



May 2007 Update

From the desk of Washington Chapter's Executive Director, Steve McGraw



It's a new "year" for Starlight – Washington! April brings on our new program year opportunities.

Michelle Worden was re-elected president at our **annual meeting** in March, Len Hagen and Laird Vanetta return as vice president and treasurer, and Maureen Judge has been elected secretary. Millie Judge rounds out the "officers" as our immediate past president (and continuing liaison with the national board of directors). Newest board member is Pat Sundgren, VP with US Bank, who has already taken on our Starlight Luncheon chairmanship!

This is the 15th anniversary of our Starlight Chapter, and we're honoring our founders at our **Starlight Luncheon** set for Tuesday, October 23rd, at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel's new Metropolitan ballroom. Howard Lincoln, former chairman of Nintendo of America and current chairman and CEO of the Seattle Mariners, will be our honoree.

Our 4th annual **Oscar Night® America** party is already scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2008 at The Triple Door.

If you'd like to join the committees for either Luncheon or Oscar, please give us a call! And, there's still time to join the Golf committee!

We have officially rolled out our new community outreach program, "**The Starlight Community Connections Program**". The goal is to increase community awareness of our organization by sending board members to speak at corporations or other volunteer organizations such as your weekly meeting, a training seminar or other event. Let us know and we'll arrange a board member to speak. This often represents a wonderful way to fulfill community service needs and provide a nice break in a meeting.



Great Escape is a fun night out!

Chucky Cheese (Bellevue, Tukwila, Tacoma, etc.) was a Great Escape for several Starlight families at a "Starlight Supper" this year, thanks to donations and heavy discounts from area restaurants.

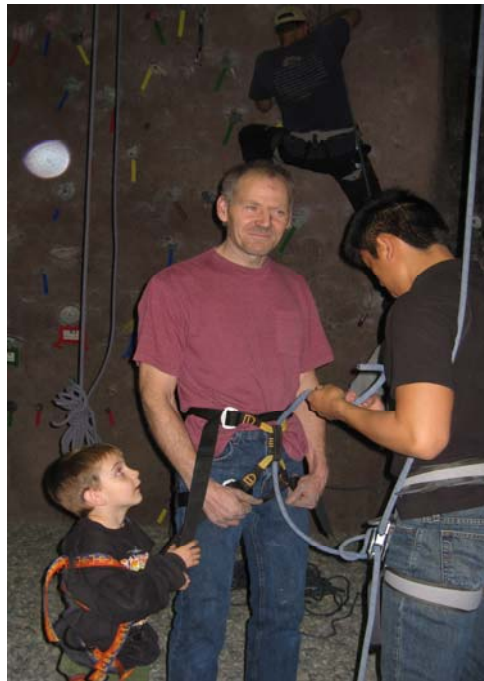
A family night out is a special occasion for many Starlight families whose day-to-day focus is on the sick child. A Great Escape offers entertainment and normalcy for the whole family!

Photos:

Above: Camille Rodes with Elijah, age 5, and Gracie, age 3

Below from left: Dan and Dana Ahner with Sierra, age 4; Chris Rodes with Lucy, to be 1 in August; Stephanie Bodger and Ashley, age 11.





News from Spokane:

We recently went to Wild Walls climbing gym and at the end we had a pizza party together. It was really fun and some of the parents even climbed. It was so neat to see the families encouraging each other and making it all the way to the top! At left, sisters Jennifer, age 5, and Melissa, age 3, show their happiness with the fun day of eat and play! At right, James, age 6, and his Dad get harnessed to start climbing! - Julie

Please join Sonny & Jack at our 3rd annual Starlight Golf Classic & Auction!



Tuesday, August 21
12:30 p.m. shotgun
Golf Club at Newcastle

Event Chair
Todd Johnson, KOMO 4

Honorary Co-Chairs:
Sonny Sixkiller
Jack Thompson



Player registration includes your guest for the Awards Dinner with silent and live auctions!

Volunteering

- Opportunities galore!
- Hospital parties
- In-community family events
- Warehouse
- Office support
- Fundraising events
- Marketing
- Grant writing
- Committees

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We help seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities.

Marketing Update

We have been busy ramping up, and have had quite a few successes and are excited about the future.

Our Oscar Party efforts were rewarded with airtime on KOMO TV, KIRO Radio 710 and KTTH, as well as an interview with Steve McGraw on the Q13 Morning Show! We also had a photo page in the Redmond Reporter and the Bellevue Reporter. Starlight received more publicity than ever before for this event!

The Pierce County Message Magazine, a new community support publication for Pierce County, also gave us some wonderful press by featuring Starlight in their very first edition! More info on this: www.piercecountymessage.com.

Our efforts to sign Corporate Partners have also begun. So far, we have a few discussions started and are hopeful about the future of this program. Again, if your corporation would like to participate in our corporate partnership program we'd love to hear from you. The program is designed to align for-profit corporations with non-profit charities in a way that helps each obtain their goals. The program is really about partnerships and it is a true win-win situation!

We are now signed up on www.GoodSearch.com, which provides established charities with about one penny per search. Please download the GoodSearch toolbar and indicate Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation (Redmond, WA) as your charity! You can also track our progress right there on the site! - Arri

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