



What's New at *Starlight 365*...

Major League Baseball and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Give Patients at CHOC Children's a New Pastime



Last week, Major League Baseball and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim surprised young patients and their families at Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) with a new Starlight [Fun Center](#) mobile entertainment unit as part of the festivities of the 2010 MLB All-Star Week and MLB's *Going Beyond* initiative, which is expected to raise \$5 million for local and national charities as part of this year's MLB All-Star Week in Anaheim and the surrounding areas.

Through Starlight's partnership with Major League Baseball, which began in 2005, more than 40 *Fun Centers* have been placed in hospitals across the country.

"Thank you for sponsoring this *Fun Center*!" said Child Life Activity Specialist Amber Ayala of Children's Hospital Orange County. "The families and patients all had a great time. We couldn't do our jobs (as Child Life Specialists) without *Fun Centers*."

Ayala stepped into the writer's chair at our [Starlight 365](#) blog to share more about the *Fun*

Center's ribbon-cutting ceremony and the positive impact *Fun Centers* have on her young patients.

Grab your baseball bat and a box of Cracker Jack. A fun story with some colorful photos waits in the batter's box at [Starlight 365](#).



A Starlight Family Shares

Tyler's Story

Because Tyler was our first child, we didn't exactly know what was normal and abnormal. At 6 months old, he kept having repeated head, arm and body spasms. When these spasms started to increase daily, we began taking him to different doctors until we finally found one that was familiar with what he called "infantile spasms"— and Tyler was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC).

We were devastated.

[Read the rest of Tyler's story](#) and how Starlight's [Great Escapes](#) program has brought a sense of fun and connection back into the life of his family.



Save Time and Money with Shopping Nanny



Shopping Nanny
Organized Grocery Savings

Are you looking to save time and money grocery shopping? [Shopping Nanny](#) provides a personalized online service for grocery shoppers to get store specials and coupons combined to maximize their savings – and

support Starlight! This newly available solution is enthusiastically well received by customers, press and bloggers, but the exciting additional news is that the company is providing financial support to Starlight with a portion of every subscription fee – equaling a minimum unrestricted \$50,000 donation each year for two years.

"Shopping Nanny was always about giving back to the community, and with Starlight, there's no better organization that focuses on helping seriously ill children as well as their entire family," said Benoy Tamang, CEO, Shopping Nanny. "Shopping Nanny is growing rapidly, and we wanted to build in 0.5% of the revenues to be contributed towards Starlight to help these beautiful, innocent children cope with their daily struggles. We get to help mothers at home and Starlight's children whether they are at home or stuck in hospitals."

Customers can join Shopping Nanny for \$5.95 a month and have grocery coupons and store specials be combined to their online shopping list. There is no more need to clip coupons, sort, match and figure out how to save every time you go to the grocery store – the Shopping Nanny will perform that service with always current deals.

[Visit the Shopping Nanny website](#) to learn more.



Do You Have a Really Cool Job? Talk about it on *Starbright World*

You know, or at least remember, what it's like to be a teen—fun, friends, hanging out, jokes. The world is at your fingertips. But have you ever stopped to think what it would be like to be a teen and be confined to a hospital bed or stuck at home for days, weeks on end because of a chronic or life-threatening illness? Imagine how it would feel to be left behind by friends. Imagine the loneliness, that feeling that you are missing out on all that life has to offer you.



With this in mind, Starlight created [Starbright World](#), an online social network for seriously ill teens, ages 13-20, and their teen-aged siblings. Whether from home or the hospital, members are able to get to know other teens from around the world who are going through similar experiences.

Help us bring these teens some hope, brighten their lives just a little, and give them something to look forward to by being a chat guest on *Starbright World*!

Starlight is calling on people with cool jobs—maybe like yours—to participate in *Starbright World's People with Really Cool Jobs* chat series. Chat guests are able to pull up a chair at their home computer (or anywhere they have Internet access), log in, and start chatting away for an hour or so. These special chats on *Starbright World* couldn't come at a better time—during the summer, our teens report feeling lonelier than usual because they are often stuck in bed or at the hospital unable to visit family or hang out with friends. Being a chat guest can be a great summer treat!

If you are interested in participating, please email sbw@starlight.org. We can be flexible with your schedule and are looking for ongoing chat guests throughout 2010!



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