



**STAR House**®  
Guiding Children to Success

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# IMPACT REPORT 2021



Dear Friends,

What a tremendous privilege it is to be a part of STAR House Foundation, an organization dedicated to making positive differences in the lives of children. Our mission is simple . . . to enrich our community by promoting academic success and empowering lifelong achievement for children in need. Continuing to face pandemic challenges in our 28th year of service, we are pleased to have been able to secure additional funding, adjust the program parameters, expand outreach opportunities, and grow stronger as an organization.

STAR House Foundation has provided intensive support to the “STAR House kids” at Esther Jackson, Mimosa, and Vickery Mill Elementary Schools, resulting in gains in academic progress compared to similar students not provided this opportunity. Subsequently, STAR House Foundation is recognized as a highly valued partner to Fulton County Schools. The deepened relationship between the two organizations has set the stage for continued collaboration and success as we strive to further inspire these children to achieve success.

Many have contributed their time, talents, and treasure to the success of STAR House programs, and we could not be more grateful. On behalf of the Board, management team, and program staff, THANK YOU. Each donation, hour spent volunteering, or other support has enabled us to provide life-changing opportunities for local children at no cost to their families.

With your continued support, as well as that of The Goizueta Foundation, Fulton County Government, and other grantors, we will continue to lift up our community by supporting its most vulnerable children. While we are proud to be serving over 200 students, we are aware of the tremendous additional need, and look forward to expanding our programs. We ask that you consider donating to STAR House Foundation to assist us in this endeavor. With your help, we can make a difference in the lives of children and ultimately in our community.

Thank you for being a part of the STAR House family.

Katha Stuart, Chair

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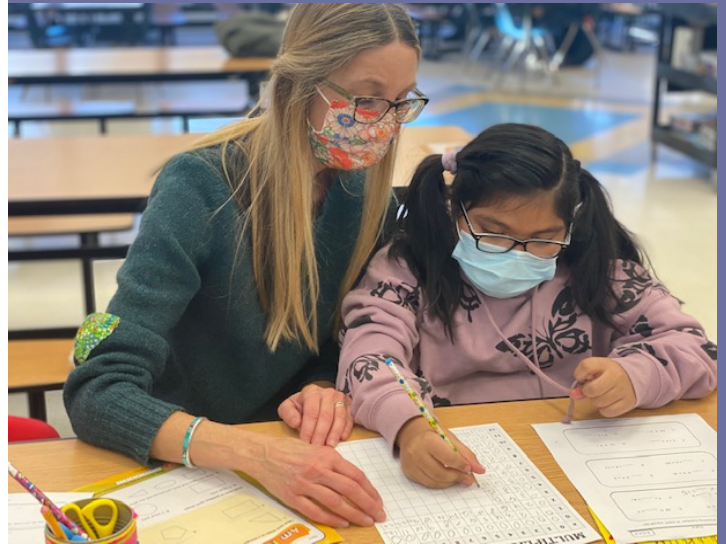
# HELPING KIDS REACH HIGHER

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 2021, we served more than 200 students attending Mimosa Elementary, Esther Jackson Elementary, and Vickery Mill Elementary Schools through our after-school and summer programs. During the first half of the year, we hosted online tutoring sessions for small groups of students, ensuring each student received attention specific to their individual academic needs. In the fall, we returned to school-based after-school programming, however we maintained a low student to teacher ratio to maximize individualized attention for our students. Throughout the year, we continued to take advantage of grant opportunities that provided us with funding to supplement our students' home nutrition. STAR House has continued to serve the needs of the whole child, helping to provide 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.



**200+ STUDENTS SERVED**



**28 YEARS OF SERVICE**



**6 AMERICORPS MEMBERS**

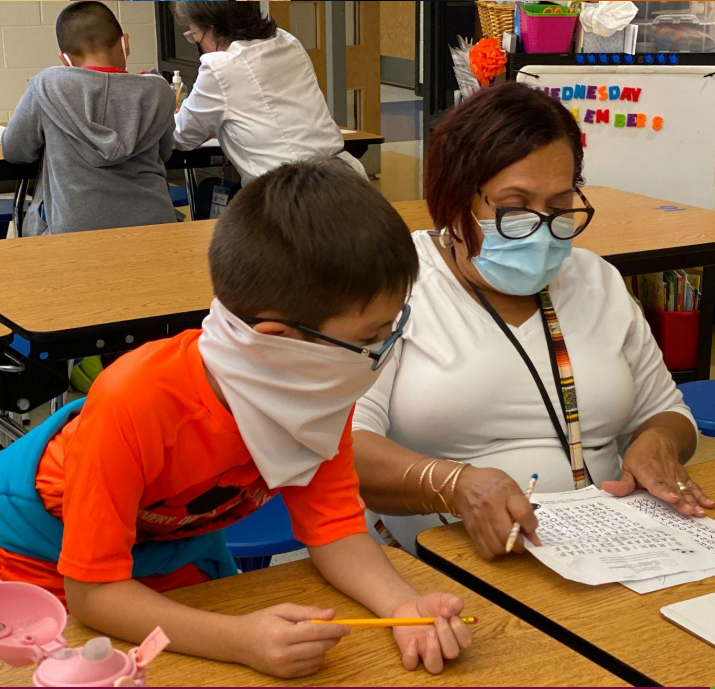


**3 SCHOOLS SERVED**



**6:1 STUDENT COACH RATIO**









# B.O.O.S.T

**BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME**



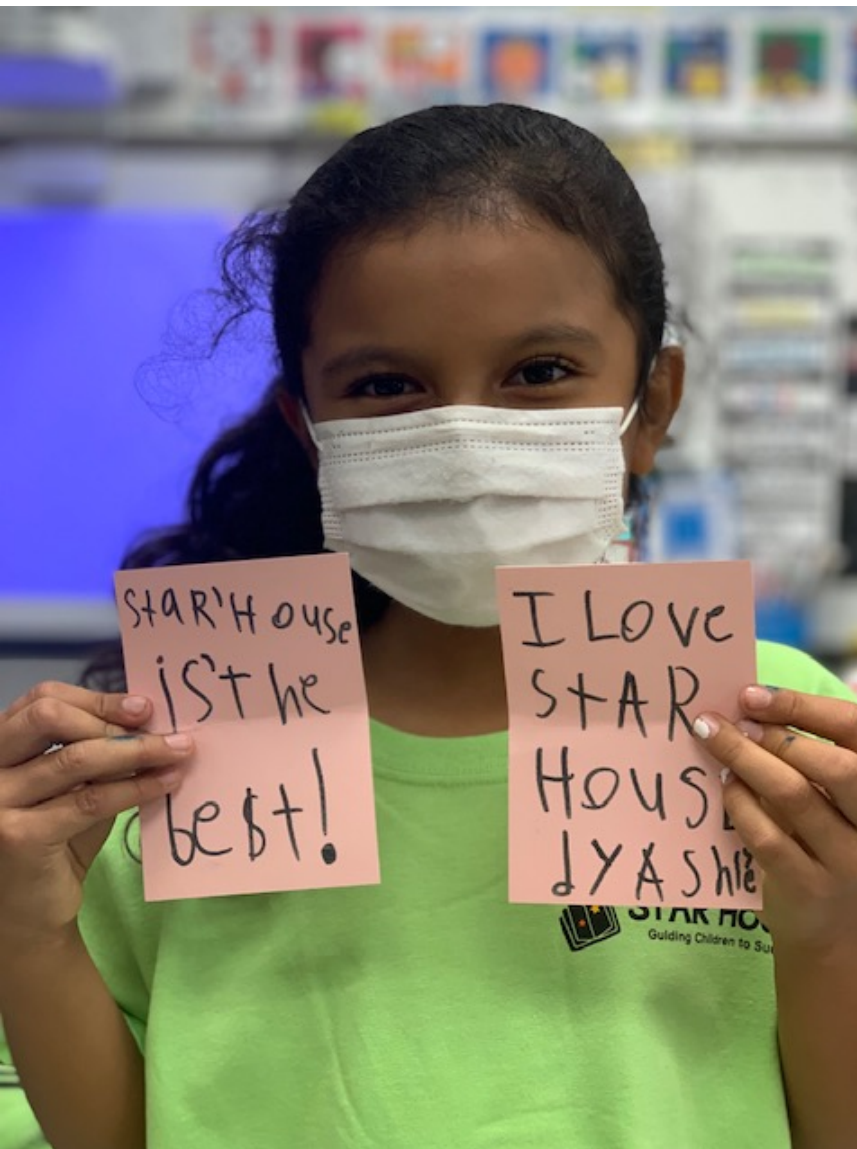
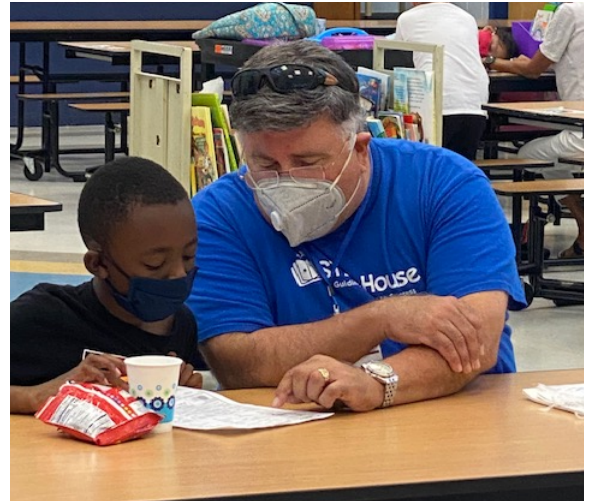
GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK



Georgia Department of Education

During the year, STAR House was awarded more than \$50,000 in renewable funding through the American Rescue Plan. The BOOST grant program is administered by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network and the Georgia Department of Education and will provide financial support for our efforts to expand and enhance our school-year programs. In addition to supporting our in-house academic and social-emotional interventions, this funding will also greatly increase our ability to contract with highly-trained outside vendors, such as art teachers, yoga instructors, and STEM specialists, to provide on-site enrichment opportunities for our students.

# GET INVOLVED



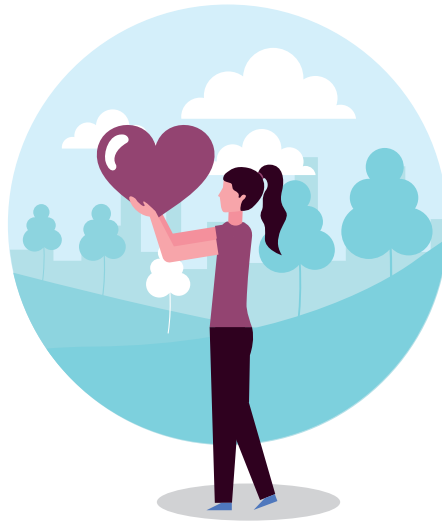
STAR House Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides educational and enrichment programs to students 100% free of charge. STAR House consistently operates with only 10% of funding going to overhead. A large majority of our funding goes toward compensation for our program service staff of dedicated and compassionate coaches and site directors. 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 strengthens 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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"My favorite part of STAR House is when we go to the cafeteria, and we eat snacks, and we read books, and we do some math homework, and we also do fun free stuff."

**Abigail S**, 3rd Grade Student

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"I love our time on the playground where the kids want to have one-on-one conversations with us about what is going on in their lives - sometimes very difficult issues. Just listening and allowing them to vent is so valuable and it builds our relationship with each child. I think the beauty of STAR House is that our staff considers ALL of the children to be 'our children'."

**Natalie Reilly**, STAR House Coach

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"STAR House has positively impacted Jordyn's development immensely. She is making strides in reading, mathematics, and language mechanics. The academic culture within STAR House has eased the transition back into the physical classroom, and continues to inspire Jordyn to eagerly learn with her peers."

**Jatoya Nelson**, Parent

## LEADERS IN LITERACY

### \$5,000+ DONORS

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FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
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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



4

DIVERSIFY LEADERSHIP AND  
FUNDING STREAMS





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