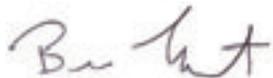


St. Simon's provides free after school care for low-income children and their families. We serve kindergarten through third grade kids who qualify for assisted lunch, whose parents work, and who have no one at home to care for them after school. Saving these children from a latchkey existence and helping them get a good start with their education is a worthy goal for each of us.

President's Message

The 2009-2010 school year was another great year for St. Simon's. This year, St. Simon's provided free after school care to 425 economically disadvantaged children in the Dallas Independent School District. There is no question, however, that the need for programs like St. Simon's continues to be great and that the need will only increase. That is why St. Simon's has developed a strategic plan to double the number of students it serves within the next five years. While the plan may appear to be ambitious in light of decreased funding to many non-profits, the plan has already begun to bear fruit as St. Simon's will be able to provide free after school care to an additional 75 children in the 2010-2011 school. The ability of St. Simon's to continue to grow and thrive during these difficult times is a testament to the cost effectiveness and strength of our programs. For only about \$350, a child receives free care every school day from a certified teacher, as well as tutoring, books, and snacks. To meet our goals and to reach even more children, however, we need your support. Please make a contribution today. Every contribution makes a big difference in the life of a young child.



Brian Lambert
President, St. Simon's After-School

St. Simon's receives DISD 2010 Superintendent's Award

On April 22nd, Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Michael Hinojoso awarded St. Simon's the 2010 Superintendent's Award. The Superintendent's Award is the highest honor DISD presents to its supporters and is traditionally awarded to an individual, business, or group that has given outstanding support on a district-wide basis. Past winners include the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Bar Association, and the Rotary Club of Dallas. In announcing the award, Jane Didear, DISD's Partnership's Coordinator, stated:



"We are so pleased to honor the work of St. Simon's as you have supported the students of Dallas for so many years - you've touched the lives of many children. I am sure the benefits for them and for their families are more than can be described in a short time and space, but know we are so grateful for your assistance and support and look forward to many more years of partnership to come."

This honor is a testament to all the hard work and dedication shown by our Board members, volunteers, partners, and contributors. A special thanks for this award must go to John Cook. Although John is no longer with us, his tireless advocacy on St. Simon's behalf over the years resulted in St. Simon's receiving this much deserved honor.

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St. Simon's Mission Statement

To support elementary school children and their families who are challenged by economic and family situations by providing

- a safe, familiar, nurturing place for children to be after school
- encouragement and assistance with academic and social development.
- a mid-afternoon nutritional snack
- support for the student's families

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Special thanks to Episcopal School of Dallas, Parish Day School, Christi Morrow and Karen O'Rear

Building Self-Esteem - Reaching out to Others



Although the children of St. Simon's are from families of the working poor, they can still help others even less fortunate through an Outreach Program. Pennies for Peace, created by Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea* has been started in our programs. Each child can be of service to others even with a donation of one penny.



This past year we were able to donate \$247 in pennies from our 400 children to Pennies for Peace which funds building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan where one penny buys a pencil and one dollar funds one child's education for a whole month.

This service of our children to others is having a joyous effect upon the young people of St. Simon's. The development of self-worth and inner confidence is a major step on the path out of poverty! Everyone is winning with this wonderful Outreach program.



In the Classroom



Students enjoy the books they receive books through St. Simon's and First Books

During their time in the program, students receive help with their homework, reading, playing games, crafts and more.



Students get help with homework

Thanks to our major financial supporters this year

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First Book improves literacy among St. Simon's students

First Book is one of St. Simon's strategic partners in our efforts to improve literacy among our students. Founded over 20 years ago, First Book's mission is to provide new books to children in need addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy – access to books.



St. Simon's partnered with First Book for the first time in 2003 through the efforts of volunteer and current Board Member Nancy van Breda. The program has continued to grow over the years with each St. Simon's student receiving 4 to 6 new books every year to add to his or her personal at-home library.



At St. Simon's we would like to thank Nancy for her many years of dedicated service. As she and her husband retire we will all remember the looks of gratitude and interest on our students' faces as she gave out sometimes the very first book an underprivileged child has ever owned. And with that small gesture, the life of that student has been changed forever.

St. Simon's Thanks its Partners,
Parish Contributors, Volunteers and
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Be a Part of St. Simon's

- Sponsor one student for a year for \$350
- Organize drives for coats or supplies at your parish.
- Volunteer (5-10 hours per month)
- Link your Tom Thumb Reward card to St. Simon's.
Sign up at the service desk in any Tom Thumb store. Our number is 3555. The Safeway contribution based on your purchases supports St. Simon's.

