



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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## A Letter to our Donors...

Christmas is around the corner and the holidays are upon us! In counting our blessings, STAR would like to thank you for all you do in the lives of these students. Your dedication to this program in insuring that students have a quality education is very meaningful to the students and their families. STAR students value sponsors' commitment and generosity in helping them on their

academic journey. As Diogenes Laertius, a biographer of Greek philosophers, said, "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." *You are helping to set that foundation* by preparing these students to excel in everything they do. You are helping to instill good morals, character and responsibility in these children; this will help them for the rest of their lives! You have already made a significant impact on these students and have encouraged them to dream big, work hard, and

to set high expectations for themselves. You have helped STAR students to have a brighter future and have inspired them to achieve their dreams. For all this, we are truly grateful. We thank you for your dedication and commitment. May your holidays be filled with merriment and may your *New Year* be filled with much success!

***Merry Christmas,  
Patty Myers  
Executive Director***

## Letters From Our Students...



**Dear Sponsor,**  
When you receive this letter, may God give you blessings and good health. I'm working hard with my studies... I appreciate your financial and emotional support. My mother works long hours and has a hard time paying all the bills. My mother reminds me how fortunate I am that I have sponsors because otherwise I could not attend my school. Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
**Angela- Grade 4**

it, because every time she looks at my grades, she cries. She says I'm going to be something in life if I keep up the good work. Please note that I love you for your donations and generosity.  
Love,  
**Alexee- Grade 3**



**Dear Sponsor,**  
...I am grateful for what you have done to improve my life. You are people that have made a difference in my life. Thank you for all that you do and may God bless you.  
Sincerely,  
**Juan- Grade 7**



**Dear Sponsor,**  
Thank you for sponsoring my scholarship this year. I hope you realize how much it means to my family and me that you're helping us. My mother greatly appreciates



**Dear Sponsor,**  
...Thank you so much for letting me go to Calvary Christian Acade-

my. I pray that God will bless you and your family every day. I know He will because He answers all prayer requests. I believe this year is going to be a better year for me. I know that God is working through me and is trying to help me. Thank you for letting me go to this wonderful school.  
Merry Christmas,  
**Courtney- Grade 6**

**Merry Christmas**

***...and Happy New Year  
to all those who make  
the dreams come alive...  
from the students, par-  
ents, Board of Directors  
and staff at STAR  
Sponsorship/Children's  
Scholarship Fund FW!***



**My** time at Fort Worth Country Day (FWCD) has flown by so fast. As I look back on the last 12 years of my life, I realize how blessed I am to be a part of the *STAR*

*Sponsorship Program*. Not only does the acronym *S.T.A.R.* (*Success Through Academic Readiness*) serve as a reminder that success comes through education, but it also reminds me that I have to work hard to achieve greatness. In the past four years, I have realized that life is a series of events that make up the whole, and learning is a central element in that process. The choices I make and what I do every day makes a difference. When I am in the classroom, I learn to explore and ask questions. As I am exploring, the future looks rewarding and exciting. Oftentimes, I find myself in a place where learning is fun and the teachers care far more about me as a person rather than a grade or a number. Education is important to me because I believe it makes a person a right thinker and a correct decision-maker. It achieves this by bringing one's knowledge from the outside world, teaching one to reason, and acquainting one with past history so that they may be a better judge of the present. Without education, the training of the mind is incomplete and one may find themselves in a helpless situation. Education is important because it helps dispel

ignorance. At a young age, children learn to develop and increase the strength of mind through various types of education. However, the process of education

does not only begin when a child first attends school. Education begins at home. One can receive knowledge from a parent, family member or an acquaintance. It is these people who help instill moral values and beliefs. One can see the importance of education in almost all societies. Attending school and receiving an education is extremely vital and necessary if one wants to achieve success. Unfortunately, there are many places in the world where not everyone has the same opportunity to receive a formal education. These opportunities are greatly limited, and I consider myself



**Sponsors receive report cards & letters from their students throughout the year to update them on their progress, but our waiting list grows daily. We need more sponsors!**

extremely blessed to have had this opportunity. At FWCD, education is seen as both a personal journey requiring guidance and a systematic process built upon knowledge, experience and hard work. Its mission is to foster the intellectual, physical, emotional and ethical development of capable students through an academically rigorous college preparatory program that integrates the arts and athletics. I can honestly say that FWCD has accomplished its goals. Not only have I turned out to be a well-rounded student, but I also consider myself a great sister, friend and responsible citizen equipped for

success in college and in life. It was at FWCD that I started setting high expectations for myself. The environment they provided helped promote understanding, imagination and reason. Ingrained on my school crest are the words *Humanitas per disciplinam*. What *Humanitas* means is human nature, mankind, kindness, compassion, courtesy, cultural refinement, civilization. These are all the things that a traditional school like FWCD tries to instill in its students' way of life. From these words, we get a core value system. The core values that were set forth create a standard of conduct that is the foundation of a productive life. These values provide an ethical compass and gives purpose to education. At FWCD, I am inspired to have the passion to learn, courage to lead and the commitment to serve. It is there that I was taught to value diversity in my community and was encouraged to open thought and freedom inquiry. My integrity, kindness, courage, respect, responsibility and scholarship can all be seen now. I want to thank my sponsor again for all the kindness he has shown me. I am truly impressed and inspired. He has inspired me to achieve my goals and to continue to care about my education. I hope that we can continue to keep in touch in the future. As I head towards my next step in life at Boston University, I will always remember what an impact my sponsor and *STAR* had on me.

Sincerely,  
Chyna P.  
*High School Graduate May '09*

**All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth. -Aristotle**

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**It is good to dream, but it is better to dream and work. Faith is mighty, but faith with action is mightier.**  
- Thomas Robert Gaines