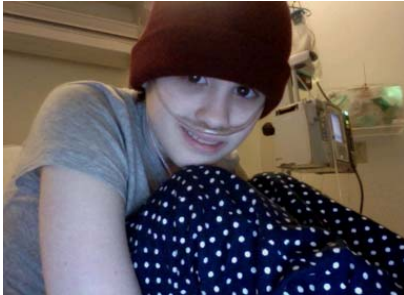




A Starlight Family Shares: Kelsey's Story



"When I was about nine or 10 years old, I started to get really tired and began to gain weight. After a few months, my mom and I flew to Chicago to meet with doctors (we had been living in Mexico at the time) and I was diagnosed with my first illness, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, an autoimmune disease that was causing my cells to attack my body.

"Again, I was only nine or 10 at the time, so the news didn't strike me as being too big of a deal. My mom and I terribly missed my two brothers and dad – "the boys" - back in Mexico, but other than that, I was fine with having to take one pill every day for the rest of my life.

"Then, in 2007, our whole lives changed completely."

At www.starlight.org/kelseysstory, Kelsey shares more of her inspirational story and what *Starbright World*[™], Starlight's online social network for seriously ill teens, means to her.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who supports Starlight because you have given me a chance to feel normal even in a hospital-filled world," shares Kelsey. "I never would have thought that meeting a bunch of sick teens would turn something horrible into something incredible."



Get Fashionable for Starlight at Forever 21

Forever 21 has just come out with a charitable line of Starlight Tees for the summer season!



Available now at select Forever 21 stores and Forever21.com, the *Starlight 'A Little Laughter' Tank*, *Starlight Dream Tank* and *Starlight Hope Tee* will each retail for \$14.80, and Forever 21 will donate \$1 from the purchase price of a tee to Starlight.

Buy your Starlight tee today! Visit Forever 21's online [Charity Shop](#).



Help Starlight Shine as a Top-Rated Health Nonprofit



If you use review sites like Epinions, Zagat, Yelp or TripAdvisor, you know how helpful reading about other people's experiences can be. Like those sites, [GreatNonprofits](#) posts reviews and ratings by people who have been touched by a nonprofit organization and want to share their story with others to help them decide whether to support the organization.

Throughout the month of June, GreatNonprofits is hosting its second annual *Health Campaign* and is asking the public to help identify top nonprofits working on health issues and initiatives around the world by writing a review.

Any organization that receives 10 or more positive reviews during the month of June will be featured as a *Top-Rated Health Nonprofit*.

Do you have a story to share—about a *Great Escape™*, a special Starlight employee or volunteer, an online program or a *Starlight Fun Center™* your child may have played with during a hospital stay? We'd love to hear it.

Between now and June 30, please [visit our profile page](#) on GreatNonprofits and post a review of your experience with us. Click on the *Write a Review* button on the top left corner, fill in the review form and click *Submit*.

Posting a review is very easy to complete and should only three minutes. All reviews will help us build our GreatNonProfits profile, making Starlight a positive choice for future donors, volunteers and families of seriously ill children!



Helping Families Feel Normal and Extraordinarily Special

Starlight understands what families go through when a child is sick, and the importance of breaking the cycle of depression and



loneliness.

With this in mind, our *Great Escapes*TM family activities program was created to provide families with a chance to spend recreational time together to relax away from the hospital and make special memories together.

The variety of activities offered through *Great Escapes* is endless: movie screenings, circus trips, mother-daughter makeovers, sporting events, picnics and more.

Everything about *Great Escapes* is designed to make a sick child feel extraordinarily special, from the personalized invitations to being greeted by name at every event. But more importantly, *Great Escapes* also make the children feel incredibly normal as they experience fun activities in a friendly, accepting environment.

Starlight and our corporate partners and donors underwrite all event costs to make every *Great Escape* an "all inclusive" affair, allowing families to relax and enjoy themselves while someone else worries about the details.

If you know a child or family who can benefit from our *Great Escapes* program, please visit www.starlight.org/greatescapes.



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