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# HAPPY JULY 4TH!

## 2016



***Wishing you a safe and a happy July 4th!***

This 4th of July join me in celebrating a real STAR... Liz (name change) as she graduates from High School and enrolls in Eastfield Community College !! In 2014 Liz was a 15 year old high school sophomore and referred to the mentoring and teen parenting program through Family Outreach(east) Dallas by her school nurse. Her mother was living in Mexico waiting for an immigration hearing, her father was a single parent working and trying to care for Liz as well as keep his family intact by visiting Mexico. Liz gave birth to her beautiful young son Miguel and for the next two years worked with her Parent- Educator in becoming an attuned, conscientious and loving mother, enjoying healthy attachment, while creating a safe, nurturing home for her son AND continuing her education. Liz is the first to graduate from High School in her family and plans on becoming a forensic interviewer.

The Annie E Casey reports there are more pregnant teens in parts of our Dallas Community than sub-Sahara Africa. The benefits of home visiting are well documented and include decreasing child abuse, families becoming more self sufficient, breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty, preparing children to succeed in school and increasing the health of both mother and child.

Family Outreach Dallas has been making a difference for two generations since 1989 AND saving money! For every dollar invested in Prevention Programs, there is an \$5 return on investment. A good solution solves many problems and providing early childhood parent education can change the trajectory of two lives!!

Thank you for reading this and thank you for your past support. This year we are asking for your financial support to expand our outreach by increasing bilingual staff enabling us to reach more families and create more STARS like Liz and Miguel.



To Donate , Please visit our website [www.familyoutreachdallas.org](http://www.familyoutreachdallas.org) , Family Outreach (east) Dallas Center address is 9100 Diceman, Dallas, Texas 75218

Have a great summer and lets make more kids STARS!!

Jane Collins LMSW

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