



12th Annual Taste of the Stars Gala
**STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S
FOUNDATIONTM MIDATLANTIC**

PRESS RELEASE

Starlight MidAtlantic to Honor Georgetown University Hospital, Department of Pediatrics with the Peter Samuelson Founders Award

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Starlight Children's Foundation MidAtlantic will present its Peter Samuelson Founders Award to Georgetown University Hospital, Department of Pediatrics for its significant and ongoing contributions to the healing of and service to critically ill children. The award, presented at Starlight MidAtlantic's Annual Taste of the Stars Gala on November 19, is given to organizations that serve children with serious medical diagnosis in recognition of exemplary contributions to the health and well-being of children and their families.

"Georgetown's clinicians, researchers and care teams have transformed health care for children in and around Washington, D.C.," said Dr. Tom Woteki, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Starlight Children's Foundation MidAtlantic. "Georgetown University Hospital is a leading pediatric clinical and research facility and a national leader in developing techniques and new therapies to support our children's emotional and physical well-being. Starlight is proud to call Georgetown University Hospital a partner."

Georgetown Pediatrics is a 'Hospital for Children' within one of the Nation's best University Hospitals: Georgetown University Hospital. Georgetown Pediatrics is proud of its ability to provide cutting-edge pediatric care such as ECMO (Extra-Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation or heart-lung machine), high frequency ventilation, brain surgery and liver, pancreas and small bowel transplantation while maintaining an environment of care that supports an active role of the patients and families in every day care decisions. A team of nationally and internationally known pediatricians, pediatric specialists and pediatric surgeons provide a wide range of medical and surgical services to children who come here from all over the world.

Georgetown University Hospital has been consistently named among the nation's best hospitals, and is the first hospital in Washington, D.C. to have earned the prestigious Magnet Status recognizing superior nursing care. This status has been awarded to less than 2% of the nation's hospitals.

Georgetown's physicians have been devoted to the advancement and dissemination of medical knowledge since the establishment of Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1850. The Department's research program is one of the best in the nation. The education of medical students, residents, nurses and nurse practitioners is an important mission of the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics.



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About Peter Samuelson:

Peter Samuelson has been described as a “*serial pro-social entrepreneur*”. In 1982, inspired by a little boy battling an inoperable brain tumor, Peter conceived of the Starlight Children’s Foundation. Starlight has grown to offer eight core psycho-social programs, each restoring some of the laughter, happiness and self-esteem that serious illness takes away from kids and those who love them. The Peter Samuelson Founders Award was named in Peter’s honor.

About Starlight Children’s FoundationTM 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

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