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## **Seuss Inspired Book Drive**

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss*

WASHINGTON, DC (APRIL 29, 2011)- Kids of Mantua have shown Starlight Children's Foundation MidAtlantic the importance of dreaming big and acting even bigger! In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the Mantua Elementary School Kids Care Club (KCC) held a book drive in March to benefit Starlight MidAtlantic. The children surpassed their 250 book goal, gathering 1,450 books for hospital pediatric units!

Starlight MidAtlantic works with 154 hospitals in DC, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, brightening the lives of seriously ill children and their families through entertainment, education and family activities. The donated books will help cheer up sick children in Greater DC Metro Area hospitals.

The Mantua KCC is open to children from kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and was established in 1997 to encourage children to help the less fortunate, while learning the importance of giving back to their community. The KCC is run by parent volunteers and has over 50 students participating!

Moms helped too! The Mothers of Mantua (MOM) contributed another 150 books from their community yard sale! The School Aged Child Care Program (SACC) lent a helping hand to pack the books into boxes for easy transport.

The books will be greatly appreciated by Starlight children! The members of KCC, Moms of Mantua, the SACC, and Principal Fernandez were rewarded for their good deed on April 5<sup>th</sup> with a pizza party and a visit from Starry!

Starlight MidAtlantic sends its brightest thank you to Mantua kids, parents, and faculty for carrying on Dr. Seuss's work by helping to make seriously ill children smile!

### **About Starlight Children's Foundation™ MidAtlantic:**

Since 1999, Starlight Children's Foundation MidAtlantic has been helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities. Last year, Starlight MidAtlantic provided over 2 million hours of entertainment in the hospital, in the community and on the Web, for 220,000 children and their families in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. To learn more visit [www.starlight-midatlantic.org](http://www.starlight-midatlantic.org)

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