

Starlight Programs

Starlight brings together experts from pediatric health care, technology and entertainment to create programs that help brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families. Unlike any other charity, Starlight offers a comprehensive menu of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings that enable us to provide ongoing support for children and families — from diagnosis through the entire course of medical treatment. Whether it's helping to pass long hours in a hospital, learning more about a disease or just having the chance to make special memories together as a family, Starlight's programs help children and families cope with the challenges they face daily.



Starbright World®

The premier online social network for teens with chronic and life-threatening medical conditions, and their siblings. Teens are able to connect with other teens that are at home or in the hospital. Users post pictures, chat, post blogs and bulletins and find new friends in similar situations.

Great Escapes™

Relaxing, fun-filled events provided for Starlight families, including ball games, picnics, cruises, spa days and movie premieres that provide time to connect with other families and make special memories together.

Fun Centers™

Mobile entertainment units containing a DVD player and the latest Nintendo game system that roll bedside in hospitals to provide fun and distraction for pediatric patients.

Starlight Sites™

Beautifully designed, inviting hospital playrooms, teen lounges and care rooms where pediatric patients can play or receive treatments in a comforting, child-friendly environment.

Hospital Happenings®

Fun-filled parties and other entertainment designed to offer hospitalized kids comfort, companionship and a welcome break from medical treatment.

Radio Flyer

Hospital personnel use the classic wagons in place of wheelchairs or stretchers to transport children to and from surgeries, treatment rooms and playrooms in comfort and style.

Back to School

This DVD features teens sharing stories and advice for overcoming their fears about returning to school after an extended absence due to a chronic illness or injury. Also includes segments on coping with frequent hospitalizations and improving communication with the medical team.

Blood Tests: Exploring Our Incredible Blood

Using a virtual microscope, children and teens discover the fascinating facts that a single blood test can reveal about the body.

Coping With Chemo™

A series of online animated stories called webisodes that help children and teens with cancer learn how to cope with the challenges of having cancer and undergoing chemotherapy and other treatments.