

# IMPACT REPORT 2022



Dear Friends,

As we look back on 2022 and the new normal of life in a post-pandemic world, we can be proud that the STAR House Foundation continues to be a viable, healthy organization providing unparalleled support to the most vulnerable of our neighbors in the Roswell community. As a 29 year old non-profit, STAR House has seen significant growth and change to the original STAR House model, yet the Foundation still holds true to its mission to enrich the community by promoting academic success and empowering lifelong achievement for children in need.



Now serving over 250 students after school at Mimosa Elementary School, Esther Jackson Elementary School, and Vickery Mill Elementary School, STAR House is a highly valued partner to Fulton County Schools. We have deepened this partnership to maximize the support we offer the students we serve, and are especially proud of the academic gains our STAR House kids continue to make. Just as importantly, however, the personal connections between our STAR House families and our staff members and volunteers provide a level of compassion and support that are especially beneficial and heartwarming.

It is because of the support of so many - through time, talent, and treasure - that STAR House has thrived over the years and in 2023 will celebrate its 30th Anniversary. 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

Your continued support will enable us to expand our services, an undeniable need in our community. Please come along with us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of children and our community as a whole.

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

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### **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.



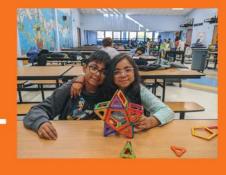




# HELPING KIDS REACH HIGHER

STAR House Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Roswell, Georgia, providing out-of-school tutoring, mentoring and enrichment for at-risk children in our community's Title I schools. During 2022, we served 269 students attending Mimosa Elementary, Esther Jackson Elementary, and Vickery Mill Elementary Schools through our after-school programs. Throughout the year, we maintained our ratio of six students per coach, continuing our focus on maximizing personalized attention for our young scholars. Our continued focus on literacy, mathematical competency, supplemental nutrition, and social/emotional support gave our students the foundation they needed to make impressive academic progress and to grow their skills in regulating their personal thoughts, emotions and actions. Throughout the year, we continued to take advantage of grant opportunities that provided our students with increased access to enrichment programming, including yoga/meditation, the arts, and STEM programming. STAR House continues to support the needs of the whole child, helping to provide a strong foundation that gives local kids in need the tools and opportunities to shoot for the stars.

## MIMOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





82 STUDENTS SERVED

57% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN READING

60% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN MATH

# VICKERY MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





95 STUDENTS SERVED

74% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN READING

71% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN MATH

## ESTHER JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



92 STUDENTS SERVED

67% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN READING

69% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN MATH



## GET INVOLVED

STAR House Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides educational and enrichment programs to at-risk elementary students 100% free of charge. Generous support from civic groups, businesses, and faith communities help us provide the unique, specialized approach to youth intervention that makes our programs so successful. Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed in school and in life. Your gift of time, talent and treasure allows us to offer impactful opportunities to at-risk children in North Fulton and strengthens our community as a whole.



## Roswell High School STAR House Club



Kids Helping



There is nothing cooler than a teen determined to make a difference in his community! Austin Edler, a junior at Roswell High School, had the urge to create a service club that would give others the opportunity to experience the joy he had found volunteering with STAR House when he was a student at High Meadows School. Austin found a RHS teacher to sponsor the club, and then he recruited 25 friends to join him! Members of the RHS STAR House Club tutor and mentor students at both Mimosa and Vickery Mill Elementary Schools each week.











#### **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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""When I told my grandma that I wanted to go to STAR House, she asked why I wanted to go. My grandma cares about me, of course, but she really cares about my education, so I told her that STAR House would help me with my homework and help me do better in school. She let me sign up. It has really helped me a lot, especially with reading. Last year I had an 87 in reading. I have a 97 in reading now"

Jabari J., Student

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"My favorite time of the day is when our students 'come home' from a long day at school, with smiles on their faces and a spring in their step. They walk through our classroom door and know they are a part of our special STAR House family."

Julie Blair, STAR House Coach

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"STAR House means so much to us as a family. K. just won an award for her reading improvement. She is so proud of herself and is always saying "I can read that Mom. I can read now." STAR House has helped both of my girls so much and they love all of you. If it wasn't for STAR House I wouldn't be able to work, so you have impacted our entire family."

Carmela Foster, Parent

#### LEADERS IN LITERACY

#### \$5,000+ DONORS

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#### **3-YEAR GOALS**



1

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



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



5

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



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DIVERSIFY LEADERSHIP AND FUNDING STREAMS



## GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT

### **HOW TO SUPPORT STAR HOUSE**

















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