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The Newsletter of STAR/CSF Fort Worth



## Children's Scholarship Fund

giving parents a choice ♦ giving children a chance

### 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.



*"I am so proud of YOU"*

These words speak like no others when showered on a student about academic progress. Our program centers on opportunity for a child to receive an edu-



cation the parent stives for, but cannot afford.

Hope is the other part of the equation. Together they provide the positive environment for a student to succeed.

**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. A donor's commitment, along with the families disciplined sacrifice, leverages an average scholarship of 1,260 to send a

to send a student to a school the parent chooses. This motivation spells success in the partnership.

### STAR Program

- \* **Select inner-city schools**
- \* **Merit-based**
- \* **Annual application**
- \* **\$1500 award**
- \* **Kindergarten - 8th**
- \* **2 children/family**
- \* **Sponsor/student sponsorship**
- \* **Income meets Reduced lunch guidelines**

*STAR sponsorships give a student a lifetime memory, one-on-one.*

### CSF FW Program

- Parent chooses any private school
- 25%, 50%, 75% of tuition scholarships
- Maximum award \$1900
- Kindergarten - 8th
- All children/family
- Recipients by lottery
- Call for waitlist
- Must begin before 8th grade, can extend into high school

*Donors are matched dollar-for-dollar on CSF FW scholarships extensions.*

*From the letter of CSF Fort Worth student Tempestt B...*

"The past four years as a recipient of the Children's Scholarship Fund has been both rewarding and a true blessing. It provided me the opportunity.... I am grateful to all the sponsors of this program..."



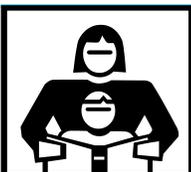
**Tempestt** has been invited to become a People-to-People Student Ambassador for the United States. Tempestt says, "God has blessed me to have several sponsors to help pay for my upcoming trip to Europe this summer... To be able to take part in other cultures is an awesome opportunity and I am very excited about this—possibly - once in a lifetime learning experience!"

*Please Help Us Help*

*More Students*

*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. We'll be more than happy to send them a donor packet. All donations are tax-deductible and make a much appreciated donation any time of year.*





# Between Sponsors and Families

## THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

### Dear Marcelo,

Thank you for your letter. I always enjoy hearing about what you are doing with your life. I especially appreciate the letters that you hand-write. Even in this day of computers, it is important to develop your penmanship. Your handwriting is very good. I want you to know that you are the best student I have ever sponsored through the STAR sponsorship Program. I am very proud of you. I feel certain you will do even better next year. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,  
**Joe Barton**  
**STAR Sponsor**  
**Member of U.S. Congress**



### From a CSF parent:

Dear Ms. Myers,,  
...My sincere gratitude to you and your outstanding program for making what may seem to be a dream, a reality to parents like me. I am very grateful for this support you have offered to me during the last four years. Thank you for giving me another opportunity. A good education means a better future for my children. Once again, thank you so much.



**"Children must be empowered to live successful lives.**

**Poor children may never have the chance at the American dream.**

**Without the strong foundation of a good education, these children will never have a chance."**

*Lesley Searcy*

**EDUCATION IS THEIR FOUNDATION**

### Dear Children's Scholarship Fund,

Thank you for making it possible for my brothers and I to go to Grace Prep. We all enjoy it so much! At Grace Prep we have wonderful friends and great teachers. It is a good Christian environment and that is good for all of us. You learn so much everyday! It amazes me! My favorite subject is history! Thank you so much!  
Sincerely,

### Dear Greg,

The STAR Scholarship Fund sent me a copy of your report card for the third semester. I am pleased that you are continuing to improve.

I hope that you will continue to work on the areas where you are not doing as well so that you can continue in the program next year.

Your Friend,  
*John Walker*



## We Honor An Outstanding STAR Student!

**CHYNA PINTO**, one of our STAR Scholarship recipients, was nominated by her teacher to represent Our Lady of Victory School and the state of Texas at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference this summer in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Sara Holloway recognized Chyna as an outstanding individual who has achieved academic excellence and possesses strong leadership potential. As a Junior National Scholar, Chyna will join a select group of middle school students from around the country as Delegates to our nation's capital for the educational experience of a life-fellow delegates in a special reception on Capitol Hill, explore colonial Williamsburg, experience the Supreme Court, the presidential and memorial tour of the city. Upon successful completion of the trip, Chyna will receive the Certificate of Merit as a Testament of her hard work and the friendships she makes with other students from all over the nation who have made a commitment to excellence and drive to succeed.



By accepting her nomination to become a member of the select group of middle school students from around the country as Delegates to our nation's capital for the educational experience of a life-fellow delegates in a special reception on Capitol Hill, explore colonial Williamsburg, experience the Supreme Court, the presidential and memorial tour of the city. Upon successful completion of the trip, Chyna will receive the Certificate of Merit as a Testament of her hard work and the friendships she makes with other students from all over the nation who have made a commitment to excellence and drive to succeed.

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