



Celebrate 25 Years of Service to Seriously Ill Children by Joining Starlight's Anniversary Circle

Recent advances in medical care mean that more and more of the seriously ill children Starlight serves are going to celebrate a 25th birthday. As an organization that supports families from the time their children are diagnosed throughout their journey with illness, it brings tears to our eyes to see so many Starlight children who were once so very sick win their fight, grow into adulthood and make their dreams come true.



To our great joy, Starlight is also celebrating its first 25 years, during which time the organization has made great strides toward fulfilling its mission. The organization has grown, matured, and is stronger today than ever before. Starlight has built a solid track record for serving millions of seriously ill children and their families and is determined to serve tens of millions more during the next 25.

To commemorate Starlight's anniversary and gear up for the future, Starlight created a special [Anniversary Circle](#) for its core family of donors, and we invite you to become an inaugural member.

To join Starlight's Anniversary Circle, you can choose to make a tax deductible annual gift between \$100 and \$10,000 -- whatever level is most comfortable. Your gift will make it possible for Starlight to continue to thrive and advance its important mission. All children should have the chance to imagine all that they could be when they reach their 25th birthday. Please help us brighten their lives a little each day and inspire their dreams by becoming part of Starlight's Anniversary Circle.

For more information please visit www.starlight.org/anniversarycircle or call April Barnes at 323-556-3317.

To view personal drawings from Starlight children imagining who they would like to be

when they turn 25, visit www.starlight.org/whenim25.



Hollywood Video and Game Crazy In-Store “Fun”draiser for Starlight



Think \$1 won't go far in a movie and video game store? This month, Hollywood Video and Game Crazy are turning dollar bills into shining stars that will enhance the lives of sick children across the U.S.

During the month of March, visit your local Hollywood Video and Game Crazy stores to rent a DVD or video game and make a minimum donation of \$1 to Starlight, and you will receive a coupon good for a free DVD or video game rental on your next visit, plus a “Game Star” that will be posted in-store. One hundred percent of the donations will benefit Starlight and the children and families we serve.

To find a Hollywood Video near you, click [here](#). To find a Game Crazy store near you, click [here](#).



Starbright World Encourages Ill Teens to Vent



Starlight has established a new bi-monthly chat series on our [Starbright World](#) social network for seriously ill teens called “The Vent.” The chats provide professional guidance for *Starbright World*'s teen members who need expert advice on how to deal with illness-related emotional and psychological issues in a healthy and productive way.

Starlight teens regularly need help with such things as:

- coping with getting teased in school
- learning to communicate effectively with medical professionals
- learning to honestly express their feelings to parents
- explaining issues relating to their disease or condition with their peers

Starlight has engaged the assistance of two mental health experts that alternate hosting the chat series. *Starbright World* members guide the content of the chat and ask questions about whatever is on their minds related to their illness. The result is an open forum where our teens learn from the experts, share experiences, and connect with each other by continuously finding common ground, which many struggle to find with other teens in their immediate communities.



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