

# IMPACT REPORT 2023





Dear Friends.

What a year! STAR House Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary in September of 2023, marking a significant milestone in making positive differences in the lives of our precious STAR House students at Mimosa Elementary School, Esther Jackson Elementary School, and Vickery Mill Elementary School. STAR House was founded on the simple mission to enrich our community by promoting academic success and empowering lifelong achievement for children in need, and thirty years later, that continues to be our driving force.



Recognized as a highly valued partner of Fulton County Schools, STAR House served over 300 students in 2023. Thanks to our staff members working closely with the schools to address students' particular needs, our STAR House students continue to make academic gains, while also being provided nurturing experiences by both staff members and volunteers. We are especially proud that those volunteers include students from a nearby high school, who formed the Roswell High School STAR House Club, with members coming to our locations weekly to work with the STAR House kids. How inspiring and heartwarming it has been to see these high schoolers give back by spending time with younger students. The smiles on our STAR House kids' faces say it all . . . they simply love having these "big kids" as buddies, and our community is richer for the relationships being formed.

Looking back on the last thirty years, during which STAR House has provided support to tens of thousands of the most vulnerable youth in the Roswell area, we recognize that this has only been possible due to the broader community. It is because of the support of so many - through time, talent, and treasure - that STAR House has thrived over the years and continues to be such an important educational partner for our traditionally underserved children. On behalf of the Board, management team, and program staff, THANK YOU. Each donation, fundraiser sponsorship, hour spent volunteering, or other support has enabled us to provide life-changing opportunities for local children at no cost to their families.

As we celebrate our successes, we recognize the undeniable need to serve additional children. Please join us as we work to expand our program to improve the lives, not only of our children, but also of our entire community. We are proud to have you be 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.





301 STUDENTS SERVED



**30** YEARS OF SERVICE



**6:1** STUDENT COACH RATIO



3 SCHOOLS SERVED



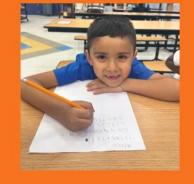
12,000+ HEALTHY SNACKS SERVED



# HELPING KIDS REACH HIGHER

STAR House Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Roswell, Georgia, providing out-of-school tutoring, mentoring and enrichment for children in need in our community's Title I schools. During 2023, we served 301 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





94 STUDENTS SERVED

53% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN READING

38% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN MATH

# VICKERY MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



101 STUDENTS SERVED

65% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN READING

52% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN MATH

# ESTHER JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





99 STUDENTS SERVED

52% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN READING

45% IMPROVED GRADE LEVEL IN MATH

## GET INVOLVED

STAR House Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides educational and enrichment programs to traditionally underserved 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.



### 2023 North Fulton Chamber Nonprofit of the Year

In 2023, STAR House was named Nonprofit of the Year by the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of our 30 years of service to the community.

In 1993, community leaders and volunteers combined resources to create a much-needed free, safe, after-school home for children who were unsupervised while their parents were at work. STAR House began at Frazier Street Apartments, welcoming 20 children into our care, and giving them food, homework support, and love. Today, we serve more than 200 children each year in three school-based programs, as we continue to provide a whole-child support system for students who lack the at-home support systems necessary to be successful in school and prepared for life's challenges and opportunities.



Our paid staff of passionate, dedicated individuals ensure that, at the end of each school day, our students will find warm, familiar faces whom they can trust. Our coaches and site directors routinely go above and beyond tutoring and mentoring. They work to help our families find solutions for medical needs, food insufficiency and other crises. They advocate with school staff to make sure our students' classroom needs are met. Our team pours love into each and every one of our STAR House families, and we receive amazing trust in return.

Our students are the most amazing, kind, spicy and well-rounded group of children. Each has their own, unique set of challenges that the majority of children living in our community will never face and likely cannot conceive. They are so young yet they are living much of their lives outside of school as adults. We love encountering our alumni in the community. They always seem equally happy to see us, and we believe that is because we each represent the organization that changed their lives for the better by loving them, believing in them, and giving them the tools to reach for the stars.



We are thankful for the support and recognition of the Chamber, as well as the many others in our community who make our continued work possible, including our Board of Directors, all levels of Fulton County Schools, our incredible STAR House team, and the many volunteers who we are blessed to work alongside each day. We truly could not be as successful in our mission without the greater community in our corner.







#### **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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"I continue to be amazed by the impact that STAR House has on our Esther Jackson Community. Beyond the academic support provided, the program helps our students to build confidence, learn the importance of making positive choices, build healthy relationships with caring adults, and experience a sense of community and belonging. STAR House partners with us to equip our scholars with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to succeed and helps lay the foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. I only wish every student could participate!"

- Nikol Boyd, Principal, Esther Jackson Elementary School

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"It's been such a nonstop blessing in my life. As much as I give of myself to these kids, they give back to me twofold!!"

- Amy Aschenbach, STAR House Coach

#### LEADERS IN LITERACY

#### \$5,000+ DONORS

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Fulton County Department of Human Services

Georgia Department of Education

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#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Karin Alhadeff, Principal, Vickery Mill Elementary School Nikol Boyd, Principal, Esther Jackson Elementary School Ariane Holcomb, Principal, Mimosa Elementary School

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Synovus

TechniPower. Inc.

United Distributing

Variant Brewing Company

WellStar North Fulton Hospital

Willow Springs Bible Study

Young Men's Service League

#### **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



3

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



4

DIVERSIFY LEADERSHIP AND FUNDING STREAMS



#### GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT

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

















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