

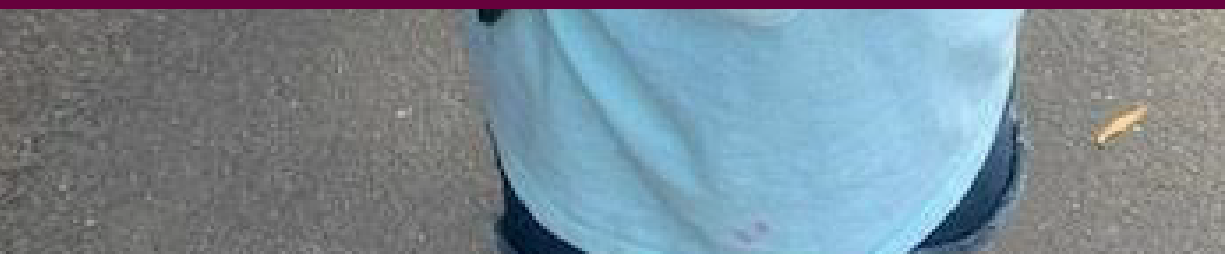


**STAR House**™  
Guiding Children to Success

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# IMPACT REPORT 2020





Dear Friends,

It has been my great honor to continue leading STAR House Foundation in its mission to enrich our community by promoting academic success and empowering lifelong achievement for children in need. In this, our 27th year of service to Roswell's most vulnerable families, we have focused our efforts on establishing new partnerships within our community as well as growing our existing relationships, in order to more effectively reach more children.

Through our continued partnership with The Goizueta Foundation, we are now serving an additional 40+ students and their families through our new program at Vickery Mill Elementary School. Through our partnership with the City of Roswell, Grants Division, we are creating the foundation for an ongoing AmeriCorps service project within the elementary schools we serve.

While we anticipate great successes from these and other ventures, we are acutely aware that there are many more students in need in our community whom we are not yet reaching.

As always, our Board, management team, and program staff are filled with gratitude for each contribution of funds, food, supplies, or time. Each donor, volunteer, or community friend who has given in the past year has helped our staff provide life-changing opportunities for our local children.

As you plan your year-end giving, please consider making a donation to STAR House - any amount will make a direct impact on the lives of our students. You have the opportunity to play an important role in helping us provide safe and enriching after-school and summer camp programs at no cost for children whose families are unable to afford those simple luxuries. With your help, we will be able to continue our service for these families, and possibly more, providing their children with the tools they need to thrive and succeed in school and in life.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Dan LaStella, Chair

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# HELPING KIDS REACH HIGHER

STAR House Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Roswell, Georgia. We provide out-of-school tutoring and mentoring for at-risk children in our community's Title I schools. During 2020, we served more than 250 students attending Mimosa Elementary, Esther Jackson Elementary, Vickery Mill Elementary, Elkins Pointe Middle and Holcomb Bridge Middle Schools through our after-school programs. Unable to provide summer camp programs to our elementary students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we expanded our community outreach to include food security initiatives. Throughout the summer months, we provided much-needed nutritional support to over 400 needy community members within our 115 participating families, ensuring that our students maintained consistent nutritional health. Working to serve the needs of the whole child provides a strong foundation that gives local kids in need the opportunity and support to shoot for the stars.



## MISSION

STAR House Foundation enriches the community by promoting academic success and empowering lifelong achievement for children in need.



## VISION

For all children to have support and the opportunity to succeed.



**250+ STUDENTS SERVED**



**27 YEARS OF SERVICE**



**6 AMERICORPS MEMBERS**



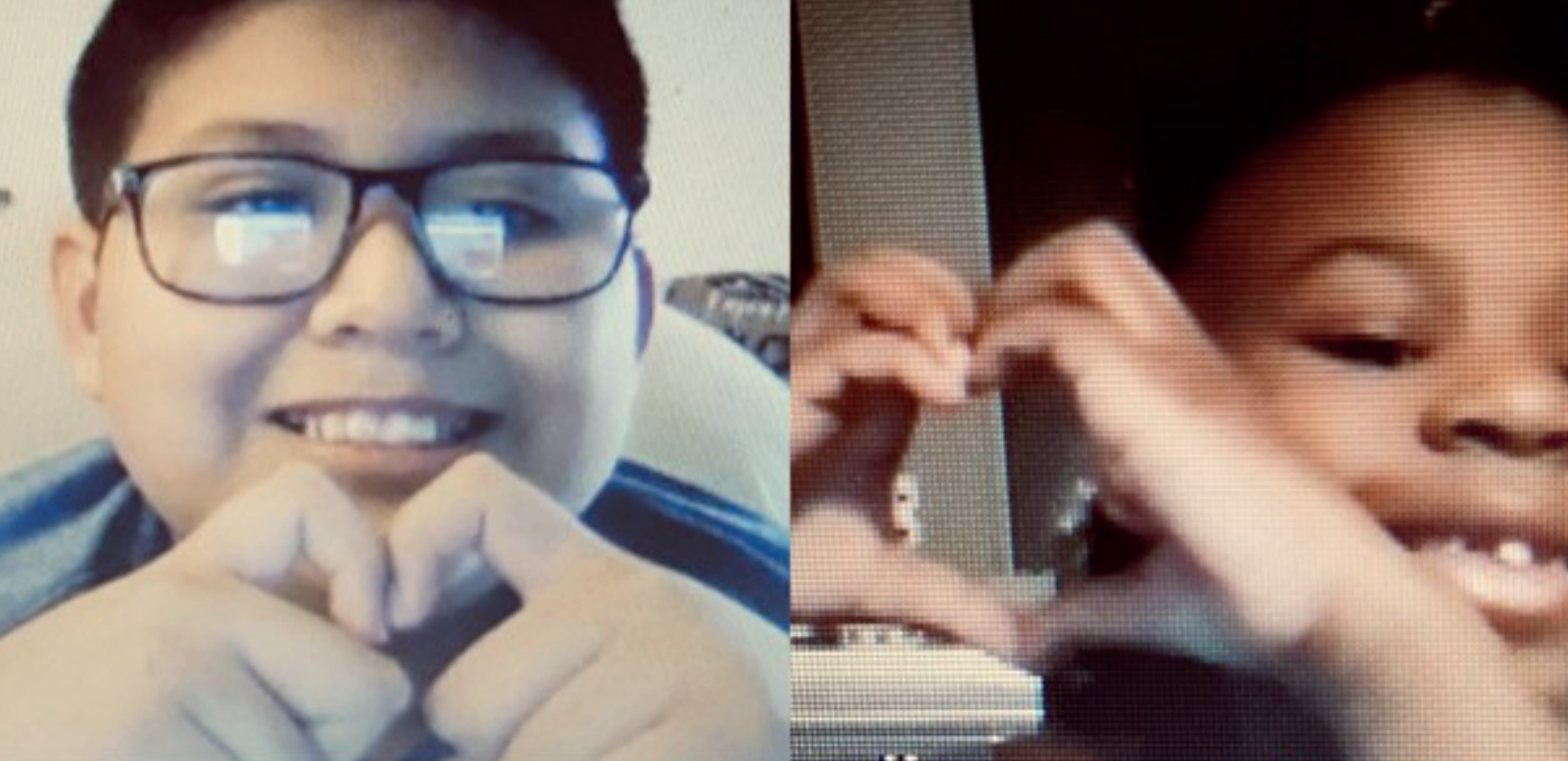
**5 SCHOOLS SERVED**



**3:1 STUDENT COACH RATIO**



With the closure of schools in March, many STAR House supporters immediately reached out to see how they could make a difference for our vulnerable population. We received financial donations as well as donations of food. We visited each of our families weekly, delivering grocery store gift cards, premade meals, snack bags, summer learning activity books, books for pleasure-reading, and more. The highlight of our summer was the delivery of graduation gifts for each of our 5th grade students. The gift bags included a collection of middle school must-haves: AVID-style binder, reusable water bottle, combination lock, scientific calculator, and cookie cake.



# STAR HOUSE VIRTUAL

**UNABLE TO SAFELY CONTINUE OUR  
IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND EQUALLY  
UNABLE TO DO NOTHING, WE  
RE-IMAGINED OUR AFTER-SCHOOL  
PROGRAM UTILIZING  
VIDEO-CONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY,  
ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORMS,  
WHITE BOARDS AND ERASABLE  
MARKERS.**

**FLEXIBILITY AND  
PERSEVERANCE ARE THE KEY  
TO SUCCESS**

The move to remote learning in the spring of this year led to significant educational setbacks for nearly all STAR House students. In homes where income has to be prioritized for rent, utilities, and food, rarely is anything left for the luxury of personal computers or internet access. Remote learning led to most of our students completely losing access to their teachers from mid-March through May of this year. Fulton County Schools has now made devices and internet service available to most of our students, however many still lack home-based learning support due to their parents' language barriers and long work hours. STAR House continues to be crucial for our students' success. In September, we began offering small-group virtual tutoring to our students, with each student being assigned to two, one-hour sessions, each week. With patience, flexibility, and perseverance, our virtual programs have proven to be successful beyond our expectations.



# GET INVOLVED



STAR House Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides educational and enrichment programs to students 100% free of charge. STAR House consistently operates with only 10% of funding going to overhead. The majority of our funds support our program service staff. Generous donations from businesses and individuals help us provide our unique, specialized approach to academic assistance that makes our programs so successful.

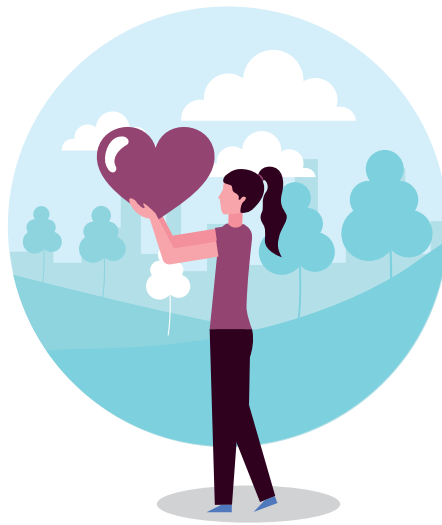
Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed in school. Your gift of time, talent and treasure allows us to offer educational opportunities to at-risk children in North Fulton County and strengthen our community as a whole.





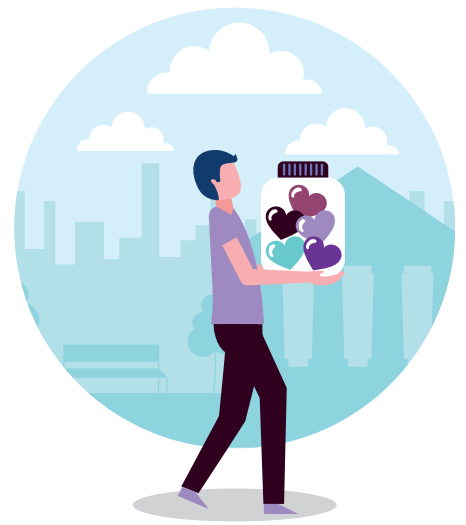
## GIVE MONEY

Your gift to STAR House is an investment in a child's future. With each dollar, you directly impact a child's academic journey and personal development.



## GIVE TIME

Your time is a valuable resource that can make a world of difference. Volunteer to guide children as they overcome daily challenges both in and out of the classroom.



## GIVE RESOURCES

Your contribution of nutritious snacks and essential supplies helps nourish our children's minds and bodies, giving them what they need to grow and succeed.

GET INVOLVED

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED BY ACCESSING THE ORANGE BUTTON ABOVE OR CONNECT WITH US DIRECTLY.

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“STAR House is something special to help me with my homework and take care of me and teach me. Sometimes I need help with my homework when my mom is at work. My favorite part about STAR House is that I get to learn new stuff about math and reading. To my family, STAR House is like a home for me.”

**Brittany F.**, 3rd Grade Student

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“When I joined STAR House I thought that I'd be helping children learn. What I quickly realized is how much I learn from them; friendship, support, determination. And, yes, a refresher on fractions and memorizing the times tables. STAR House is focused on guiding children to success, who then help adults, and together we make our communities stronger.”

**Cathi Meyers**, AmeriCorps Member

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“STAR House is a savior for TréVon and my family. It is hard for TréVon to open up, but he LOVES STAR House and all of the teachers and friends he's found. When COVID-19 hit, STAR House was a big help with extra food and gift cards to get the things we needed when I didn't have money. STAR House is our blessing.”

**Pamela Byrd**, Grandparent

## LEADERS IN LITERACY

### \$5,000+ DONORS

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FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
OLDE CRABAPPLE BOTTLE SHOPPE  
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## 3-YEAR GOALS



1

PROVIDE A BEST-IN-CLASS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TO AT LEAST 215 AT RISK ELEMENTARY CHILDREN



2

OFFER A HIGH QUALITY, EFFECTIVE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM TO AT LEAST 215 AT-RISK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN



3

MAINTAIN ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE, STAFFING, AND OPERATIONS



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DIVERSIFY LEADERSHIP AND FUNDING STREAMS





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