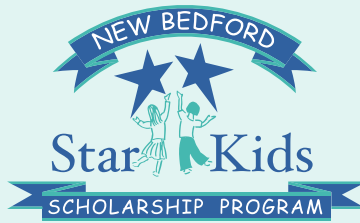


NEW BEDFORD STAR KIDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The mission of New Bedford Star Kids, to provide support to children to break the cycle of addiction and incarceration, resonates more than ever given recent headlines regarding the tragic, and growing, impacts of fentanyl on the city of New Bedford. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, sponsors, donors and partner schools, we have been able to serve a record number of children and families this past year.

Our wonderful Star Kids benefit from attending small, supportive schools that serve as an oasis in the face of instability at home. Support is not limited to academics -- we have significantly expanded after-school and summer enrichment to ensure that students remain engaged and are exposed to new opportunities. This past summer 50 Star Kids attended a wide range of day camps, and six had the opportunity to attend sleep-away camp.

The Board has implemented a plan for strategic growth to meet the ever-expanding needs of families in greater New Bedford. In June, supporters of New Bedford Star Kids gathered at Kilburn Mill for our annual Starry Night Gala celebration. Once again, the Gala set new records for financial support and new sponsors, including the establishment of the Mary Jane MacLean Scholarship Fund.

This annual report highlights the achievements of the past year and underscores the need for additional support to further expand our program to serve more children. New Bedford Star Kids is on a roll thanks to the partnership of so many committed individuals and organizations. Owing to their efforts and their support of our mission and work, this program continues to have a direct and profound impact on both the local community and the children and families we serve

LAURA MCPHIE OLIVEIRA, ED.D. PRESIDENT

PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS

143

enrolled students
for the 2023/24
academic year

83

New Bedford Star Kids
have graduated from
high school since 2001



25%

live with extended
family members

92%

of eligible 12th graders
from 2009-2023 have
graduated from high school

100%

of our students have a
parent with a history
of incarceration and/or
substance abuse

92

attend independent
or parochial schools

7

are homeschooled

64%

have a parent with *both*
a history of incarceration
and substance abuse

63%

live in a single
parent household

44

attend public
schools

OVERVIEW OF GIVING



We are pleased to report that New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program raised \$826,748 in revenue during the 2022/23 fiscal year.

This achievement is a testament to the continued benevolence and support of many donors and partnering institutions. We could not provide life-changing education and additional services to so many deserving local children and their families without the unflagging commitment of scholarship sponsors, foundations, donors, businesses, event participants and our founder, Dr. Timothy Flanigan. They believe in this mission and share our passion for this work. In addition, we are indebted to the many partnering schools who contribute essential in-kind tuition support; allowing more Star Kids than ever to attend these quality academic institutions.

THANK YOU ALL!

New Community Partner: Theresa Street

Theresa Street is a mission-driven 501(c)(3) organization that raises money and awareness for organizations along the South Coast that “are doing measurable and meaningful work.” Among its charitable efforts, Theresa Street hosts a wiffle ball tournament as its annual fundraising event. The tournament brings together hundreds of players, supporters and friends each summer to support a local non-profit. This year, New Bedford Star Kids was honored to be chosen by Theresa Street as a Community Partner and was the grateful beneficiary of its 15th Annual Classic, which raised \$20,000 in support of Star Kids. We are delighted to be associated with this wonderful group and are grateful for its generous support of our students and work.

Foundation Grants

Funding awarded to New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program from foundations provides vital resources for tuition and related “wrap-around” services to assist our students. Some grants also support our organization by helping to underwrite small but necessary operating expenses. We are thankful to these foundations and institutions whose support added a critical \$88,750 in grant funding to our program in 2022/23.



We offer sincere thanks to the following foundations that supported the New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program during the 2022/23 school year:

Island Foundation

Wilkie Charitable Fund

Henry E. Niles Foundation

Town Fair Tire

Van Sloun Foundation

Henry H. Crapo Fund/Southcoast
Community Foundation

Jason Hayes Foundation

Harmon Foundation

Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation

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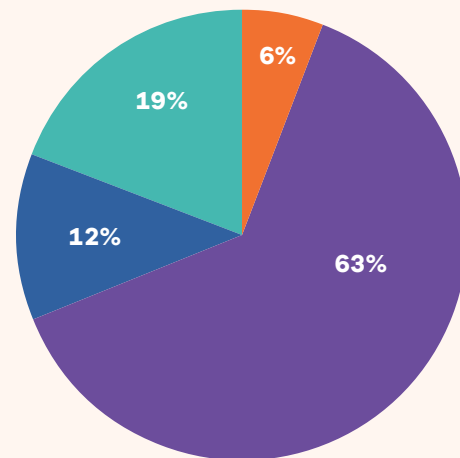
The Amelia Peabody Foundation

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2022/23 FISCAL YEAR

New Bedford Star Kids has received a transformational donation to expand our staff and administrative foundation to broaden the support we provide and grow the program to serve more students. This ensures that almost all of the additional funds that we raise directly impacts student programs.

New Bedford Expenses 2022/23 (\$733,763)

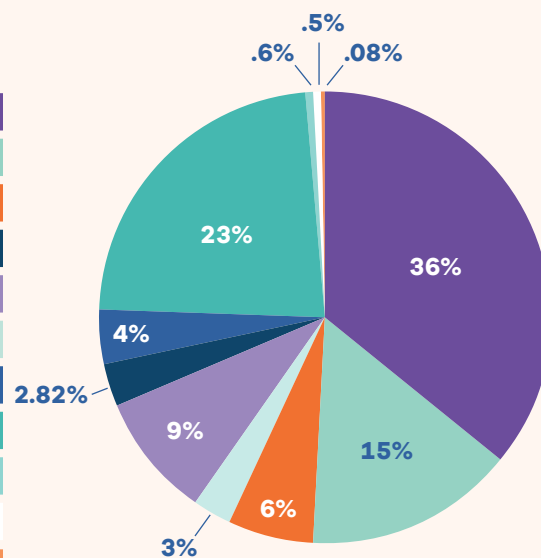
Direct Program expenses	\$462,426
Student Program Support expenses	\$89,035
Administrative expenses	\$137,671
Fundraising	\$44,631



Sources of Income Fiscal Year 2022/23

UNAUDITED ACTUAL RESULTS

General Scholarship Contributions	\$296,200
Gala Scholarship Contributions	\$125,650
Grant Scholarship Contributions	\$50,000
Founder's Contribution	\$25,000
Gala Contributions, Non-scholarship	\$70,780
Annual Appeal	\$25,241
Grant Income, Non-scholarship	\$38,750
Unrestricted, Non-scholarship Contributions	\$185,000
Nancy Braitmayer Scholarship Fund	\$5,000
Small Fundraisers	\$4,397
Interest Income	\$730



Year Ending June 30, 2023

Unaudited projected Net Income \$92,985

PARTNER SCHOOLS

The New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program offers life-changing educational opportunities to so many students due to strong collaborative relationships built with non-public school partners. Partner schools share our mission and passion; they welcome Star Kids into their communities and understand the challenging circumstances that often accompany Star Kids. The non-public school setting offers consistency and stability, a crucial component needed by children whose family lives are often in a state of flux. The students know they can rely on their school communities for academic support and a sense of belonging.



New Bedford Star Kids staff recognizes that each child's circumstances are unique, as is each child. New Bedford Star Kids strives to match children with the school environment that best fits each individual child's needs, thereby ensuring that children receive the types of support best suited to them. During the 2022/23 school year, we partnered with 18 such schools, drawn from parochial and independent circles. In addition, some Star Kids attended public schools in 21 local communities. Star Kids understands that preferable learning opportunities or changing family circumstances might lead students to attend public schools. Those students remain Star Kids and will continue to receive all related supports and services including tutoring, mentoring and extracurricular activities.

Our partnering educators work tirelessly to fully support each child, knowing that education can transform lives. We are grateful to these administrators and teachers for their continued efforts to connect with each student, imbue in them a love of learning, and care about each child as a valued member of the school community.

One of these like-minded school partners is Our Sisters' School, which has collaborated with New Bedford Star Kids since 2015. Like Star Kids, Our Sisters' School accepts students who have demonstrated financial need. In addition to a strong curriculum, Our Sisters' School provides an array of year-round, complementary, supportive enrichment services. The five Star Kids students currently enrolled at Our Sisters' School all participate in the School's extended day program as well as its evening study hall.

“We are grateful for our strong partnership with New Bedford Star Kids because our goals are aligned,” explained Our Sisters' School Head of School Sarah Herman. “Working together, we can get further, faster and better, to benefit our students.”

Bishop Stang High School is a longtime, committed partner of New Bedford Star Kids. Known for its academics, Stang's openhearted ethos and dedication to its students is demonstrated by the numerous Star Kids students it has welcomed since 2001.

Bishop Stang has committed to providing whatever supports have been necessary for Star Kids to thrive. And thrive they do! The 11 New Bedford Star Kids currently enrolled there take full advantage of the School's scholastic opportunities, extracurricular activities, “Faith in Action” programs, and vital college-bound guidance.





James Benson, President of Bishop Stang, speaks of the transformative benefits to Star Kids students when his school and New Bedford Star Kids work together: “We see the daily positive impacts for the students who receive New Bedford Star Kids’ support.

“Our two organizations, which share the same goals, are working together to change students’ lives by giving them opportunities through education,” continued Benson. “Bishop Stang has the community and the extraordinarily committed teachers to provide the education, and New Bedford Star Kids matches that commitment in its promise to provide the donors and resources to make that education possible. We are in lockstep in our objectives and missions; that’s where the magic happens. We truly appreciate the work we are accomplishing together.”

OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS INCLUDE:

Independent and Parochial Schools

All Saints Catholic School
 Bishop Stang High School
 Cape Cod Christian Academy
 Cardinal Spellman High School
 Friends Academy
 Grace Baptist Christian Academy
 Mullein Hill Christian Academy
 Nativity Preparatory School
 Nazarene Christian Academy
 Our Sisters’ School
 St. Francis Xavier School
 St. Joseph School
 St. Teresa of Calcutta School
 Tabor Academy

Public and Charter Schools

Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School
 Alma del Mar Charter School
 Bristol County Agricultural High School
 Dartmouth High School
 Dartmouth Middle School
 Fairhaven High School
 Federal Furnace Elementary School
 Ford Middle School
 Global Charter School
 Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School
 Keith Middle School
 Jireh Swift Elementary School
 Middleboro High School
 New Bedford High School
 Normandin Middle School
 Old Rochester Regional High School
 Rising Tide Charter School

2023/24 Communities Served

Acushnet	3
Brewster	1
Brockton	1
Dartmouth	11
East Freetown	1
Fairhaven	7
Harwich	1
Lakeville	1
Mansfield	1
Middleboro	3
New Bedford	95

Norton	2
Orleans	2
Plymouth	1
Rochester	1
Rockland	1
Swansea	1
Taunton	3
Wareham	4
Wellfleet	1
Westport	2

2023/24 Students per Grade

K	3
1	6
2	9
3	14
4	7
5	17
6	8
7	18
8	6
9	14
10	14
11	16
12	11

STUDENT PROGRAMS: WHAT NEW BEDFORD STAR KIDS PROVIDES STUDENTS

In addition to tuition scholarships that enable students to attend the non-public school of their choice, New Bedford Star Kids provides multiple supports designed to strengthen each child's educational experience. This often comes in the form of providing funding for **technology, books, supplies, uniforms** and **tutoring**. Whenever possible, we try to anticipate any scholastic needs not provided by the child's school. Our goal is to help Star Kids succeed in the classroom and beyond, by making it possible for them to learn, grow and realize the full measure of their potential.

New Bedford Star Kids are also offered funds to participate in a wide range of after-school and summer enrichment activities. The goal of these extra-curricular programs is to continue to build a sense of community with Star Kids and their families. Through support, connections and encouragement, these activities promote self-esteem, teamwork, self-discovery and well-being among students while simultaneously developing valuable physical and socioemotional skills.



After-School and Summer Camp Programming

More than 75 of Star Kids participated in a variety of extracurricular programs this past year. Sports, gymnastics, arts, music, martial arts, robotics, overnight camp and horseback riding are only a few of the activities Star Kids experienced thanks to generous supporters and vendor partners. We provide up to \$900 for after-school activities and summer programs to each Star Kid. Families are grateful for the funds; children always have enriching and wonderful experiences.

One Star Kid who has not missed an opportunity to try new activities and develop new pursuits through New Bedford Star Kids' funding is Ari'Ella, an outgoing nine-year-old with boundless energy! Since becoming a Star Kid, this 4th grade student has participated in numerous extracurricular activities, from ballet lessons with the New Bedford Ballet and swimming at a YMCA camp, to ukulele, violin and piano lessons. To her family's surprise, her favorite activity thus far has been sailing. Ari'Ella took part in a summer sailing program through the Community Boating Center in New Bedford and was captivated.



It helped build my confidence, and I made lots of new friends," she explained. "I also got over my fear of being in deep water and learned it was actually fun to capsize! I like that Star Kids helps people in need and gives us opportunities we otherwise wouldn't have for the activities."



Thanks to New Bedford Star Kids, Ari'Ella will be an example of what a child looks like when given the tools needed to be AWESOME!"

Ari'Ella's mother, Nicole, is profoundly grateful for the many opportunities New Bedford Star Kids has provided Ari'Ella to explore her interests. "The funding from New Bedford Star Kids for summer and after-school programs has allowed her to see what she may want to pursue long-term, and it has opened her mind to see that there is more in this world than just television, electronics and the internet.

"I hope New Bedford Star Kids knows that the education and assistance provided for my daughter to discover new passions has, and will forever, shape her into a well-rounded person who hopefully will, in turn, break the cycle of hardship and adversity. They are giving her the chance to succeed far beyond what I could ever have provided alone."

For a full list of local organizations and vendors with which we partner for after-school and summer programs, please visit our website: newbedfordstarkids.org. We offer our sincere gratitude to these organizations for collaborating with us to provide New Bedford Star Kids with so many beneficial and fun activities.

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

Scholarship sponsors – the individuals, businesses and foundations that contribute to the tuition scholarships we provide Star Kids – are the cornerstone of this program. Without their dedicated support, year after year, we could not fulfill our mission to provide high-risk, low-income local children with education opportunities that can help transform their lives. These generous donors join us in the belief that the most effective way to break the cycle of poverty, substance abuse and incarceration is to invest in the education of these children.

Scholarship sponsors are matched each year with a Star Kid. Sponsors donate full, half or partial scholarships toward the critical tuition assistance we give Star Kids. In addition to receiving periodic reports and updates about their Star Kids, sponsors are invited to meet their student at several events held throughout the year. Many sponsors become longtime contributors, providing the needed tuition aid each year for the duration that their Star Kid is in the program. Some sponsors also become a mentor to their Star Kid, providing another source of support for the child.

Knowing that someone – a total stranger – cares and believes in them enough to support their education empowers Star Kids. Understanding that someone thinks they are capable of academic success and a bright, fulfilling future is a powerful message to send to a child. Most of all, the continued support of each Star Kid by sponsors is often the inspiration a child needs to persevere when life becomes challenging, as it can often be for our families.



During the 2022/23 school year, 38 sponsors gave the invaluable gift of education to New Bedford Star Kids.

With gratitude for their generosity and commitment, we recognize our scholarship sponsors:

Mark and Andressa Andrade
Tomé Andrade and Julie Lohr
Peter and Kathy Anthony
Jack and Nancy Braitmayer
Lou Cabral and Joan Greenwall
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Victor Pereira and Sandra Martin
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Dr. Jay and Andrea Schachne
Suzanne Schutte and John Qua
Cheryl Fuller Sparks
Gary Sullivan
Kathy Wattles
Richard and Cynthia White
Hans and Ann Ziegler

Interested in changing a child's life through education? Become a sponsor!
For more information, please call 774-400-7954 or email elough@newbedfordstarkids.org.

MEASURING SUCCESS

Success for Star Kids is defined in many ways and it varies from child to child. For one Star Kid, it can mean learning to read, or earning an “A” for the first time on a paper. For another, it can mean a greatly improved school attendance record. Perhaps it’s being the first in their family to graduate from high school. A child could learn a new skill in an after-school program or summer camp; another may delight at being named “Student of the Week.” Our primary goal is for each Star Kid to achieve progress in school by reaching the child’s educational potential. We support and celebrate every one of their accomplishments, large or small, in and out of the classroom.

We assess each Star Kid’s progress through six key indicators: academic performance on report cards; school attendance; ability to read by Grade 3; high school graduation rate; post-secondary education attainment; and incarceration rates among Star Kids’ alumni 10 years post-high school graduation.

Education is the best tool to set children on a path of success. Young people are more likely to complete their high school education when they receive supportive services in a nurturing community that enables them to reach their full potential. Earning a high school diploma can fill a student with pride and create the momentum they need to continue on to post-secondary education or meaningful, long-term employment. That sense of accomplishment, and focusing on education and varied enrichments, reduces the likelihood of at-risk behaviors that often lead to substance abuse and incarceration.



Outcomes demonstrate that New Bedford Star Kids is, indeed, helping set students on the path to a bright future:

★ **Over 90% of New Bedford Star Kids have gone on to post-secondary education, trade school, serve in the U.S. military or have found gainful employment**

★ **Only 1 out of 84 New Bedford Star Kids alumni has been incarcerated, below the percentage of local youth with similar demographics and family histories**

New Bedford Star Kids is proud to be making a measurable difference.

We are helping break the cycle of poverty, substance abuse and incarceration that grips so many families. These facts also reflect what is possible when we empower young people through education, raise their expectations for their future and help them succeed and thrive in life.

WHEN CHILDREN SUCCEED, WE ALL SUCCEED

Starry Night

2023 GALA

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Starry Night 2023 was magical, filled with contagious enthusiasm and passion that spread throughout the night. Our panel of student guest speakers filled the air with stories of triumph over adversity, the power of family and community, and boundless positivity and gratitude. Three of our public speakers-in-the-making, Arabella, Mason and Nelson, moved us to both tears of joy and stitches of laughter.

These Star Kids definitely set the tone for our most exciting auction yet! The Clam Boil Dinner Party, graciously donated by John Saunders, was the hit of the night and raised \$7300. It was so popular that Mr. Saunders surprised the audience by generously donating a second dinner party...and the crowd went wild! Patrons continued bidding, resulting in \$94,000 raised directly for student scholarships. An additional \$52,000 was raised for the newly established Mary Jane MacLean Scholarship Fund, as well as, \$59,000 pledged over the next few years.

Perhaps it was the stirring speech given by Mark Godding, M.D., (the first New Bedford Star Kid!), in honor of Mary Jane MacLean; perhaps it was the view of the ocean from the observation deck of the Kilburn Mill Event Hall; or perhaps it was the delicious appetizers and dinner served by On-The-Go Catering. More likely, it was the promise of a better future, a future built by children who have been empowered by love and opportunities that they otherwise would not have had. Meeting and listening to the actual children whose lives are transformed through education and community, made possible by open-hearted individuals, inspired everyone in attendance. It was all of these extraordinary delights, and so much more, that raised a staggering \$240,000; the highest Starry Night revenue since the inception of New Bedford Star Kids!



STARRY NIGHT 2023 GALA SPONSORS

PLATINUM

Theresa Street

GOLD

Brahmin
Murat Oztermiyeci
and Deborah Matook
Hans and Ann Ziegler

SILVER

Tomé Andrade and Julie Lohr
Peter and Cathy Anthony
Baycoast Bank
Laura McPhie Oliveira Consulting
Dr. Gail Davidson
Eastern Fisheries
Drs. Tim and Luba Flanigan
Gidwitz Family Foundation
MacLean Charitable Foundation
New Bedford Credit Union
Signature Printing
Kathy Wattles and Dancing Oaks Farm

SHINING STAR

Bank 5
Bob's Discount Furniture
Charitable Foundation
The Franchise Group
Lila Delman
mediumstudio
St. Anne's Credit Union
Gary Sullivan
Wareham Pediatrics

STARRY NIGHT CONTRIBUTIONS

Mark and Andressa Andrade
Associated Career Network
Caddy Shack
Stephen and Kristen Canessa
Karen Corr
Peter and Francine Desilets
Donnelly's Clothing
Peter and Barbara Humphrey
Christopher Makepeace
Taunton Federal Credit Union
John and Mallory Waterman
Diane Worley

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT STARRY NIGHT GALA AT MERRILL'S ON THE WATERFRONT, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY JUNE 21, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING 2023 SENIORS!

New Bedford Star Kids Staff, Board of Directors, and sponsors are endlessly proud of all that each of you has overcome and accomplished. You have embraced every opportunity put before you with enthusiasm and gratitude. Continue to reach for the STARS! On behalf of everyone at New Bedford Star Kids, we wish you the best in all you do and can't wait to watch you SHINE!

ONCE A STAR KID, ALWAYS A STAR KID!



Gavin F.

Holy Family - Holy Name/New Bedford Voc-Tech

Gavin is currently working for a plumbing and heating company as a journeyman while he pursues his Master Plumber's license.

Hannah G.

Cardinal Spellman High School

Hannah plans to attend Sacred Heart University and was accepted into the Accelerated Degree Pathway to the Bachelor's-Doctor of Physical Therapy-DPT Dual Degree Program.

Isis R.

Our Sisters' School/Dartmouth High School

Isis will attend Bridgewater State University and will major in business management.

Makenzie I.

Fairhaven High School

Makenzie has decided to join Job Corp and further prepare for the workforce.

Jalena B.

Nazarene Christian Academy

Jalena will attend Bristol Community College and major in psychology.

Jaliyah D.

Our Sisters' School/New Bedford High School

Jaliyah is exploring options in the workforce while considering continuing post-secondary education options.

Janaye S.

Our Sisters' School/New Bedford Voc-Tech

Janaye will attend Emerson College and major in media arts production.

Makenna D.

Nazarene Christian Academy

Makenna plans to attend The University of Maine Orono and will major in animal and veterinary sciences.

Mia C.

New Bedford Voc-Tech

Mia has enrolled in Bristol Community College's art program.

Quinn C.

Dartmouth High School

Quinn is currently gainfully employed at a construction company.

Saydee R.

New Bedford Voc-Tech

Saydee will be attending Massasoit Community College and will pursue an associate degree in radiology.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: SAYDEE '23

Saydee, a resident of New Bedford, joined New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program in 6th Grade and attended middle school at Our Sisters' School. A 2023 graduate of the Greater New Bedford Vocational-Technical School (Voc), she is grateful for the education she received and the opportunities she was provided as a Star Kid.

Saydee's mother, Melissa, a single mom, first heard about New Bedford Star Kids from Our Sisters' School's Head of School but was initially reluctant to apply. "I felt vulnerable, having to share our story with strangers," she said. "I was worried about the stigma and was embarrassed." However, from the outset, she found the New Bedford Star Kids' staff welcoming and understanding: "They were so compassionate; they made me feel comfortable."

Melissa and Saydee grew to understand that New Bedford Star Kids was there to fully support them. "I don't like to ask for help, so I had to remind myself that New Bedford Star Kids was there for us," said Melissa. "I was struggling to make ends meet and support my family. To be able to reach out and ask for assistance, for things like uniforms and books in addition to the tuition scholarship, was a huge relief to me."



“ Having New Bedford Star Kids by our side has made all the difference,” reflected Saydee. “It reduced my mom’s anxiety and lightened her load, which let me focus on doing what I needed to do instead of worrying about her. They helped me get everything I needed for my education and made me feel equipped for the future. I would tell any student in a similar situation to apply to the program.”

An outgoing young woman, Saydee took full advantage of every opportunity provided to her through New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program, attending a YMCA after-school program and participating in a range of activities, from cheer and gymnastics to singing and community boating lessons.

School comes easily to Saydee, who is a conscientious student. "I've always liked school," she said, "especially history, English and humanities." She became interested in the medical field due to her longtime desire to help others. Her area of study at Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School was Medical Assisting, and she will begin her college studies in Nursing and Allied Health at Massasoit Community College this fall. Saydee plans to become a radiology technician. Outside of school, she works at a local multi-specialty medical group practice as a medical assistant, to gain valuable experience and earn funds to purchase a car for her college commute.

Melissa agreed: "Wanting a good education for your child can be paralyzing if you don't have the means or resources to provide that for them. By helping support us in so many ways, New Bedford Star Kids allowed Saydee to move in the right direction and focus on achieving her goals. They have given her the tools and resources to succeed and have been a tremendous help to both of us."

WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED

There are many ways in which you can contribute to New Bedford Star Kids and support students.

Become a Scholarship Sponsor

Sponsors are the backbone of this Program. They share New Bedford Star Kids' passion for our mission: every child deserves to receive a quality education in a safe and supportive environment. Sponsors also recognize the potential for success each child possesses, if given the chance. Sponsors are individuals, foundations, local businesses and even groups of friends. Sponsorships are available at different levels, and the scholarship aid is given directly to the child's school and applied toward tuition. Sponsors are kept apprised of their student's progress through annual reports, updates, cards and more.

Host a Private Event

Gather friends and family in a small, casual setting to help them learn more about New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program and the life-changing educational opportunities we provide to local children in need. Our team will be happy to assist you in the planning of your event so that it is enjoyable and successful for all!

Attend Our Gala

Please consider joining us at the annual Starry Night Gala, held in June. This is our largest fundraising event each year, during which we meet students and guardians while enjoying fine dining, music and the company of many committed supporters. You can become involved by being a Corporate Gala Sponsor, purchasing tickets to attend (gather your friends and come as a group!), bidding on auction items, and most importantly, raising your paddle during the scholarship auction to sponsor a student.



Become a Mentor

In many cases New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program provides mentoring to interested students and families. Mentors play a vital role in Star Kids' lives. By giving the gift of time, guidance and attention, mentors provide an extra source of support and are a positive adult role model for their Star Kid. Mentors offer encouragement, companionship and fun! Some mentors help with homework and school projects; they introduce the children to new out-of-school activities or simply attend periodic group events with their Star Kid. We are always in need of adults who would like to support students and program in this most valuable way.



Make a Donation

Donations to the Annual Fund directly support program and operating expenses. A gift in any amount is truly appreciated and makes a difference! You may contribute by clicking on the "Donate Now" button on our website, www.newbedfordstarkids.org, by mailing a check to New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 50494, New Bedford, MA, 02745 or by calling our office at 774-400-7954.



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Mary Jane MacLean has been an integral part of the New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program since 2001. That year, Mary Jane and Biff sponsored the first New Bedford student, Mark Godding, M.D. When she became a Board Member, Mary Jane continued her relentless pursuit of ensuring that our non-profit was well positioned and supported within the New Bedford community. Throughout the last two decades, Mary Jane has been instrumental in engaging the Greater New Bedford community and keeping members informed about the organization.

Mary Jane is a “connector.” She brings together New Bedford Star Kids with donors, foundations, local businesses, friends and anyone she thinks would be beneficial for us to “connect with.” Mary Jane has contributed greatly to the exponential growth of our program over the years. We began by serving one New Bedford student back in 2001; during the 2022/23 school year, we assisted 132 Star Kids! We have established the Mary Jane MacLean Scholarship Fund for New Bedford Star Kids not only to honor Mary Jane, but also to support our continued financial and enrollment growth as we strive to reach our goal of 150 students.



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By completing high school and hopefully going on to higher education, these children will have a greater chance of breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty, drug use, disease, depression and violence. The Star Kids Scholarship Program was founded in 2000 by Timothy Flanigan, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Infectious Disease at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and HIV and Infectious Disease Physician at the Miriam and Rhode Island Hospital. The first student enrolled in the New Bedford Chapter in 2001.