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**STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION MIDWEST
PRESENTS IT'S
23rd ANNUAL GALA
A BLACK TIE BENEFIT ON SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010**

CHICAGO (May 10, 2010) - **Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest** will host their 23rd Annual Gala on **Saturday, May 22**, at the Standard Club (320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago). This year's affair will honor Chicago Bears **Charles Tillman**. All proceeds from the **Gala** will help improve the lives of seriously ill children and those who love them.

The **Gala** begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres and a Silent Auction where guests can bid on a tempting assortment of items including alluring adventures, vacation getaways, fine jewelry, dining and entertainment packages, and one-of-a-kind opportunities! Guests will then make their way to the elegant dining room and be greeted by the festive sounds of Entourage.

At 8:00 p.m., an elegant dinner will be served. During the Live Auction following dinner, guests will have the opportunity to bid on an array of fashionable finds, exciting adventures and more. The evening will continue with music and dancing into the wee hours of the morning.

Tickets for the **Gala** are \$300 per person, Tables are \$10,000 for a Milky Way Package, (includes VIP table of 10 with preferred seating, photo opportunity with Charles Tillman, a half-page ad in the program book, recognition at the event, and billing as a milky-way sponsor), \$5,000 for a Constellation Package, (includes VIP table of 10, quarter-page ad in the program book, recognition at the event and preferred seating) and \$3,000 for a Meteor Package (includes a table of 10). For more details and ticket information, call **Starlight Children's Foundation** at (312) 251-7827, ext. 14 or e-mail mstadel@starlightmidwest.org.

About Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest:

When a child or teenager has a serious medical condition, everyone in the family is affected. Since 1986, Starlight Children's Foundation™ Midwest has been dedicated to helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities. Starlight's programs have been proven to distract children from their pain, help them better understand and manage their illnesses, and connect families facing similar challenges so that no one feels alone. Starlight Midwest provides ongoing support to children, parents and siblings in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin with an array of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings. To learn more visit www.starlight-midwest.org.

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