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**STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION DONATES FUN CENTER  
SPONSORED BY PHOENIX SUNS CHARITIES  
TO BANNER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**PHOENIX** (January 9, 2009) – Starlight Children's Foundation Arizona kicked off the new year Tuesday with a grand celebration featuring the donation of a Starlight Fun Center for Banner Children's Hospital, sponsored by Phoenix Suns Charities.

In June 2008, Phoenix Suns Charities granted Starlight \$10,000 enabling the organization to provide the Fun Center, which includes a state-of-the-art Nintendo Wii™ gaming system programmed with all the newest video games, as well as a DVD player and movies. Now, whether hospitalized children are nervously awaiting surgery, sitting restlessly during a long treatment or simply feeling lonely in their hospital room, the Starlight Fun Center will be there to help them cope by providing fun and distraction.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the Phoenix Suns and thankful for this pledge,” said Jo Ann Yeo, community development officer for Starlight Children's Foundation Arizona. “This grant will also help us continue to increase awareness of Starlight and its services within our local community.”

Phoenix Suns Charities utilize the unique resources of the Suns organization to raise funds to benefit non-profit organizations that assist the needs of children and families. Since its inception in 1988, Phoenix Suns Charities and the Phoenix Suns have donated more than \$8,000,000 to Arizona organizations, helping children and families across the state.

“I am thrilled we topped the \$1,000,000 mark in community support during the 2007-08 season,” said Tom Ambrose, senior vice president of the Phoenix Suns and executive president of Phoenix Suns Charities. “We are proud to help Starlight Children's Foundation touch the lives of ill children throughout the Valley and help the organization meet its goals.”

Starlight Children's Foundation is a national, 501(c)3 organization founded in 1983 with the goal to empower and improve the quality of life for seriously ill children. For 25 years, the organization has dedicated itself to helping ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities. Last year, Starlight Children's Foundation Arizona touched the lives of more than 50,000 children and their families, statewide. To learn more about the magic of Starlight in Arizona, call (480) 280-5289 or visit [www.starlight.org/arizona](http://www.starlight.org/arizona).