



A Starlight Family Shares: Izzy's Story



"Our daily struggle with childhood disease began when our Isabelle – 'Izzy' - was born. Izzy would inexplicably have severe reactions to things ranging from environmental elements all the way to foods. Her reactions included rashes so severe that her skin would break down and bleed. She would vomit with such force that it would exhaust her.

"We were convinced that Izzy was reacting terribly somehow, in some way, to food. Two brain MRIs, two stomach MRIs, many ultrasounds, three gastric emptying studies, a half dozen surgical scoping procedures and a couple of probing studies later, we got the answer."

At www.starlight.org/california/izzysstory, Izzy's family shares more of their daughter's inspirational story and what Starlight's *Great Escapes™* events program brings to their family.

"When the burdens of daily life seem to sometimes overwhelm us, Starlight provides one thing...an opportunity to allow a child to enjoy being a child, no strings attached. A precious gift indeed."



Susi D. Jewelry Benefits Starlight

Having cancer made Susan DelVecchio realize the most important thing in life is a deep connection with family and friends. While Susan was undergoing chemotherapy, she would focus all of her energy on a piece of jewelry - a pendant given to her by her husband, David. It was the one thing that helped her get through her treatment - feeling



truly connected to her family.

Now, two years later, Susan is closer than ever to her family and friends while living out her dream as founder and designer of Susi D. Jewelry. Susi D. Jewelry is versatile, elegant and feminine. Each piece Susan designs is sculpted by hand, resulting in pieces that are timeless and suitable for every woman.

Susi D. Jewelry's *Connection Collection* features a handcrafted charm necklace folded into a beautiful card, featuring a personal message from the buyer to the recipient. The necklace can be used as a piece of jewelry, talisman or good luck charm, and is an affordable gift for family, friends, co-workers or other loved ones for any occasion.

Susan is optimistic that her new line of charm necklaces will offer joy and inspiration to others. Each card is a special gift to keep you connected with the ones you love and care about.

Check out Susi D. Jewelry's website at www.susidjewelry.com. Susi D. Jewelry donates 20 percent of each *Connection Collection* sale to Starlight.



Brighten Your Summer With *Starbright World*



With summer approaching, *Starbright World* – Starlight's online social network for seriously ill teens, ages 13-20, and their teen-aged siblings - is the perfect destination for teens who are confined to a hospital bed or stuck at home unable to visit family or hang out with friends because of a chronic or life-threatening illness.

With its members in mind, *Starbright World* has lined up a series of online chats and events to serve as perfect summer treats – providing teens with nonstop entertainment, laughs and opportunities to bond and create memories with friends throughout the season!

From trivia contests to events that let you celebrate your friends and pets to chats about movies and all the things that give you stress - there's something for everyone this summer on *Starbright World*! The site also lets members from connect with each other via virtual games and express themselves through stories, photos, videos, e-cards and personal profiles.

Be part of the fun this summer! Get started at www.starbrightworld.org.



Have You Seen Starlight UK in the News?

The recent Royal Wedding of Prince William and Miss Kate Middleton made headline after headline in news publications all over the world – and brought a fair share of attention to Starlight UK as well! In case you missed it, check out *CNN Money's* article, '[Kate Middleton: A family business that built a princess](#)', and *The Telegraph's* article, '[Kate Middleton plans to help girls become princesses for a day.](#)'



Starlight Employment Opportunities

Want to help make a world of difference and be part of the Starlight team? Please check www.starlight.org/employment to learn more about open employment opportunities.

Also, are you a high school or college student looking for a summer internship? Then, Starlight Florida and Starlight Texas need you! Email info.florida@starlight.org or visit www.starlight.org/texas/employmentandinternships for more information.



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