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Helping students achieve a choice in education!



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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.

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What Does STAR Sponsorship Mean To You?



"The STAR Sponsorship program has been a cornerstone in my life, especially in education. This program has not only provided a better opportunity for me academically, but also demonstrated the kindness and compassion that people are capable of having. STAR Sponsorship provides financial aid to families that have trouble paying tuition for their children's education. The way this program conducts this aid is finding special people who want to help sponsor a family. Unfortunately my family was a part of that category— but we were blessed to meet some of the best people in our lives. My sponsors were incredible people and I'm not saying that because they helped my mother with my tuition; but for the reason that they did not treat me as a person in need. Instead, I was treated as normal person that they wanted to know and to help attain a better education. Now that I am no longer a student in the program I try my best to help in events that STAR presents for the new scholarship students. The STAR Sponsorship program, along with my loving mother, has pushed me to strive for academic excellence and to do my absolute best in whatever I do. Now I have developed the mindset to do my best in whatever I attempt—no matter how hard it is. I am glad that I was a STAR Student!"

Brandon graduated with honors from Calvary Christian Academy where he was President of Senior National Honor Society. He is currently a sophomore at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth majoring in Computer Science!

Thoughts from Calvary Christian Academy Administrator, Sue Tidwell:

"When I think about the STAR Sponsorship Program I give thanks. I am so grateful for those scholars that we have been blessed with at Calvary Christian Academy. We have been part of STAR long enough to have had more than one [STAR] recipient graduate from our school. Because of the hard work of these students and the generosity of kind donors who gave these students their opportunity, they are thriving in college. I am convinced that these same students and others to come will make a difference in their community someday because of the opportunities that have been given them. I am inspired by the donors and the beneficiaries of this program. The boys and girls that we have had and currently have excel in academics and citizenship. Students are receiving a "leg up" and they take advantage of their opportunities to become all that they can become because of the generosity of people who know that believing in a child can change their destiny."

Sponsors are special people!



Letters to Their Sponsors



Dear Sponsor,

How are you doing? I am doing well. How was Spring Break? Mine was excellent! I made A's on my report card and no B's. I was ready for school to start back, and I have been working hard since Spring Break. I have been studying all through the week. I did some fractions. When we came from Spring Break, we reviewed division... The Science Fair came up and my project was about "Which Metal Conducts Heat Best." Silver was the best metal. I thought the copper pan was the best, but it wasn't... I really appreciate you for helping me. Thank you very much. My teacher and family are proud of me!

Sincerely,
Alexis



Dear Sponsor,

I am glad you are sponsoring me. I am going back to school in two days. That is going to be great! I will have a new teacher. I will like the first-

grade playground. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Savanah



Dear Sponsor,

Hi, how are you? I'm doing great! ...I had a birthday party on Saturday...I am eleven years of age...I am now taking piano and drum lessons. I have a recital coming up soon...Enough about me. I hope that life is treating you both very well. I'm writing just to let you know how much I appreciate you as my sponsors and thank you for believing in me and having faith in me!

Love,
Phillip



Dear Sponsor,

...I am starting the last quarter at school and am striving to make it my best one this year. I am choosing classes for next year and have met with teachers and an advisor; they all tell me that it is in my best interest if I can stay in honor classes. They say it's harder and more work, but the harder I work now, the easier it would be for me in college. Thank you so



much for everything you do and for God to have put such a wonderful family in my life. I promise you that I will work very hard because I plan to succeed, and nothing will get in my way.

Sincerely,
Vanessa



Dear Sponsor,

I am so glad to be on Spring Break vacation. During this break, I am studying. I am reading a book every day for my homework over Spring Break. I am also with my siblings and my parents having fun. I am so ready to go back to my lovely school. Thank you for your help.

Your friend,
Isaias



STAR students send letters to their sponsors during the school year to update them on their progress. If you are interested in receiving these wonderful letters by sponsoring a child, please contact us at 817-332-8550 or starcsf@gmail.com

STAR/CSF Student Reunion

In December of 2009, STAR/CSF FW held their first STAR/CSF Student Reunion. Several past students who are going into high school or are already in high school were mentored by past STAR/CSF students who are now in college. It was an opportunity for the college students to encourage the younger students to excel in their academics and to excite them about moving on to college life once high school is completed. The high school students were very enthusiastic and receptive to the advice the college students gave.

Here are two remarks of the effects of the event:



The student reunion was a great idea, because I was able to connect with these students who vary in background and interest but who also shares with me a passion for learning and self-improvement. Hearing the other college students speak was also a motivation for me to push myself even further.

Though their advice was geared towards the high school students, I was able to apply it to myself and that was really helpful. I thought it was a great bonding experience and a great way to network. Thank you!

Ly- Junior in College



Meeting with the former STAR high school and college students was amazing! I finally know what to expect when I get to college! All my questions were answered. I had a fun time hanging out with all the other former

STAR students. I really owe them and Mrs. Myers a lot because they have shown me the outcome of being in the STAR Program.

Sincerely,
Maria

Freshman in High School



"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."
- Robert M. Hutchins

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"Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."
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