



STAR Sponsorship Times

Making a difference...one student at a time!



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Vision Statement

The Board of Trustees of the STAR Sponsorship Program, Inc. 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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Priceless Leadership

It's been said that the good deeds one does today can have an untold impact tomorrow. Over the years, STAR Sponsorship has been privileged to benefit from the good acts of dedicated community leaders. Through their generous philanthropy and active involvement, the lives of many local students have changed for the better.



For STAR Board Member Peter Philpott, who is also Vice President of Robert W. Baird and Co., helping children has been a long-held personal mission. Philpott was introduced to the STAR Sponsorship Program in 1997. He became interested when he heard a STAR school principal speaking of the program at a gathering hosted by STAR Sponsorship co-founder, Paul Greenwell.

Looking back, Philpott recalls being intrigued by how STAR is involved in the earliest phase of children's education, beginning in kindergarten. That interest led him to begin sponsoring students. Just one year later, Philpott was asked to join the program's Board of Trustees. Since that time, he has been a tremendous asset to STAR, participating students, and their families. Particularly, his keen insights and wisdom have been a source of inspiration and guidance.

Philpott said, "Giving time and money to this program has multiplied back in joy of the accomplishments of the children and confirmation that this is a great use of my time and talents." He was originally drawn to STAR Sponsorship because of its uniqueness. Philpott believed in STAR's mission of helping underprivileged children via education and wanted to be a part of this effort. "STAR directly impacts the lives of lower-income children and enriches the lives of those whose generosity makes this program happen," Philpott said. He highly values a strong educational foundation because both statistically and through personal experience, he has observed that it is the main avenue to fulfilling personal goals.

Over his many years of sponsorship, Philpott has been privileged with multiple opportunities to interact with STAR parents

and students. Time and again, he has been thoroughly impressed by how committed the students remain throughout their time in the program. Philpott also noted the parents' dedication has been noteworthy: "It is humbling to see how motivated and grateful the parents are for the opportunity to get a better education for their children."

In reminiscing back to his first sponsorship, Philpott shared that his student, Ot'Lantis (pictured here with sister, Ot'Landrea) recently graduated from college last December and is now in Military Officer Training School. Philpott said, "It took Ot'Lantis more time than usual to finish his undergraduate degree, but there's no question in his mind as to what he was going to do. It wasn't easy for him, but he persevered. Now that Ot'Lantis has completed his college career and checked that box, he is immediately fulfilling his dream by going to officer training school."



Philpott also sponsored his sister, Ot'Landrea. She persisted through high school and is now attending the University of North Texas. Philpott enthusiastically shared that Ot'Lantis was the first person in his family to attend and graduate from college. This feat not only helped inspire Ot'Lantis' sister in her educational journey, but moved his own mother to pursue post-secondary education herself. When asked about Philpott's impact on his life, Ot'Lantis said: "My sponsor, Mr. Philpott, extends his time, energy, and resources to help kids. He impacted my life because I realized that my education was important to people other than just my family members and teachers."

These success stories have been a trademark of Philpott's over the years. They are an authentic display of his unwavering support and encouragement for his students. He sponsored Andrew (pictured on left with his mother and Philpott) from 2011-14 and left a tremendous impression on his life. "Mr. Philpott was not only my sponsor, but he is also a man that I look up to for inspiration. The sacrifice and attention he gave me while I was part of the STAR Sponsorship Program was unbelievable. I hope to make him proud when I graduate from... (Continued on back page)



...Nolan Catholic High School and go off to college to get my degree in Bioinformatics," said Andrew. Philpott not only impacted Andrew, but the whole family. Andrew's sister, Vicky, said, "Our family absolutely loves Mr. Philpott! He is such a generous man with a kind heart. His charisma and love for education has shaped Andrew's education into where it stands today. Words cannot express how thankful I am to have met Mr. Philpott and his loving family."

Andrew's mother, Juanita, expressed her deep gratitude for Philpott's role in her son's life, explaining how he set a solid foundation for Andrew. She said,



Pictured R-L: STAR student, Alexis, Philpott, and Alexis' Great-Grandmother, Ruby.

"Andrew truly admires and values you for helping him excel as a strong individual. I see him and I know that your advice has really shaped his ambition. I appreciate all that you do for families like ours."

Philpott also sponsored STAR student, Alexis (pictured on left), from 2009-11. Alexis' great-grandmother, Ruby, could not speak highly enough of Philpott.

She said, "I am eternally grateful for Mr. Philpott's sponsorship of Alexis."

Philpott is currently sponsoring a new student who joined the program last fall. Alex said, "I would like to... say thank you for this

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opportunity to go to this incredible school. Every day of the week I look forward to going to school. Once again, I would like to say thank you very much!"



Philpott poses with his current student, Alex, and STAR Executive Director, Patty Myers.

Philpott positively impacts every child he sponsors and STAR is incredibly grateful to have his ongoing support. To this day, Philpott continues to give of his time, talents, and resources to the program. In turn, he serves as an ongoing source of inspiration and empowerment to those whom are privileged to interact with him.



An: 2012-15

- St. George Catholic School
- Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance

"I am so grateful to STAR and I do not think I would have been able to attend St. George without your help. I appreciate all of the support you have provided me with and I will miss you when I am no longer part of the STAR program."



Vivica: 2008-15

- Calvary Christian Academy
- Honors English Award
- Honors Math Award
- Honors Science Award
- Perfect Attendance
- National Junior Honor Society

"I will be forever grateful to my sponsor. His letters were assuring, and let me know that I mattered to him. He opened his heart and found a need to change the future of a child. I am grateful that it was me and I owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude."



Francisco 2012-15

- All Saints Catholic School
- Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance

"I always wanted to be in the STAR Program and was very happy when I was chosen for a scholarship. I knew it would make me a better student. Being in STAR has given me the keys that are needed to have a successful future."

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Meet Our Graduates



Britni: 2006-15

- All Saints Catholic School
- Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance

"To my sponsor, I just want to thank you so much for all that you have done. You have changed my life through my education. I will never forget you and what you have done for me."



Salem: 2006-15

- St. Rita Catholic School
- Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance
- Scholar Athlete
- Music Ministry, Band

"To my sponsor: All your gifts have helped me start my education on a strong foundation and it will encourage me to keep on going, to never stop, and to absorb all the knowledge that I can."

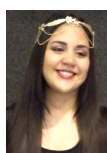


David: 2008-15

- St. George Catholic School
- Outstanding Conduct
- A/B Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance

- National Junior Honor Society
- Social Studies Award

"Thanks to the STAR Program and my sponsor, I have the hope and wisdom to move on to bigger things. I am honored to be a part of the STAR family."



Genesis: 2009-15

- St. Rita Catholic School
- Honor Roll Student
- Citizenship Award
- Early Bird Award

- Perfect Attendance
- Best Actress

"To my sponsor, you have no idea how much you have helped me and my family by helping me reach for the stars! I will always keep you in my heart because you helped me be who I am today."



Alejandro: 2014-15

- St. Rita Catholic School
- American Way Award
- A/B Honor Roll

"My sponsors, you mean the world to me. You helped with financing my education out of your own pockets. I want to thank you for everything you have done for me and my family."



Vanesa: 2008-15

- St. Rita Catholic School
- Honor Roll Student
- Perfect Attendance
- Music Ministry
- Scholar Athlete

- National Junior Honor Society

"My experience with this program has laid the foundation for me to build a successful life. It has taught me accountability, along with humility and also motivated me all at the same time."



Anthony: 2008-15

- Calvary Christian Academy
- "Being a STAR student means I have the ability to work hard, show a strong commitment to school, and determination to accomplish life goals. I know what helps me learn when I'm studying, and I am learning the best techniques to help me succeed in school."

Please introduce us to a friend who may be interested in providing hope and opportunity for a family who values education. Give a student a chance for a better future through a gift of education. All donations are tax-deductible.

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