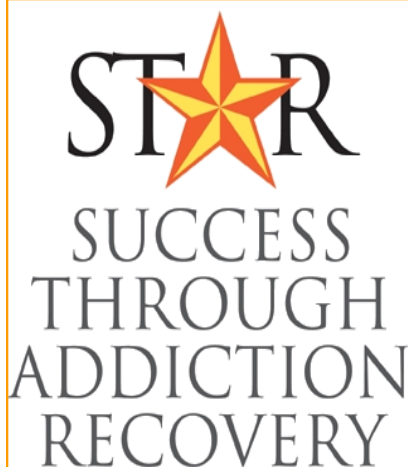


# STELLAR SUCCESS

“When it is darkest, men see the stars.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Special Announcement

Congratulations to all of our March graduates! We are incredibly proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Good luck in your new lives—you have worked hard for them!

## The STAR Alumni Association



**STAR Graduate Debbie S. and her two children at the STAR Alumni Christmas party.**

Every December the STAR Alumni Association hosts a very special Christmas Party for all STAR Graduates and their families. In the past the event is full of food, good music, and a special surprise guest, and this year, the event was better than ever.

But the Christmas party is not the only event that the Alumni host—they have a picnic in the spring, Astros Games during National Recovery Month, and graduations celebrations for all incoming Alumni members.

The STAR Alumni host different functions throughout the year to celebrate their own achievements and the progress of current clients. The Association meets monthly to discuss ways the group can support STAR clients. In the past they bought Big Books and donated clothing and hygiene items for

those clients in need.

The STAR Alumni Association elects their own officers who run the meetings, collect dues, and coordinate the yearly events. But they cannot do everything alone—members often seek donated services or items in order to host such wonderful, family-orientated events like the Annual Christmas Party.

If you or an organization you know would like to help the STAR Alumni Association in planning a recovery event in the community, please contact Laura McCarty at 713-755-4610. And thank you for your continued support of our graduates!

## The STAR Alumni Thanks:

**Houston Community College, Coleman Campus** for hosting the event

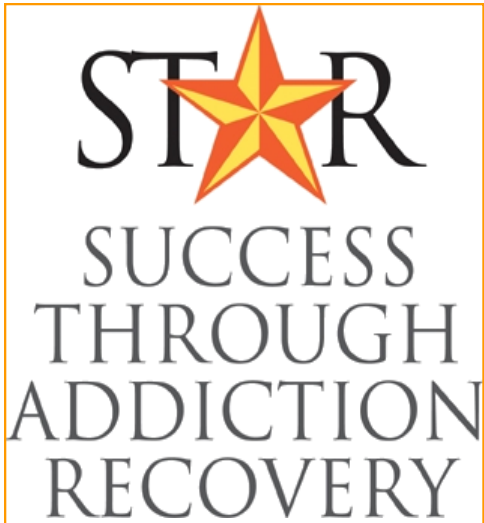
**Dr. Rick Rosing** for giving such lovely and inspiring opening remarks

**STAR Graduate Becky H.** for coordinating the event and the photography

**Carriage House Café** for providing an excellent meal

**STAR Graduate Argustic D.** for coordinating the catering

**Harbor Lights Choir** for performing and inspiring our clients and their children

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## Announcements

### Community Service Day

As you all know, every client must participate in a Community Service Project to be eligible for graduation. Whether you are an upcoming graduate or a new client, you can attend the next Clean and Green Day to get credit for your project. Please join us in making the Houston bayou a beautiful place!

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Where: James Bute Park, by the McKee St Bridge

Time: 8:30 am—Noon

Contact Laura McCarty for more information

### STAR Picnic

Please join us on Saturday, April 24, at MacGregor Park for another fun-filled STAR Picnic! The STAR Alumni host a Picnic every year for all clients. STAR staff members and community supporters can attend, too! This is a great time to bring your family, friends, and sponsors to have a fun, sober day at the park. Come ready to play games, eat good food, and enjoy the company of friends in recovery!

When: Saturday, April 24, 2010

Where: MacGregor Park

Time: 11am to 2pm

Contact Laura McCarty for more information

**Mission Statement:** To build the community's confidence in the criminal justice system through more effective judicial and public intervention based on changed perceptions of addiction. The drug court will seek to more efficiently utilize all available resources to save money and to save lives.

## STAR FIC News

Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about the Infant and Toddlers Court. The team will attend a training event this July to learn more about serving their clients.

If you have any questions, please contact Coordinator Anne Okeke at (713) 368-6594.

## National Drug Court Month

May is National Drug Court Month, and the STAR Program is excited to show our community the progress and success of our clients.

We will be hosting several events to celebrate the accomplishments of all our STAR Drug Court clients and graduates!



# STAR Alumni Christmas Party

