



A Caretaker (and Friend) Shares Nidal's Story



Starlight was quite moved by the story of Nidal, who, as a 3-month-old, suffered third degree burns on his face and left hand when he was badly burned in a fire. The burn on Nidal's hand was so severe, it resulted in the loss of his fingers.

Now ten, Nidal was recently given the chance of a lifetime: thanks to the Palestine Relief Fund, Nidal left his small village in Palestine and arrived at Scottsdale Healthcare Shea in Arizona to have his face, smile and hand

reconstructed.

The young boy underwent a series of surgeries during his hospital stay. During a long and painful recovery, it was a Starlight *Fun Center* mobile entertainment unit that brought him some much-needed relief.

"... Nidal started to become depressed," shares his caretaker Lena. "Nidal missed his home and family, especially his mom. Finally, we took him to the play room for a change of environment and to help his mood. Thanks to the *Fun Center*, we finally got to see saw Nidal smile for the first time after his surgery, and this brought our hearts so much joy."

Read the rest of Nidal's incredible story including the Starlight *Fun Center* that stayed by his side at www.starlight.org.



Thanks to Vivendi, New Enhancements Coming to *Starbright World*

As you recall, in late 2009, Starlight unveiled the next generation of its *Starbright World* online social network thanks to generous contributions through signature sponsor Vivendi's *Create Joy Fund*.



At the newly designed *Starbright World*, the latest in social networking technology was brought to the site. Since then, members have been able to connect with each other via chat, take part in virtual contests and games, and express themselves through stories, photos, videos, e-cards and personal profiles.

There is even more reason to celebrate on *Starbright World* now, as Vivendi has recently renewed its support once again through ANOTHER generous award! And, since its involvement, *Starbright World* has increased its membership by an estimated 42 percent!

The latest gift will be used to introduce new and enhanced features on *Starbright World* to satisfy the ever-changing expectations of its young community and keep the site on par with other popular social networks.

Pending enhancements to *Starbright World* include:

- one-way video conferencing
- music player
- webinar functionality
- additional instant messaging capabilities

The grant will also support 20/7 live chat hosting and site moderation as well as marketing and outreach to promote awareness and member recruitment.

Learn more about Vivendi's second gift at www.starlight.org/pressroom.

Since its debut in 1996, *Starbright World* has helped thousands of teens, ages 13-20, build on friendships, create new ones, and cope with their illnesses. Visit www.starbrightworld.org to learn more about *Starbright World* and how teens can register.



Cookies for a Koz's Newest Sweet Treat



Cookies for a Koz is baking white chocolate macadamia nut cookies! Moist and delicious, the cookie is filled with the combined flavors of white chocolate, macadamia nuts and coconut.

Visit www.cookiesforakoz.com to treat yourself to a batch or order a dozen for someone special. Other cookie flavors include chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, white chocolate blueberry, snickerdoodle and red velvet.

Founded by Roberta, sister of Starlight Global Ambassador and jazz great [Dave Koz](#), [Cookies for a Koz](#) is devoted to bringing smiles to its customers and helping Starlight achieve its mission.

Ten percent of proceeds from each box of cookies benefits Starlight.



The Sweet Sound of 'Hello Tomorrow'

Join us as we celebrate renowned saxophonist and Starlight Global Ambassador Dave Koz's first album with Concord Records, *Hello Tomorrow*.

The album arrives 20 years to the week after Dave's first album was released, and features collaborations with Dana Glover, Herb Alpert, Keb'Mo' and Boney James.



Visit our [Starlight 365 blog](#) to get a sneak preview of *Hello Tomorrow* and read more about its significance for Dave.

At the blog, you'll also learn about the new varietals of Koz Wine, aptly named after songs on Dave's new album, which will be hitting the shelves at Whole Foods Markets in the Southern Pacific region along with Dave's CD. And don't forget Dave donates 100% of his proceeds from the wine to Starlight!



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