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STAR/CSF FW NEWSLETTER

Donor John Kleinheinz gives STAR students the gift of a lifetime



Mr. Kleinheinz, Burke Kleinheinz, Ly Hoang, Ben Castro, Jamie Jones, and Mrs. Kleinheinz at the pre-camp get-together sponsored by the Kleinheinzes

This summer, three exemplary STAR students got to go to Brush Ranch Summer Camp. Thanks to the generosity of John Kleinheinz, who paid for their trip and necessities, and personally escorted them to camp via his private Learjet, Ly Hoang, Jamie Jones, and Ben Castro reveled in three weeks of fishing, dancing, fencing, riding, and hiking.

The camp's setting high in the mountains of New Mexico made for glorious scenery as well as wild, chilly weather (Ben wrote that the highest night temperature was 45 degrees). Ly describes a horse ride up to Homestead Meadow. "It looks like a scene straight out of Sound of Music when Maria was singing in the mountains," she says.

Adventures abounded at the camp, teaching the lessons of survival and self-confidence. In a letter to Mrs. Myers, Ly tells of the girls' three-day hike. "It was raining from the time we began till we stopped," she says. "We were cold and freezing and almost got hypothermia. But after that we became survivors and now believe we can live through anything."

The children returned raving about how wonderful the trip was. Jamie Jones exclaimed, "I loved the camp so much!! The experience was fantastic; although I may not be able to attend the camp again, I will definitely send my children there in the future."

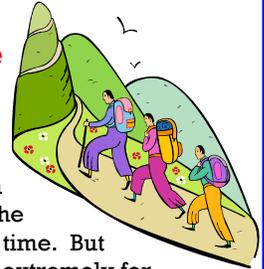
Their parents welcomed them home warmly. "From the moment I saw my child, I was filled with relief and happiness and joy. I am happy that my child was able to experience this trip," Ly's parents said. Marina Mindieta, Ben's

mother, said, "It was extremely difficult to have Ben leave me [for] the

very first time. But I did feel extremely fortunate to have such a great opportunity offered to us. If given a second chance, I would do it every year!"

The new self-confidence the children had gained showed after they came back. A few weeks after the children returned home, Marina wrote us about the changes the trip wrought in Ben, "I feel very honored to have a son who has shown me that he will do fine in life. He has shown me that he can make responsible decisions and take care of himself. Without the trip to Brush Ranch Camp, I don't think I would have realized that. He has gained independence and maturity, as well as confidence in himself. Not a day goes by that he does not strive to prove to himself that he can handle anything that comes his way."

"It looks like a scene straight out of Sound of Music when Maria was singing in the mountains." - Ly Hoang



Ly Hoang's mother, So Vu, and Ly at eight grade graduation

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**Letter**



**News**

My son Javier Atkinson received help from the scholarship fund for four years. He began as an eighth grader at Our Mother of Mercy School and continued into Nolan Catholic High School. The help we received from the fund was tremendous.

We were blessed during his senior year with increased employment to meet the financial needs of his education. Javier graduated May 23<sup>rd</sup> with an 86.6 GPA. He has been accepted into the University of Advancing Technology in Tempe, Arizona. He is pursuing a degree in software engineering.

The scholarship fund has made all of this possible.

Thank you to each and every one of your donors and supporters. My prayer is for your continued work in helping children and their families. You have been a blessing to your family. Thank you, thank you.

Blessings,  
Etta Atkinson



**Excellent beginning to school year**

STAR students began the 2004-2005 school year strongly. When we reviewed first-quarter report cards this fall, we were pleased to find that 28 of our 48 STAR students had perfect attendance, 20 children made the honor roll, and 18 more measured up to our goals for them. In the end, we sent out 32 congratulatory cards to the hardworking kids telling them how very proud we are of them.



**In thanks for this gift...**



In late October, STAR Sponsorship received a \$5,000 donation from the Anna W. & Alexander P. Thornton Charitable Trust, Bank One Trust Company, N.A., Trustee. This generous gift will help us contribute to the education of more children. Thank you!

**Frost Prioleau Joins STAR's Board of Directors**

Frost Prioleau first worked with STAR/CSF Fort Worth early this year when preparing to run the White Rock Marathon. Choosing us as the charity to benefit from his labors, he asked friends and family to support him by donating, thus introducing us to many generous people. Our successful partnership has now extended to his induction as the newest member of STAR's Board of Directors.

Prioleau is the managing partner of Blue Bridge Capital and serves as CEO of Nova Media Group and Blue Plex partners. He formerly was president and a member of the board of directors of Intraware Inc.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton in civil engineering.



Frost Prioleau crossing the finish line at the White Rock Marathon

**2005 Diocesan Leadership Award**

The Diocese of Fort Worth will honor STAR/CSF with the 2005 Diocesan Leadership Award at their Annual Catholic Schools' Education Banquet on Saturday, January 29, 2005. Paul Greenwell, Janet Carter, and Patty Myers will accept the award on behalf of the Board of Directors at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

If you would like to attend, contact Laura Judd at the Catholic Diocese at (817) 560-3300.



**Essentiality of the Mind**

"Be it a highwayman who confronts a traveler with the ultimatum: 'Your money or your life,' or a politician who confronts a country with the ultimatum: 'Your children's education or your life,' the meaning of that ultimatum is: 'Your mind or your life' – and neither is possible to man without the other."

- John Galt in *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand

