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Mentoring program is moving to better serve its Scholars

Indianapolis, Ind. – Starfish Initiative is moving to a new location effective March 8th, 2007. The new office, located at 814 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, will expand Starfish’s office space from 600 to 2,900 square feet.

“At Starfish, our goal is to improve graduation rates in Indianapolis. We are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of at-risk and economically disadvantaged high school students,” said Joyce Johnson, Executive Director at Starfish Initiative.” This is going to be a grand move for us, allowing us to serve more students in many new ways.”

Starfish conceptualized the move as a way to accommodate future growth of the program and offer better resources to Scholars and Mentors. The program plans to add 50 new students from low-income families during the 2007-2008 Academic Year.

In addition, the new location will feature a Learning Center and a Resource Library. The Learning Center will provide access to computers where students can use the Internet, do research on colleges and universities and get help with their homework. The Learning Center will also be used to offer training to Starfish Mentors. The library will offer materials on college, financial aid, scholarships, among others.

“Offering these resources to our Scholars and families in a place that is convenient and familiar will ensure that students graduate from high school prepared for college,” said Johnson.

To showcase its new space Starfish will host an open-house on March 21 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Starfish program is welcome to attend.

Starfish is a not-for-profit organization located in Indianapolis that allows caring adults to make a difference in the life of economic disadvantage high school students. The program is currently looking for new mentors. Any college graduate older than 21 years old with a desire to help a young person can apply.

For more information please contact Executive Director, Joyce Johnson, at (317) 925-9416 or visit our website at www.starfishinitiative.org.

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Starfish Initiative is a mentoring program whose mission is to cultivate high-achieving, low-income, youth into college-educated leaders by providing them with individual mentor, facilitating college preparatory high school careers and offering family-focused support services.