

## NONPROFIT PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

*Members InfoNet will feature a nonprofit organization that is demonstrating an impact in our community. The goal is to bridge connections between nonprofit organizations and grantmakers by sharing stories of work being done throughout our region.*

### **South Shore Stars**

[www.southshoestars.org](http://www.southshoestars.org)

#### **What impact is your organization having in Massachusetts?**

On any given day, Stars is the consistent, secure and safe place for 800 children, many who have experienced or are experiencing trauma. But at a Stars center, children are happy, engaged and having fun. This is because when they come to Stars, they are just our kids, and we understand that our job is to provide a nurturing place for them, while helping their caregivers to be able to better meet their needs.

#### **What is the one thing you wish everyone knew about your organization?**

It is hard work to create this oasis of caring and support. We are successful because of the commitment of our skilled staff, teachers and social workers, who have a deep understanding of child development and build trusting relationships with each and every child and family, knowing that it is never "one size fits all." Our staff are true superheroes as they persistently and patiently provide the early education, care, enrichment and mentoring that every child deserves. They make a difference every single day.



#### **What is the most rewarding part of the work your organization does?**

We invest in each of our children and families. We support the entire family - whether it be counseling a parent who is overwhelmed by their children's needs, or a parent of a high school senior needing to apply for financial aid. We help families identify and access assistance, making sense of often complex and convoluted social services and education systems.

#### **What is your organization's greatest asset?**

Since 1970, thousands of children and families have benefited from Stars' innovative education, enrichment and family support programs that help each of our children and youth to reach their full potential. Stars is special because of the comprehensiveness of our programs and the continuity of our services.

#### **What words you would use to describe your organization?**

Research-based, Mission-driven, Comprehensive.