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About STAR/PAL

What is STAR/PAL?

- STAR/PAL offers free programs for underserved and at-risk youth in San Diego that are led by law enforcement officers. These programs focus on violence prevention, mentoring, leadership, civic engagement, outdoor enrichment, and physical fitness. Our U.S. Bank Center to Serve Youth, located at Colina Del Sol Park in the heart of Mid-City, gives a community law enforcement presence that provides safety to hundreds of youth who walk to and from school each day. Every year, thousands of youth from inner-city neighborhoods throughout San Diego participate in our impactful programs.

Our Objectives:

1. Promote youth safety through crime & violence prevention education
2. Cultivate youth empowerment through civic engagement & enrichment activities
3. Offer youth programming in underserved communities

How do I make a donation for Back to School Giving?

1. Visit starpal.org
2. Click on the Marquee that says "Back to School Giving" on the main webpage
3. Once you make it to main Back to School Giving Landing page, click "Donate"
4. Select the amount you would like to donate and follow the payment instructions

Donation Questions

Why should I support STAR/PAL?

- STAR/PAL provides a wide-variety (20) of educational, athletic, and recreational programs for over 6,000 inner-city and at-risk youth annually. We are building safer communities from the inside out, by providing a secure facility in City Heights with trusted, hands on involvement by full-time law enforcement officers and volunteers working closely with underserved youth. Officers teach youth safety through crime & violence prevention education to encourage our youth to recognize and adopt positive life choices while rising above negative influences. We build character, confidence, and self-awareness, while consistently inspiring our youth to grow into community leaders as role models voicing positive and lasting change.

How will my donation be used?

- All proceeds will fund our annual school year programs that focus on Leadership Development, Community Service Engagement, Crime & Prevention programs and extracurricular activities. For more information on our programs or donation levels, please visit our website.

How can I honor or celebrate a loved one?

- You are absolutely allowed to honor or celebrate a loved one on our site, starpal.org. On our Donate page, you may click under the "Tribute Gift" and either select a name listed or manually enter the name to go with the donation.



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Are donations tax deductible?

- Yes. After you submit your donation, you'll receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Who do I contact if I don't receive my tax-donation receipt?

- Email Madora Mak at mmak@starpal.org to request a copy of your receipt, including the amount you donated and to whom, as well as your email address. We'll be happy to send you a receipt.

How do I donate via check?

You may mail a donation via check. Please make the check out to STAR/PAL and mail to the following office address:

4110 54th Street

San Diego, CA 92105

What are some other ways can I support STAR/PAL?

Help Spread the Word!

1. **Like us on Facebook.** [Like](#) our Facebook page and share the Back to School Giving Campaign with your friends and family. Sample copy to include with the image to share on your personal page:

"I'm excited to be supporting STAR/PAL as they gear up school to start back up this month. Please help support them in their efforts to offering enrichment programs to students in City Heights and participate in the Back to School Campaign!"

2. **Volunteer with us.** STAR/PAL has a lot of exciting programs and events scheduled this year. None of these programs could not happen without our amazing volunteers and community partners. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact our office at 619-531-2718.
3. **Share, Share, Share!** Please forward the Back to School Giving Email to your friends and family. Details about our organization and ways to give are included in the email and the email is directly linked to our website.