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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 Student's Summer Adventures

Meeting My Sponsor



Collins is a shining STAR student who was thankful to be able to meet his sponsors this summer—Mr. John Pergande and the employees of Insure Zone. Collins was thrilled to realize in person what it meant to be sponsored by not only one person, but a whole company! This is a letter he wrote after his experience:

Dear Insure Zone,

Thank you for spending your time to talk with me when I came to your office. I'm very glad that I met you. I liked the conversation we had because I learned more about you all. I hope that you found out more about me and my parents too!!

I was really excited and touched when Mr. Pergande read my letter and I hope we can do it again.

I want to thank all of you once more and I especially want to thank Mrs. Myers for all the effort she put in.

The part I liked best was when we all introduced ourselves. Now I kind of know how it feels to be a sponsor.

Overall, the day was spectacular! I really enjoyed meeting you all finally.

May God Bless you all for your generosity and sharing the time to talk to me and my parents.

Collins—Grade 6



Collin's family sits around the board room table as Mr. Pergande reads a letter Collins wrote to the employees of Insure Zone.

STAR Students Stay Busy During Summer Months

Many students enrolled in various summer camps such as Tarrant County's College for Kids, UTA Summer Science Camps, or Texas Wesleyan's Pre-freshman Engineering Program. Students benefited from additional instruction and gained an appreciation for a different method of instruction. Below is one student's letter:

Dear Sponsor,

How are you? This is Jesus. (I went to TCC College for Kids.) This is part of what I did over summer vacation. My classes were outstanding! I will tell you about each of my classes.

Algebra: ...I met 2 amazing friends; their names were Zachary and Julio. Zack is really good in Math. Julio was an awesome friend; he was in advanced Math classes! I learned that there is more than one way to right a multiplication sign. Lots of kids had different math techniques, because they came from different schools. On the first day we got to know each other. Then we started doing problems.

Physics: In that class I learned how to build a kite, heat waves, water pressure and I think that is it...

Soccer: That was my favorite class... I met a kid named Lincoln, who liked to be called Abraham.

Leadership: I learned how to communicate with others and how to work with people you are not used to. We would do activities to teach us how to communicate with others.

Thank you for telling me about this—without you telling me about this, I would not have met wonderful people and learned something new!!!!

Thank you! Thank you! My God help you in what you need. May God give many blessings to you and your family!!!!



*From your friend,
Jesus—Grade 6*





Dear Sponsor,

How are you? I am fine. So much has happened that I have to tell you...I love algebra!! It is not hard to understand most of it. I feel confident whenever I work things out. I hope my year in Algebra is great. And I owe it all to my math teacher and my TexPrep Summer Camp teacher.

I have come to the conclusion that my first year at TexPrep was worth it because it is finally paying off. For instance, in English I know more vocabulary because of my English course at TexPrep...I am heading to TexPrep again next summer if God allows me to.

**Cordially,
Rafael— Grade 8**



The Texas Prefreshman Engineering Program (TexPREP), provides a challenging academic program designed to motivate and prepare middle and high school students for success in advanced studies leading to careers in science, technology, engineering or mathematics fields.

STAR students send letters to their sponsors during the school year to update them on their progress. Please let us know if someone would like to sponsor a student by contacting us at 817-332-8550 or starcsf@gmail.com We have students on a waiting list that would love to have the opportunity for a better education.

It is increasingly clear that better education is essential if children at all socio-economic levels are to feel a part of what has been called the American Dream—a chance to work hard, excel, and reap the rewards—both personally and in the marketplace. By providing the opportunity for a private education to students whose parents cannot afford it, STAR Sponsorship Program and Children's Scholarship Fund Fort Worth will help make a difference—student by student. *Giving parents a choice, giving children a chance...one student at a time!*

Letters from Students to Their Sponsors



Dear Sponsor,

I am doing great! My summer was wild and wacky. I did a lot of fun things involving water. I went swimming a lot this summer. As you know, school is about to start.

I am very excited because it's a new year and a lot of new students and teachers. It's cool to meet new people. I can't wait! Also I want to get to a new level of learning new things this year. I have three more years until I go into high school. Senior year I want to be my best year...I want to get as many degrees as possible. I am going to have good behavior this year. I am going to keep it that way until I graduate from college. In my mind I think [my school] prepares you for college because they want you to excel at learning. Also, the *Star Program* helps you to reach for the stars and to fulfill your educational dreams.

**Thanks for sponsoring me!
Phillip— Grade 6**



To My Dear Sponsor,

Hello! How are you? I am praying you are fine and in good health. Today is my birthday and I am 9 years old...I am so ready for school. We have one more

week until school starts. I am really excited and I will work hard to do my best and get good grades this year. Thank you for blessing me and giving me the opportunity to go to a Christian school. I will pray for you.

**God bless!
Nikki— Grade 3**



Dear Sponsor,

I want to take this time to say thank you, with the bottom of my heart, for being my sponsors one more year! I am truly blessed to have such great people love me and help me succeed. I promise to do my very best in everything so that I make you and my parents proud of your investment in me. I had a great summer but I am now ready to go back to school and get busy... Thank you again for your support and I will be writing you again soon. May God continue to bless you and your family.

**Love,
Huner— Grade 5**



Dear Sponsor,

Thank you so much for choosing to help me through school. My family and I are so grateful to have people like you. This summer, I had a lot of fun with my family.

My cousins, my older sister and I went to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History for the Leonardo DaVinci exhibit. We saw his amazing artwork and inventions. It was very interesting! We also saw the dinosaur, the western, the oceans, and the space exhibits. I had so much fun that day! ...Also throughout the summer, I read many books and got AR points for them. I am very proud of myself for earning so many points. I hope you had a wonderful summer! Thank you again for your generous gift. I will not let you down!

**Sincerely,
Vanesa— Grade 4**

Dear Sponsor,

...I am so blessed to have been chosen to be in the STAR Program, and also to have my sponsor. I know God is watching over me. I believe great people need to be valued, and I value my sponsor.

**Thank you so much,
Raul— Grade 7**

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you so much for letting me go to this school. It is such a blessing to go there. I have been making really good grades this year. I am trying really hard to make...A Honor Roll. I really want to. That is my biggest goal for this year. I am cheerleading this year and it is really fun. I enjoy it very much... I hope that you are doing well. I will be praying for you and I will keep sending you letters. God bless you and again, thank you so much... It is a privilege and a blessing.

**Sincerely,
Courtney— Grade 7**



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