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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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## STAR Graduates May 2010

The *STAR Sponsorship Program* has helped me in many ways as a student and as a person. They have pushed me to be a better student and have taught me to accomplish things I thought I couldn't achieve. Knowing that a total stranger is willing to help me financially to get a quality private education proves that there are still good people in this world. This also shows me that sharing something with others can help this world to become a little better. That person who once was a stranger has now become my friend. The *STAR Program* has made me a responsible student. My eligibility for the program depends on my grades, effort, conduct and attendance each quarter and I work hard to surpass these expectations.

Having a sponsor to correspond with and keep informed of my status in school has been great. It is like having a friend to write to and being able to update him with what my goals are for each quarter. Once I have shared these goals, my sponsor helps me attain them by encouraging and supporting me. Thanks to this program I now have a plan, not just a dream, for my future. I want to attend a great high school, and after that, I would like to go to college. Business and finances are in my sight, but I might end up becoming an architect or maybe even enter into another great field. I hope more sponsors can come along and invest in the *STAR Program*, because if it has helped my family and me, it can help others. I would like to thank my sponsor for everything he has done for me and in helping me aspire to be a better person by getting a great education. To all of the children who are about to enter the program, I say to you, "Take advantage of it. Set your goals and go for them. It might be hard at first, but in the end, it will always pay off."



Sincerely,  
**Sergio**  
*8th Grade Graduate*  
St. George  
May 2010



If it weren't for the *STAR Sponsorship Program* and my wonderful sponsor, I would not have been able to attend ... a private school. My mother worked hard, but was unable to pay the full tuition at the time we enrolled. The purpose of the program is to help students achieve their dreams by getting the best education possible.

I am very fortunate to have a sponsor. I have always written to him, keeping him informed of my progress. In the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I was fortunate enough to meet him. He took my family and me to the art museum in Fort Worth and I was very impressed that he knew so much about art. This helped me want to learn more and opened my eyes to a whole new world. Last month, he took us to the science museum with his son. It was very informative and I learned how important it is to conserve energy and try to find ways to save our oceans. My sponsor is a great role model and mentor. I realize how important it is to maintain good grades and to further my education. I am planning to put all my effort into learning as much as possible in high school and hopefully pursue an engineering career. I know at times it was hard to put that extra effort into studying, but in the long run, it paid off. I know my sponsor and the *STAR Program* could have given up on me after an occasional slip-up, but they saw I had potential and kept encouraging me, and for that, I really want to thank them. I want to travel and visit other countries so I can understand more about what is needed to help others. Maybe some day I will be in the position to help other students like *STAR* helped me, and to give everyone a chance at a good education. My sponsor and *STAR* gave me the opportunity to reach my full potential. Thank you very much!  
Sincerely,  
**Shane**  
*8th Grade Graduate- St. Rita- May 2010*

## Letters to The Sponsors



*Dear Sponsor,*

How are you doing? I am doing great now that school is over and summer is here! This last semester I have gotten straight A's. I've recently been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. How cool is that? For me this is a big achievement. Now I will try even harder to accomplish more. Hopefully I'll learn more and become successful with my life. At the end of the school year we always have an awards' ceremony. I received a lot of awards. I learned a lot and I am ready for 8th grade. I'd like to thank you for helping me... Your generosity toward me has changed my life and has helped me want to be successful. Thank you for all you've done for me. I've learned to be more thankful, responsible, and knowledgeable.

Sonie



*Dear Sponsor,*

I hope that you have been doing well. I have been great! I am really enjoying my summer so far. I'm writing to tell you about my first camping experience.... We went horseback riding, learned a lot of things about taking care of a horse; we washed and groomed them and even had to clean up their mess (ugh)! We also went swimming every day, I went into the deepest part of the pool and touched the ground. ... All this was from my cookie sales... I hope you and your family are having as much fun as I am this summer. God bless you and your family and thank you once again for the blessing that you share with me!

Vanesa



*Dear Sponsor,*

How is your summer? I hope that you are having a great time I would like to...thank



you so much for the card you sent. I really appreciate all that you have done for us. My family and I do not have any words to express how thankful we are for you and your help. Thanks to you I know the value of a quality education and how to use it. This summer our field trips have been to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Did you know that there are only two printing bureaus; one here in Fort Worth and one in Washington DC. We also went to the Texas Motor Speedway and saw ex-racers teaching people how to race. We had a blast! Have a great summer!

Rafael



Rafael has received numerous awards.



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**

## A Letter From A STAR Graduate



Dear STAR,

You have helped so much with financial help and support. I know the sponsors will be blessed and enriched with wonderful things in their lives as well as their families. With this program I learned so much that I can't imagine how not to be pleased. I learned that you have to try your best in order to obtain and reach your goals. I also learned that there are wonderful and kind people that are willing to help those who need help and want to succeed. I am going to high school next year and I am so excited. I will keep doing my best to become someone in life. My goals are to become an actress and to help people in any way I can. I hope that people like my sponsor keep supporting other students that hunger for a brighter education in life. I know that this program can make an important impact in many people's lives, not only economically, but spiritually. This sponsorship program makes students eager to obtain better grades, good conduct and to give all their best in school. My experience of writing to my sponsor was so helpful because I actually communicated about events in my life. Thank you for supporting me and may God bless each and every one of the people who make this possible. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Maria

8th Grade Graduate- St. George- May 2010



## A Note From the Director

Summer is a busy time of year. It is also a time for reflection on the past and those students who have graduated from the 8th grade. Their wisdom is inspiring as we reflect on their letters to their sponsors. They know they have been given a chance at a better future.

It is also time to anticipate the future for those who are hopeful for a call from the program telling them their child has been chosen for the program. These parents value education. They know they cannot possibly afford the costs and it is humbling to witness all they do to provide the best for their children. Parents are so grateful for those donors who have given so generously to their children. They work hard to make sure their children achieve the high standards required by the program.

We would like to say thank you for all you do to ensure a better life for these children by providing a choice in education. We ask you to please tell others about us. Contact us if we need to send them a donor packet. Together we can make a difference in the world, "one student at a time"!



STAR Founder and VP Janet Carter met with two of her STAR Students, Alyssa and Bailey, this summer at Barnes and Noble. They discussed their favorite books and plans for the upcoming school year. Alyssa has been named a Duke Scholar. Students love to write their sponsors and most especially to meet them in person.

"I hope that people like my sponsor keep supporting other students that hunger for a brighter education in life."

- Maria

8th Grade STAR Graduate

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- Shane