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Charity Navigator Awards Street School with 4-Star Rating

Tulsa, OK – Charity Navigator, America's largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities, has awarded Street School the prestigious 4-star rating for good governance, sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Out of more than 100 non-profit agencies in the Tulsa area, Street School is one of seven to have four-stars.

"We are honored to receive Charity Navigator's highest rating," said Lori McGinnis-Madland, Ed.D., chief executive officer of Street School. "This is the third time to receive this honor and it reflects our accountability to all of our funding sources and the commitment to remain true to our mission of dropout prevention and intervention."

Charity Navigator works to help charitable givers make intelligent giving decisions by providing information on more than five thousand charities nationwide and by evaluating their financial health. It calculates each charity's score based upon several broad criteria, including how much is spent per dollar raised, what percentage of funds goes to programs vs. administrative and fund-raising expenses, and the organization's long-term financial health. It then assigns a rating from one to four, with four being the best rating.

Sandra Thornton, Street School development director remarked, "Less than 16% of agencies evaluated by Charity Navigator receive four stars, three years in a row. This rating, highlights Street School's focus on good stewardship of charitable contributions and maintaining the public trust."

Street School is a non-profit alternative high school with a therapeutic counseling program. The school's mission is to create a supportive community for students in grades 9 through 12 who have chosen to work toward high school graduation in a non-traditional setting. The school focuses on dropout prevention, intervention and recovery; is accredited by Tulsa Public Schools and recognized nationally as a leader in dropout prevention.

The school must raise more than \$700,000 every year to maintain program services. Companies, foundations, donors and citizens help provide the financial resources.

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