

# STAR/CSF-Ft. Worth Times

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.

## Success Through Academic Readiness

If you are interested in sponsoring a student or would like more information about the STAR Program for you or someone you know, please contact us at:  
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## 100 S.T.A.R. Students!

### WE ARE THANKFUL!

We have **100**

**students** who are receiving a private education this year. This opportunity would not be possible without a partnership between our donors, parents, schools and the S.T.A.R. Program. It is our view that there is no greater building campaign than a child who looks forward to learning because they are excited about school. Students are expected to be on time, to do their homework, to try their best and to respect their teachers and classmates! **Accountability, responsibility and consequences** are the results of this opportunity. Students learn that someone other than their parent cares about education, so they learn to value education. They learn how to succeed; they learn to search for new avenues in order to achieve excellence. These are the hallmarks of the STAR Sponsorship Program. **Success! Desire! Perseverance! Achievement!**

We are so grateful for a generous local foundation who gave us a challenge grant! Due to this grant being matched, we were able to increase our scholarships from 78 wards in 2010 to **100 awards in 2011!** STAR student's inspiring words motivate us in our continuing quest to educate these children and open their doors to a brighter future.

"Kids are the future and without an opportunity like the STAR program, a lot of kids would not have the chance to become successful in life."  
*Michael* — Grade 8

"I continue to work hard to make you proud of me. Thank you for believing in me, it means a lot to me."  
*Vanessa* — Grade 5

"In all honesty I would have never pushed myself so hard without your undying faith in me! You are truly making a difference in my life, and for that I will always be thankful. God bless you!"

*Brenda Aguilar* — Grade 12

"I am going to work really hard to get good grades throughout my whole school career and I want to be someone who will benefit the whole world."  
*Julius Hare* — Grade 4

Think of the impact these 100 STAR students can have on the future of businesses and our community when they gain the foundation of academic excellence, diligence, and personal responsibility. **We thank our generous sponsors for the ability to provide this opportunity. Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Children's Scholarship Fund Accomplishments

- In Fiscal Year 2010, Children's Scholarship Fund and its partner programs distributed nearly \$43,100,000 in scholarships for low-income children. CSF distributed more than \$28,100,000 and the remaining 15,000,000 was paid from matching contributions raised locally by our partner programs.
- In 2011, for the fifth consecutive year, CSF was awarded four-star status by Charity Navigator – the highest rating the watchdog organization give out charities that outperform the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility. Only 6% of charities have achieved a four-star rating five years in a row.
- CSF has also been awarded the "Best in America" seal of excellence by the Independent Charities of America, for meeting the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness. Fewer than 5% percent of U.S. charities meet or have been awarded the ICA's seal.
- Management and Fundraising costs are funded by our co-founders and a few other key donors, allowing 100% of other contributions to CSF to go directly to scholarships.

*Children's Scholarship Fund Annual Report, 2012*



## Students Write to their Sponsors....



### Dear Sponsor,

Greetings from my family and myself. I've made it through the first few weeks of the school year. I am doing well so far. School is fun and joyous; everyone is nice to each other. I have entered seventh grade this year with a lot of enthusiasm and courage. I understand it is more work but I will always do my best. We have about 3 weeks until Progress Reports. I hope to do well! I am aiming for straight A's.

I am in the National Junior Honor Society and on the Student Council. I have already had two meetings with the Student Council focusing on school events and fundraisers. I will have the first N.J.H.S meeting soon. I will keep you informed. Thank you for your contributions.

**May the Good Lord bless you always,  
Collins — Grade 8**

### Lockheed Martin Experience



Because of a gracious gift by one of our donors, three students were privileged to receive a private tour of the Joint Strike Fighter ops at Lockheed Martin. Our tour guides were incredibly focused on our three boys, encouraging them to stick with their studies and do their best. We received this note after the tour:

"I hope the boys enjoyed themselves yesterday and learned a few things along the way. They were very good boys, bright and attentive. Thanks to you and the STAR Program in helping the kids."

*Brent — Lockheed Martin*

One of the students chosen for the tour had this to say: "It was the best experience of my life. I was so thankful, grateful, full of joy, happiness and so many other feelings I couldn't describe. I will never forget the experience. I can't wait to finish my good education so I can work there!" *Ralph — Grade 8*

### Dear Sponsor,

I cannot believe I made it through the 4th grade with an A/B Honor Roll with all the hard work I had to do! It just took a little praying, friends, help, and inspiration to do so.

**Sincerely,  
Sarah — Grade 5**



### Dear Sponsor,

I hope you are having a great year, because I am! I am so excited to tell you that I won first place in Music Memory in the statewide PSIA (Private School Interscholastic Awards) Competition. I am also excited because I am going to UT Arlington Engineering Camp.

**Best Wishes,  
Thalissa — Grade 6**

### Dear Sponsor,

It has been a month since we have started school and I'm happy about everything. We got our first progress report and I have all A's. My teacher is fun. She puts things in a clear way so we don't struggle. In math we do competitions to see who gets the answer first. I have improved my math grade. I also improved in Science. It is a good subject. I will keep on making good grades throughout second grade. Thank you for being my sponsor.

**God Bless you and your family,  
Chelsea — Grade 2**



### Dear Sponsor,

I am writing this letter to tell you how grateful I am to have a great education just because of you. I am always trying my hardest. I do my homework every night. I also study every day and I very respectful to my teachers and everyone around me.

**Love,  
Kristy — Grade 4**

### Would you like to receive inspiring letters like these in your mailbox?

**We have students on a waiting list who would love to have the opportunity to receive an excellent education that will prepare them for the future. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a child, please contact us at: 817-332-8550 or starcsf@gmail.com**

## A Shining STAR Student!

Andrea is a shining STAR student! She maintained a straight A report card for all 4 quarters last year! She has also been learning to play the violin and has excelled. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society



Grade	FOURTH QUARTER			FINAL
	Conduct	Comments		
95	E	6,9,14,-1		96
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94	E	6,9,14,-1		96
95	E	6,7,8,11		97
94	G	9,16,17		96
=				
99	E	6,9,14,-1		99
=				
96	E	9,12,17		96
=				
96	E	6,7		98

and was chosen to take part in Breakthrough at Fort Worth Country Day School, an academic summer program for motivated students.

"You have opened the doors for me and it is my job to enter them. God Bless You!"

**Andrea — Grade 7**

## Post 8th Grade Statistics

### From Children's Scholarship Fund Recipients in New York City

- **High School:** 84% of the alumni responding are now in private high schools, and 90% of those attending private high schools are receiving some form of financial aid.
- **Post-High School Plans:** 90% of the CSF Alumni surveyed plan to attend a 4-year college, and another 2% say they want to attend a 2-year college.
- **CSF Experience:** 95% of families said their experience in private elementary schools with CSF scholarships better-prepared the students for high school.

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