are in for the first quarter of the 2002-2003 school year! Students' Report cards were sent to STAR sponsors recently. Sponsors are notified if students meet program requirements in the following areas: effort, conduct, attendance, tardiness, and academic performance. Congratulatory cards are sent to students who excel in these areas.

Letters are sent to each parent noting compliance. Students are asked to write their sponsor and the following quarter. Principals are sent a copy of a student's progress... *the donor who provides about their child's education, and the principal program looks for ways to help parents find tutors*



with program requirements or areas needing improve-tell them what measures they will take to improve for each parent's letter. This keeps all parties informed of *the scholarship, the parent who is concerned whose facility delivers the education.* The STAR or avenues for help.

Congratulations to STAR students for Honor Roll and/or Perfect Attendance: Jesse Ibarra, Andrew Bermejo, Elisse Bermejo, Briana Wallace, Eric Mason, Teona Phillips, Ben Castro, Christian Castro, Brandon Flowers, Tristan Mosley, Alesis Robinson, Riina Pinto, Chyna Pinto, Nicollette Gonzalez, Ly Hoang, Patrick Salazar, Brenton, Flowers, Ot'Landrea Adedeji, Jazmine Monreal, Edward Monreal, Marcelo Martinez, Fernando Raga, Christian Guerra, Greg Quintana, Geneva Castro, Randy Bui, Michael Brazier, Ana Linda Castro, Valencia Dukes, and Brandon Franklin.

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