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**FASHION SHOW TO BENEFIT
FLORIDA'S SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Presented by Les Diplomates of Fort Lauderdale

Photos Available Upon Request

Fort Lauderdale, FL - Join Les Diplomates de Fort Lauderdale for a Fashion Show benefiting Starlight Children's Foundation's™ on Sat., March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel. Les Diplomates de Fort Lauderdale's exciting fashion show will feature the *très chic* clothing line Kollontai, by Canadian designer Gabrielle Touseignant.

Proceeds from the evening will go towards placing Starlight [Fun Center™](#) mobile entertainment units at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Equipped with a Sharp Aquos™ flat-screen television, DVD player and Nintendo Wii™ system, *Fun Centers* providing endless hours of fun and distraction to hospitalized children are nervously awaiting surgery, sitting restlessly during a long treatment or feeling lonely in their hospital room.

"Starlight is very grateful for Les Diplomates long-term and generous partnership," said Starlight Florida Development Coordinator Mary Ensor. "For more than six years, Les Diplomates has been supporting Starlight to help us bring fun and laughter to the seriously ill children and families we serve in South Florida."

The event will include a fashion show, silent auction, sit down dinner, raffle and cash bar. Tickets are \$35 and tables for groups up to 10 to 12 are available. For reservations, please call 954-971-6998 or 954-917-8079 or email mary.ensor@starlight.org.

About Les Diplomates

Les Diplomates is a South Florida based service club founded in 1986 with a membership composed of French speaking professionals. Over the past 24 years, Les Diplomates has raised funds for many valuable causes throughout Fort Lauderdale including battered women and area nursing homes. In 2006, Les Diplomates partnered with Starlight and focused their fundraising effort on providing *Fun Centers* to hospitals throughout Florida.

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About Starlight Children's Foundation, Florida Office

When a child or teenager has a serious medical condition, everyone in the family is affected. For more than 25 years, Starlight Children's Foundation has dedicated itself 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. Serving more than 7,400 children and their families each month throughout the state of Florida, Starlight's array of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings provide ongoing support for children and families — before, during and after medical treatment. To learn more visit www.starlight.org/florida.

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