

Helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear, and isolation through entertainment, education, and family activities.



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Dear Starlight Friend,

With our 20th Anniversary just around the corner, the Starlight Children's Foundation will have much to take note of this year – twenty years of bringing Starlight entertainment and educational programs to thousands of children and families living with a serious or chronic illness. We understand what families go through when a child is sick, and how important it is to find relief from constant worry and isolation. Our programs are designed to distract children from their pain, help them better understand and manage their illnesses, and connect families who are facing similar challenges so they never feel alone.

On Saturday, February 20, 2010, we will host our 15th Annual Starlight Gala at the new Allstream Centre, Exhibition Place. With an attendance of over 600 guests, it has become our most successful and prestigious fundraising event of the year. This year we will take a step back in time to an era of glamour, glitz and entertainment as we focus on Starlight's accomplishments over the past 20 years.

Our goal is always to reach more families in need, and we are proud at how we have been able to expand our programming to reach children all across our country. Each day, however, brings new families in need of our help. At Starlight, we strive to allow kids to be kids by giving them a chance to forget about being sick for a while. Whether it be joining an online chat with other children, playing a video game in a hospital room, or participating in a fun event with their families, the more time they spend being kids, the less time they spend being sick kids.

Children and teenagers served by the Starlight suffer from chronic, serious, or life threatening illnesses and injuries. The population we serve includes children living with diseases such as cancer, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, heart disease, asthma and kidney disease, as well as those impacted by severe injuries such as traumatic burn or spinal cord injuries. With your support, Starlight will continue to remain a source of hope, joy and empowerment in the lives of some very courageous children and their families. The way we look at it, while the doctors are working to heal their bodies, Starlight is working towards healing their spirits. Our continuing ability to meet this challenge is only possible because of supporters like you.

At this time, we are soliciting and acquiring **donations for our Live and Silent Auction events**. We encourage you to find it in your heart to support our foundation by donating an item, service or gift certificate for our guests to bid on throughout the evening. The success we achieve year after year is solely due to the generosity of companies and individuals like you.

For your convenience, an Auction Donation Form has been included. Please complete this form and fax it back to us at 905-752-7828. Or for further information, please call me at 905-752-7827 x 236 or by email nancy@starlightcanada.org. All donations are acknowledged in our Program Booklet, which is distributed to our guests. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Ford".

Nancy Ford
Gala Coordinator

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