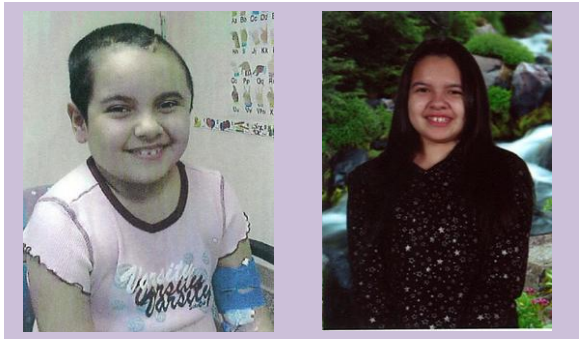




*From the desk
of Washington Chapter's
Executive Director, Steve McGraw*



Elizabeth – blood clot in brain, now age 13

May 4, 2004: Our older daughter, Elizabeth, was suffering with strong headaches during the night. We took her to the emergency room at Valley Medical Center and then she was flown to Harborview where we learned she had internal bleeding in her head. Many surgeries followed, plus weeks of rehabilitation at Seattle Children's.

Along the way, the hospitals introduced us to Starlight. Over the years, this has made life so much better for Elizabeth and our whole family to deal with the ordeals we were going through – meeting other Starlight families, having fun together at Great Escapes, and so much more.

Elizabeth is now 13 and is doing great. She still needs to go to Children's but not as frequently as before. - Jose & Olga Galvan, Renton



Peter - Ewing's Sarcoma, now age 12

March 2009: Peter was a healthy and active boy and his cancer diagnosis took us completely by surprise. We were in the biggest fight of our lives. (Ewing's Sarcoma is a rare form of bone cancer.)

Peter endured 14 rounds of chemo and 25 radiation treatments. He had 1/4 of his pelvis removed and cadaver bone, a metal plate and pins put in its place.

Peter is the youngest of our three children. We were so overwhelmed with our cancer battle that attempting to plan activities for our family was close to impossible. What a gift Starlight was to our family! We could pick and choose fun family activities to do and Starlight did all of the planning and arranging for us - boat ride, concert, premiere of a new movie before it was released, and many other fun-filled activities. We were able to make wonderful memories and have fun during a very difficult time in our lives.

I thank Starlight for the gift of fun, laughter and memories that they enabled our family to have. With a very grateful heart I say thanks to Starlight!!

- Karen Fantozzi, Federal Way

Starlight is in its new program year in Washington State, our 18th! Our program services this past year have provided thousands of great experiences for seriously ill children and their families, statewide -

- ❖ Great Escapes: 243 events, 4,721 participants
- ❖ Hospital Happenings: 207 events, 15,241 participants
- ❖ Fun Centers: 209 entertainment units statewide
- ❖ PC Pals: 37 laptop computers statewide with internet access and chat rooms
- ❖ Starlight Sites: four special playrooms in the larger pediatric hospitals (Children's, Harborview, Mary Bridge, Sacred Heart)
- ❖ 600 volunteers active, serving over 8,800 hours!

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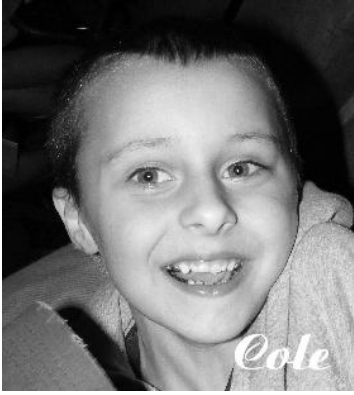
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*Starlight helps seriously ill children and their families
cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities.*



Spokane's Brightest Stars

An update from Spokane by Susan Faltermeyer

What makes a "Starlight Citizen"? Dr. Bill Robinson, Whitworth University President, personifies what the Spokane Leadership Council of Starlight Children's Foundation recognized as the first recipient of the "Starlight Citizen Award", presented at the Brightest Stars Breakfast in March. Bill and his wife have made Spokane home for more than 17 years, ever since Bill became President at Whitworth University (www.whitworth.edu).

Not satisfied with just impacting the more than 2,500 students at Whitworth, Bill has been making a difference in the lives of those in our community through his service as a past chair of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce and a founding co-chair of the Higher Education Leadership Group of Spokane. Bill also serves on a variety of boards including the Independent Colleges of Washington and Princeton Theological Seminary. His list of achievements goes on and on, and all contain one common thread, touching the lives of people in the community where he lives, globally and locally...personifying a Starlight Citizen.

Also recognized were community businesses, Wells Fargo, PEMCO Insurance, Albertson's Grocery Store on 57th & Regal, and Kohl's for their unwavering support of Starlight's Spokane Program. Local Starlight Leadership Council members Brian McNaughton, Bill Long, and Lisa Akerhielm were recognized as founding members of the Council.

Highlights of the breakfast included a heartfelt validation of the impact Starlight has on local families by Spokane Starlight Mom Karen Thompson and her daughter, Alisynn. Kalae Chock, KXLY Good Morning NW Anchor, interviewed Karen who described the challenges a family experiences when faced with the ongoing treatment of a seriously ill child and how Starlight has made a difference in the lives of Alisynn and her family.

Cole – Medically Complex – now age 8

May 2002: Nicolas "Cole" Schubert was diagnosed with an anatomical defect of his trachea and esophagus following six months of hospitalizations for respiratory failure in his first year of life.

By the time he was two, he was diagnosed severely developmentally delayed with auditory processing and sensory processing disorders as well as sleep disorder and seizures. Near his third birthday, he was diagnosed with Autism and at four, Hereditary Motor and Sensory Neuropathy (HMSN), a neuromuscular disease.

Though he has spent his life in and out of hospitals, therapy and clinics, Cole is pure joy. He so enjoys his events through the Starlight Foundation that give him much pride and accomplishment as he navigates his world.

Thank you for letting me share Cole's story.
- Beth Schubert, Puyallup

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- D-List Magazine's Celebrity Golf Tournament – Monday, July 12th, The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge: www.dlistmagazine.com
- Typhoon! "Dining for a Cause" – 2nd Tuesdays for a year – Bella Bottega Shopping Center, Redmond: www.typhoon-redmond.com
- "From Generation to Generation: A Photographic Celebration of Families in Seattle" grandchild photos: www.lorrainemariephotography.com
- Starlight Benefit Luncheon – celebrating Starlight Citizen of the Year, Don James, EVP of Nintendo of America – October 18th : www.starlight-washington.org
- Traveling – great arrangements for flight, hotel, car, and more: www.ytbtravel.com/starlightchildrens
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