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Dear Friends of Stars,

Welcome to our Stars Aligned Gala, a night that radiates with the collective spirit and dedication of individuals like you. Tonight, we come together not just to celebrate but to illuminate the path toward a brighter future for our community's children, youth, young adults and families.

South Shore Stars is a beacon of hope and support through innovative programs and unwavering dedication, we empower the next generation to reach for their highest aspirations, particularly through the newly established Stars School.

This gala is especially meaningful as we embrace this educational endeavor, a vital addition to our mission. Your contributions have expanded our reach, touching more lives than ever before. The stories of success, resilience, and growth that emerge from our programs are the stars of the evening.

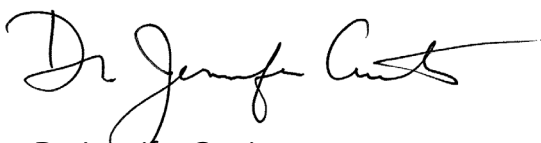
The proceeds from this gala play a vital role in sustaining and expanding our initiatives, from early education programs to youth leadership development and family support services. Your contributions tonight are investments in the dreams of our community's children.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, dedicated staff, volunteers, and the hardworking gala committee, and especially our Board Members Co-Chairs, Lynne Clyde and Deb Salvucci. Your efforts have transformed this evening into a constellation of hope and possibility. And to each of our guests, your presence and generosity tonight are the strongest endorsements of our mission.

As we savor the evening's delights, let's also remember the purpose that unites us. Every conversation, connection, and contribution made tonight fuels our ongoing mission – ensuring that every child in our community, particularly those at the Stars School, has the chance to shine brightly through education.

Thank you for being part of this endeavor, for believing in our mission, and for being an integral part of our South Shore Stars family. Here's to a night of celebration, inspiration, and renewed commitment.

Together, we are making a difference, one star at a time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Jennifer Curtis".

Dr. Jennifer Curtis
CEO, South Shore Stars



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EVENING PROGRAM

Billy Costa, Host | *Emmy Award-Winning TV & Radio Personality*

6:00 PM RECEPTION & COCKTAIL HOUR

7:00 PM DINNER & PROGRAM

7:20 PM LIVE AUCTION SEGMENT

7:30 PM ENTERTAINMENT

- Debby Stratton, Early Childhood Education Director & Destiny Stratton
- Stephanie Reflection Video
Stephanie White, former Stars student

8:00 PM HONOREES & SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company
Campaign for Literacy Leadership Award
- Jim Dunphy, CEO | South Shore Bank
Banking on Our Community Impact Award
- Leo J. Meehan III, CEO | WB Mason
National Success with a Local Heart Award
- A Special Tribute to Leo Meehan — a medley from the new hit musical *Pony Express* — performed by Shayan “Shy” Sobhian

8:20 PM BUILDING A GIFT OF LITERACY | FUND A NEED

8:30 PM LAST PADDLE STANDING!





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HISTORY

South Shore Stars, founded in 1970, has a rich history of dedicated service to the South Shore community. We began as a preschool program for a few local children and have since evolved into a comprehensive early education and youth development organization. Our journey has been marked by continuous growth, innovation, and a steadfast commitment to nurturing the potential of every child we serve.

MISSION

South Shore Stars is on a mission to empower children and families to reach their full potential. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. Our programs focus on early education, literacy, and youth development, providing a strong foundation for lifelong success.

Through our nurturing and inclusive approach, we aim to foster a love for learning, instill values of integrity and community, and provide essential resources and support to families. South Shore Stars is dedicated to creating brighter futures and a stronger, more vibrant South Shore community for all.

Join us in our mission to make a difference in the lives of children and families across the South Shore. Together, we can create a brighter future for all. South Shore Stars is committed to providing top-tier youth education and social-emotional development support for children while their parents work. As the next phase in its evolution, Stars is pioneering a groundbreaking school tailored to students with diverse literacy, academic, and social-emotional learning needs, such as dyslexia. This unique, South Shore-based institution will employ the Orton-Gillingham approach, offering private, nonprofit day school services with after-school programming for children in grades 1-5. With a capacity for 100 students at full enrollment, this school addresses the pressing need in the region, where one in four students with disabilities require specialized instruction. Stars envisions becoming a leading independent school, prioritizing Care, Evidence-Based Educational Practices, and Joy in children's education and individualized growth. Their recent acquisition of a 30,000-square-foot facility in Weymouth at 163 Libbey Parkway marks a significant step toward realizing this vision, with plans to open its doors in 2024.





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Billy Costa

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Billy Costa is an Emmy award-winning and popular radio personality with KISS 108-FM in Boston. He serves as co-host of *Billy and Lisa in the Morning* (formerly *Matty in the Morning Show*) and hosts the KISS Top 30 Countdown. He is also the host of High School Quiz Show on WGBH. He and co-host Jenny Johnson currently star on Dining Playbook, a 30-minute show that combines two of New England's favorite pastimes food and sports.

AWARDEES

We proudly celebrate the remarkable legacy and enduring contributions of individuals and organizations thriving for over 50 years, much like the enduring impact Stars has had on our community. Our distinguished awardees include:

Leo J. Meehan III, CEO, WB Mason

National Success with a Local Heart Award

Recognizing WB Mason's evolution from hometown heroes to national champions, with a strong commitment to uplifting the South Shore Stars community.

Jim Dunphy, CEO, South Shore Bank

Banking on Community Impact Award

Celebrating South Shore Bank's profound impact on the local community through dedicated volunteerism, leadership, and financial assistance to South Shore Stars.

Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Campaign for Literacy Leadership Award

Recognizing the company's leadership in supporting literacy programs as part of the capital campaign for the Stars School & Learning Center.





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Stars is more than a program—it’s a lifeline for over 1,200 children and youth. From birth to high school graduation, we provide a nurturing environment where curiosity thrives. Our dedicated team of bachelors and advanced degree teachers and devoted staff ensures a safe space for learning and growth. But it doesn’t stop there. We also offer preschool and afterschool programs, mentorship for middle and high school students, and even project based learning experiences. What sets us apart is our commitment to family support. Our team of Masters level mental health clinicians

serves each age group, ensuring comprehensive care for our children and families. Many of our children grow up with us, achieving remarkable success. We take pride in being the only agency providing such comprehensive services in our South Shore communities. Our success is driven by our vision, strategic planning, innovative programs, and collaboration with schools and service providers. As one of South Shore’s most respected agencies, we have a proven track record of changing lives.





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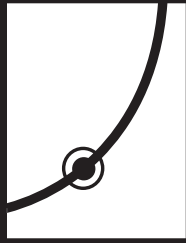
Quincy, Randolph, Weymouth

Infant Daycare

Ages 6 weeks – 1.6

At Stars, we understand that entrusting your baby's care to others is a significant decision. That's why our dedicated team, especially our naturally gifted infant teachers, is committed to ensuring a seamless and comforting transition for you and your little one. Our infant classroom is a nurturing and inviting space where we prioritize your baby's safety, love, and curiosity as they embark on their journey of exploration and growth. Together, we'll create an environment where your infant feels secure, cherished, and prepared to embrace the wonders of their world.





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Toddler Programs

Ages 1.6 – 2.9

At Stars, our Toddler Program is tailor-made for our little explorers. In this vibrant classroom, we understand that toddlers are constantly on the move, eager to discover the world around them. Every aspect of our program is thoughtfully designed to foster their natural curiosity and learning. As your child wanders, plays, and interacts with their environment, they are embarking on a daily journey of discovery and growth. We provide a nurturing and stimulating space where their boundless energy is channeled into valuable learning experiences, preparing them for a bright future ahead.

Preschool Programs

Ages 2.9 – 5

At our nationally accredited preschool centers, we create a nurturing and supportive environment where children thrive. Our experienced teachers curate engaging activities that ignite exploration, creativity, and skill development. With dedicated staff and specialized training, we ensure optimal outcomes for every child. We cherish the bonds we form with families, embracing diversity and respecting individual values and traditions. Our Preschool Family Support Clinicians provide valuable assistance to both staff and parents, ensuring a well-rounded support system. Our bachelor's degree teachers, hailing from diverse backgrounds and speaking multiple languages, embody our culturally competent and multicultural approach, fostering each child's sense of self and appreciation for different cultures.



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Afterschool Programs

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K – 6th graders

Stars has been dedicated to providing exceptional afterschool programs for kindergarten through 6th grade. Our commitment is to nurture their social and emotional growth while fostering academic success and the development of self confidence and friendships. We invest our resources in innovative practices that increase resiliency, develop positive values, improve attendance and homework completion, and enhance academic achievement. At our centers, children are encouraged to explore their self-reliance and self-expression through various activities such as athletics, arts, games, drama, cooking, and field trips. We strive to ignite a passion for literacy by incorporating reading and writing activities into their daily schedule. Throughout the year, we offer special programs like music, arts, and robotics to inspire their curiosity. Our engaging and certified teachers and staff work closely with parents and schools to develop personalized homework plans, ensuring that homework time is integrated into their daily routine.

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Middle & High School Programs

Randolph – 6th, 9th and 10th graders

At Stars, we empower learners of all kinds through our older youth programs. We foster academic, social, and emotional growth through engaging activities, allowing students to apply their skills in real-life situations. Collaborating with Randolph Public Schools, our programs are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Grant and private donations. Eligible students referred by Randolph Public School educators can access these programs for free. Our high school and middle school 21st Century Community Learning

Centers provide academic, emotional, and social support during and after school hours. We prioritize project-based learning that integrates academic activities with social-emotional and executive functioning skills. Students actively shape program goals, bridging the gap between school and out-of-school time. We foster strong relationships between adults and youth, promoting healthy social and emotional development. Our culturally responsive approach values differentiation, equity, and inclusivity for all students and families.





Family Support

Stars' Family Support services are here to let you know that you are not alone. Our Kinship Group meetings create shared experiences, fostering peer support and building a community. These confidential sessions provide a space to listen, share stories, and ask questions about raising children. Whether you have a child currently enrolled or have had one in a Stars program, you are eligible to join. Our participants come from all over the South Shore, including Cohasset, Hingham, Weymouth, Quincy, and Randolph. Potluck meals and childcare are provided during these meetings.

At Stars, we prioritize family support. Each of our programs have dedicated Family Support Clinicians, who are highly qualified with Masters degrees. They offer resources, referrals, and support to enrolled children and families, ensuring continuity of care between school, home, and health providers. Our Clinicians provide information on wrap-around services and referrals to various resources offered by towns or state agencies. They are dedicated to prioritizing the social and emotional well-being of our enrolled families and children.





Stars School & LEARNING CENTER

Introducing Stars School & Learning Center

Empowering Every Student for Success

In 2024, Stars School & Learning Center will open its doors, dedicated to providing an inclusive educational environment where every student can thrive. As part of South Shore Stars, our school caters to children with diverse learning needs, including

dyslexia and ADHD, with a mission to empower students academically, socially, and emotionally.

Key Highlights:

Personalized Learning: Our experienced educators customize instruction to match each student's unique needs, ensuring they receive tailored support and strategies for success.

Small Class Sizes: With limited class sizes, we cultivate an ideal learning setting, allowing teachers to provide individualized attention and fostering strong teacher-student relationships.

Evidence-Based Approach: Our curriculum relies on evidence-based practices in literacy and education, granting students access to the latest research-backed strategies and interventions.

Supportive Community: More than just a school, Stars School & Learning Center is a supportive community. We collaborate closely with parents and caregivers, creating a united approach to learning and offering resources and guidance at every stage.



Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these remarkable young learners.

At Stars School & Learning Center, we will employ an effective instructional approach tailored to each student's strengths and differences. Our methods are grounded in scientific research, extensive experience, and evidence-based practices. In addition to classroom education, we will offer enrichment opportunities, summer programs, and engaging afterschool activities to further enhance student growth and development.

We will prioritize fostering a strong sense of community and connection among our students. After completing 5th grade, students will be able to transition smoothly to their public or private school while remaining actively involved in community activities.

Join the Stars community and embark on a journey of empowerment. Together, let's create a future full of promise and endless possibilities.







THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Stars Aligned Gala is not only a celebration of our achievements but also an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of children with learning differences. Your participation and support at the gala contribute directly to our mission of creating brighter futures for all students.

Learn more at SouthShoreStars.org
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