



# STAR/CSF-Ft. Worth Times



Helping students achieve a choice in education!



## 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 Students send report cards, pictures, letters, awards, schoolwork, and drawings to sponsors during the school year to update them on their progress.

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## Christmas comments from STAR Students... Dear Sponsor,

**Dear Sponsor,**  
I sure have been trying my hardest in school, so all the studying and homework keeps me busy. I surely hope that my hard work is showing up in my grades and I hope my grades are pleasing to you. Well, I was thinking that since it's my last year in the program, maybe I could get to know this man who has shown me such a great example of how life should be lived. It would be a beautiful thing to get to meet or get to know the person to whom I have been writing these letters, thanking him for his helpful heart. Although, next year when I go to high school, I'm going to miss writing these letters; maybe we could keep this a perennial friendship because to have a good friend like you is God's blessing to me. I wanted to tell you thank you with my whole heart!

Your friend,  
**Vanessa Grade 8**

**Dear Sponsor,**  
School is going well. I will continue to work hard to get high grades. I promise to write you always. I will always pray that our Lord will bless you. Are you looking forward to the Christmas Season? What a nice time to celebrate and rejoice in our Lord's goodness in our lives. Thank you so much, again, for your generosity. Warm regards to you and your family.  
With all my love,  
**Nikki Grade 1**

**Dear Sponsor,**  
I have been working really hard on my math facts. I just got a Monopoly game and it is helping me with my math facts. My mom lets me be the banker. Happy Holidays,  
**Isabelle Grade 2**

**Dear Sponsor,**  
How have you been? I am doing wonderful! I hope you and your family have been as happy as I have been. I am very excited about our school Christmas play. It has lots of animals; I get to be a donkey. This year my class is singing a beautiful song. I wish you could come, but I know you are busy. I love everything about my school. Thank you for your support! You are so wonderful! I hope you have a very blessed Christmas!  
Love,  
**Vivica Grade 2**

**Dear Sponsor,**  
School started and it has been going very well. My first day in class was very scary because the students might laugh at me or I might walk into the wrong classroom, but I found out that my class was very nice. I hope to be an author of a book and a scientist. I love Science; it is very interesting. I look forward to meeting you to thank you for sponsoring me in person. I wish you a happy and holy life. Thank you very much for sponsoring me and may God bless you and your family.  
Sincerely,  
**Ronnie Grade 5**

**Dear Sponsor,**  
I am really working hard to get high scores. School is really fun. I am always on my best behavior. Thank you once again for being such a great blessing to my family. I promise to write you every week! God bless you.  
Sincerely,  
**Grant Grade 6**

**Dear Sponsor,**  
Our teacher had a big birthday at school today! She said that somebody even called her early in the morning to wish her a Happy Birthday! Most of the time, we don't get to leave our classroom because we have a lot of work. We get a lot of homework; sometimes on the weekends too. One day when we were supposed to go home, our car broke down so we had to walk home. Our house isn't too far from school though, so it didn't take too long. Merry Christmas!  
**Collins Grade 4**

**Dear Sponsor,**  
This year is going by very quickly; it is already Christmas-time and everyone is excited. The Lord is with us always; when we are alone or with others. When you receive your gifts, so does the Lord. May you give others great joy this year as well. Merry Christmas,  
**Christian Grade 8**



If you are interested in receiving these wonderful letters by sponsoring a child, please contact us at 817-332-8550

## A Note from the Parents...

### Dear STAR/CSF FW,

Blessings to you all! We are sending you our children's grades and letters for you and their sponsors to enjoy. We are so blessed to present their outstanding grades. They have really worked hard and did their best. Indeed, these fruits (high grades) are worth all the early morning wake-ups and 15-mile drive to school back and forth everyday. It was really very challenging the first few weeks. We were concerned if they could blend easily coming from a different culture and new to this country. It took a lot of prayers, hard work, determination and persistence to get the job done, and if we keep on...we will succeed.

Today the challenge remains, but our children have slowly developed a strong foundation in their school as they begin to fit in and have friends and have developed a strong determination to excel in school; this is evident by their high grades. With this, we have developed a family motto, *"Do your best and GOD will do the rest."* This is something we will live by as we continue to embark on this new journey in our lives.

Bottom line, our children are great blessings from our Lord. It is the desire of every parent that their children's lives will be much better. The only way for us to leave a wonderful legacy behind is to encourage them to do their best in everything they do with special emphasis on good education that will open great doors of opportunity for them.

Our thanks again for the wonderful opportunity you have given our children. It took great faith for us to obey our Lord in coming to this great land, but it takes great obedience from people in making our Lord's plan happen.

STAR, thank you for your obedience and God bless you!

Sincerely Thankful,  
**Alonzo and Imelda**  
Parents of 2 STAR children



***"Do your best and GOD will do the rest!"***

## Student Essays...

*How has the 2008 Election shaped my thoughts on race, education and religion?*

The 2008 Election has really made a positive impact on my life. This year's election had a really big turnout at the polls and as Americans, we need to exercise our right to vote. I feel that our education system will get better and that going to college will not only be a dream for some, but it will be a reality for all who want to go to college. As far as my thoughts on Religion, I just feel that God created us all equally. I feel that Religion did not play a big factor in the 2008 Election. I feel that so many changes are happening and that we should respect one another, regardless of race or religion. Maybe I will see that in my generation. That is how the 2008 Election has shaped my thoughts on race, education and religion.

**Amado Grade 6**

## Something Special To Me

Something that is special to me is my momma. She makes me laugh when I am sad. I love her a lot. She is the one who does everything for me. She loves me and she takes care of me. She gives me the things I want. She gives me the things I need. She is the one who put me in this school. She helps me with my homework; my math, reading, science and everything. She loves me and I love her. We both figure out ways to work with each other. She gives me games, toys and clothes. She gives me the most powerful thing of all and that is love.

**Phillip Grade 4**



## A Christmas Wish... from S.T.A.R.!

**I hope you enjoy reading these excerpts from STAR students' letters. Education is one of the greatest gifts we can give to a child, any child. As you read their thoughts you begin to realize they truly are so appreciative of the opportunity you give them with sponsorship. STAR students want to do their best and will try to achieve to the best of their capability.**

**Annually we meet with students and parents to celebrate the year's prior accomplishments and to review the goals and expectations for the coming year. Parents are also thankful for the support of those who care enough to help them financially with their children's educational journey. They know their sacrifice is worth**

**every moment and that their child is on the path to a better future because of your generosity.**

**And so my annual Christmas wish...to find more sponsors for more students! The success stories we hear are so rewarding and help us to realize how much you impact the future... not only of a child, but their school, their teacher and most importantly their family. We will continue the quest to help students with a choice in education and may all your Christmas wishes be granted!**

**Patty Myers**  
Executive Director



Please let us know if you know have a gently-used computer that you are looking to donate... we'll give them to a STAR student! Donations are tax-deductible.

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**"Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions."**

**-William Allin**



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

**-John Dewey**