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**The Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest loves a CHALLENGE ....**

Chicago, IL (April 6, 2009) -- In these tough economic times, the Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest loves the passion and commitment from Andrew Berlin, a new Board Member. Andrew Berlin, Chairman and CEO of Berlin Packaging, North America's largest stocking supplier of glass, plastic and metal containers and closures, has offered the Board of Directors a challenge gift of \$75,000. Andrew Berlin hopes that his challenge will inspire other board members and supporters to give generously. He will match the next \$75,000 raised during the campaign that begins on April 1st and runs through July 4th, 2009.

"We at Starlight are very grateful for Andrew's leadership and vision, especially during these very challenging economic times. Through the generosity of Andrew Berlin, we should be able to continue in 2009 with many of the programs our children and their families have come to rely on us for. It is important to remember that a child's illness does not take into account difficult economic times, so we all need to step up and Andrew Berlin has certainly done that," said Rich Bindler, President, Board of Directors.

"On a personal level, I am privileged to be able to contribute and assist with the triumph over the severe illnesses faced by children and their families, and hope these funds will make a measurable improvement in the quality of their life," said Andrew Berlin, new Board Member.

For more than 20 years, the 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 in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. 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 an array of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings. Starlight Midwest serves over 200,000 seriously ill children and their families each year with programs in 175 Midwest hospitals.

For more information on the Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest or to contribute to the Challenge Gift program, please contact Diane Ray at (312) 251-7827 x 12 or by email at [dray@starlightmidwest.org](mailto:dray@starlightmidwest.org) - [www.starlight-midwest.org](http://www.starlight-midwest.org)

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