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2006-2007 school year
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Commitment
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**Helping students achieve a
 choice in education!**



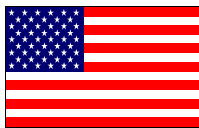
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Vision Statement

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.



"Dear STAR/Children Scholarship Fund Fort Worth Sponsors,

*We could not do it without your support!! ...*Every time that we want to express our gratitude to the sponsors of Children's Scholarship Fund, we get a knot in our throat and our eyes start getting filled with emotion (We don't want to admit that they are tears of joy.) There is no way that we can express it, we just want to let you know that may God let us pay it forward. What you did for our children is amazing. You provided us with the support and assistance that we only could dream of.

For a long time my husband and I felt like we were in tremendous disadvantage, and we had dragged our children along. We are immigrants from Mexico. And if we wanted to survive we had to learn a totally new language, adjust and obey the system from our adoptive country, and change our life style completely. At the time we felt that we were completely alone. It is quite a load, to try to raise from the bottom up, and it was for us like learning to walk and talk for a toddler.

But, when our lives

crossed with STAR/CSF Fort Worth, we realized that theirs was the resource we needed to literally "rescue" our children's future. There was no way that in the socioeconomic status we had been,

we will be able to provide the BEST education possible for our three angels. CSF had provided us the foundation for our daughters' education. Connie, Claudia and Gaby have been able to grow, mature, pursue, and maintain their vision towards high education. And we are immensely thankful for that.

We admire your unconditional love and commitment. We know you have helped thousands of children that are in the same circumstances or worse. Keep doing miracles, the children need your support. God bless you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Jesus & Maria



Pacheco

"There are no words that could ever express how grateful I am for the support that CSF has given

me and my family. It was because of the scholarship provided that I am where I am today." The encouragement of the scholarship helped me realize that seeking further education was possible."

Connie will be a Junior at TCU in the fall.



Claudia

"My two sisters and I had the great privilege of attending a private school with the help of the Children's Schol-

arship Fund. Without it, I would probably be lost without any direction in life not knowing whether I could accomplish anything. I learned that education is worth the world, and that I am privileged to be able to learn as much as I please... I graduated with honors from Temple Baptist School as Valedictorian of my class. I am about to begin my sophomore year at Champion Baptist College, in Hot Springs, Arkansas."

Gabriella (Gaby) will be a junior next year at Baptist Temple High School. She has a 93.6 average this



Gaby



Dr. Olga Ferris with St. George 2007 graduating 8th graders: Mark Jaquiz, Edward Hermosillo, Ana Linda Castro, Soraya Lim and Geneva Castro.

Soraya Lim graduated this May from St. George with a straight A report card her final quarter. She met her sponsor, Rich Connor, at the Ft. Worth Business Press. Rich gave Soraya these words of wisdom "You have such good grades. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to continue to do well.

All of your hard work will make it a lot easier for you to continue your studies after High School!"



Letter from a parent...

Dear STAR/CSF Ft. Worth, I just want to thank everyone for everything you have done for my family and me. Your financial help made it easier for me to keep my children in private school and get an outstanding education. My eldest son, will graduate high school this year and is pursuing college, and my younger daughter will enter high school as a freshman. I am so excited for both of them and cannot express how much I appreciate your contributions. May God bless the staff and the charities that donate the funds for giving children an advantage to get a decent education without compromising their morals and principles.

Sincerely,
Gloria Buhake
Mother of 2 CSF FW children

From Texans for School Choice

"Almost **40** percent of Texas students fail to graduate high school. **88** percent of Texas public schools are rated "Acceptable" or higher, but this designation only requires that **35** percent of students demonstrate proficiency in science, **40** percent in math, and **60** percent each in reading, writing, and social studies. Texas students exhibit the **3rd-lowest** SAT scores and the **8th-lowest** ACT scores among the 50 states, despite having below average participation rates on the two tests. Over the past ten years, SAT scores in Texas have increased by only **one** point, while the average for the rest of the country has increased by **18** points. **Half** of all students in Texas two-year colleges, and **40** percent of all college students statewide, require remedial coursework."

"Every four minutes...a Texas child's dreams are broken because he or she is unable to finish school. Every month...Texas taxpayers spend \$31 million to cover the cost of supporting dropouts. Every year...countless Texas parents send their children to school knowing they are not getting the education they deserve. Every year 119,000 Texas students drop out of school. "

Students Excel

STAR students are encouraged each quarter to have exemplary conduct and effort, minimal absences and little or no tardiness.



With these expectations, we begin to see the beginnings of an "honor roll student." Each quarter we receive these students' report cards and forward them to their "sponsors" along with a letter noting program compliance. Parents and students are also sent a letter from the STAR program congratulating the student or asking them to set goals for improvement. High expectations spell success for these students and it is due to your commitment and generosity that they have a brighter future.



John Kleinheinz sponsors this STAR student at Calvary Christian Academy!



All Saints 8th Grade Graduates, Fabian Serrano & Andrew Bermejo with E.D. Patty Myers, and Joshua Wright, Program Administrator



Our mission was accomplished this year! Graduation May 2007 was filled with many accolades for our students. STAR/CSF FW students were called up time and time again to receive multiple awards for: Honor Roll, Citizenship, Leadership, Good Conduct, Athletic success, Perfect Attendance, etc. It was gratifying to see these students attain these types of achievements. One teacher approached us to thank us for setting high expectations and pushing students to achieve their best. She felt our program made the entire difference in students' lives. With our support, students have achieved heights she never thought possible and their future holds more opportunity for success. Please join me in congratulating our students and wishing them the very best in their travels. May successful accomplishments in education result in paving their path to a great and bright future!

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason but no morals. We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education." -Martin Luther King, Jr.



David Porter sponsors this STAR Student Ana Linda Castro

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Please let us know if you know someone who would like to sponsor a student! We have many students on a waiting list who would benefit from their sponsorship!