

STELLAR SUCCESS

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

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Special Announcement

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

STAR Picnic— Not Just Hot Dogs Anymore!



Above: STAR graduates Gayla V., Glenda B., and Linda T. enjoying the STAR Picnic this April.

Every spring the STAR Alumni members host a picnic for all STAR clients, families, friends, sponsors, and staff members. This year the graduates decided to treat their guests to a feast. Alumni President Steve J. enlisted a group of STAR men to organize a meal of fajitas, com-

plete with guacamole and hot queso for the Saturday afternoon picnic.

James S. brought his cooking pit early in the morning, and other members joined him to prepare food for around 125 other guests. The afternoon ended with a dance contest for the children where Ina D. and Connie T. passed out candy and ribbons to all who participated.

STAR wants to thank all who attended this event as well as those who worked hard to make it fun for everyone. We hope you will join us at our STAR Picnic again next spring!

National Drug Court Month Astros' Game

This May, the STAR program hosted a fundraiser through the Houston Astros. People who support the Program and its clients could purchase discounted tickets. The Astros organization then gave back a portion of the ticket price to the STAR Court Foundation.

Many clients and their families came out and shared a fun night. STAR supporters and graduates even donated tickets for current clients to attend. Thank you to all who supported this effort. And a special thanks to the Astros for hosting this special event. We hope we can continue to raise money and awareness while having fun in the years to come.

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Announcements

STAR Family Intervention Court News

Please join us for a regional conference hosted by the partnership of the Infant Toddler Court of Harris County and the Fort Bend Court Team for Infants and Toddlers and other supportive agencies.

We are very excited about this event, and would like to thank our sponsors and co-sponsors for helping put this together.

Please note that space is limited. There is no cost and lunch will be provided on both days.

CEUS will be provided as noted; CLE's are pending.

Register for the free event at www.council-houston.org

Veterans' Court News

PBS recently filmed a special segment on the new Harris County Veterans' Court. It is currently scheduled to air on June 16, 2010. The name of the show is called "Need to Know" www.pbs.org/needtoknow.

PBS interviewed several staff members, including Judge Marc Carter. Please tune in to this special show. We hope that viewers get a glimpse into our Veteran's Court and choose to support our program and the growing veterans' courts throughout the nation.

Remember to tune in June 16, 2010 to PBS!

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.

A STAR Court Memorial

The STAR Program would like to offer a special remembrance of STAR clients **Nathan Haynes and Lindsay Groom**. Nathan passed away two years ago on May 25, 2008 and Lindsay passed way last year on May 24, 2009. We miss both of them greatly for their love, friendship, and desire to help others. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I am that beautiful day
I am the month of May.
I am that song you love to hear
I am that long you want to feel
I'll be the first to see you again
I'll be the burst of love, Amen.
—written with much love by
Daniella Haynes

