

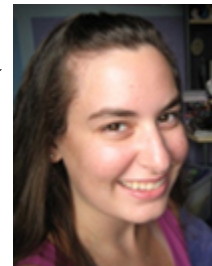


Blogging for Starlight

Starlight staff members recently discovered two blogs written by members of the Starlight family, a Starlight mother and a [Starbright World](#) user turned chat host, and we are so moved by their personal messages that we wanted to share them with you! Continue reading below to hear their stories and to find their blogs on the Web. If you or anyone you know is also blogging about Starlight, drop us a line!

About the *Starbright World* Chat Host's Blog:

Long-time *Starbright World* community member turned chat host Alyssa recently shared her story called "If I Hadn't Gotten Sick" via her blog entitled, *Smiles and Simple Things: Reflecting on Life with Cancer*. Alyssa was diagnosed with high risk T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at the age of 16 and spent a couple years in intensive chemotherapy and maintenance therapy. Today, she spends most of her days at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) studying graphic design and during the weekend, chat hosting on *Starbright World*, writing a book about her experiences, and blogging. Also, inspired by Starlight's [Site of a Million Stars](#), Alyssa got her high school involved and started a themed art project. Read Alyssa's blog [here](#).



Excerpt from a Starlight Mother's Blog:

Today we went to another wonderful Starlight Starbright [Great Escape](#) event. What a terrific time we had yet again! We started the day by going to the movie "Santa vs. The Snowman" in 3D- our first time to the IMAX! What an awesome experience. We were treated to popcorn and drinks and the movie itself was so much fun.

To read about the rest of the *Great Escape* and see some pictures, visit this mother's [blog](#).

Share other blogs with us by emailing enewsletter@starlight.org.



Create a myShape Wish List and Support Starlight!

Starlight is pleased to announce a new partnership with online women's fashion retailer myShape.com. Now through Jan. 31, myShape will donate \$1 to Starlight for every new [Wish List](#) created on their site, plus 10% of all sales generated through any Wish List.

myShape.com matches your measurements and style preferences with hundreds of top designers and brands to create a Personal Shop just for you, guaranteed to Fit & Flatter™. Take the guesswork out of gifting this holiday season. Still trying to find a gift for your mother, sister, daughter or wife but don't know her size? Encourage her to set up a Wish List on myShape and you'll know she's getting the perfect fit. Or set up your own [Wish List](#) and tell friends and family where to shop for you effortlessly.

For more information, visit [Starlight's page](#) on myShape.



Last Chance to Get Charitable Tax Deductions in Before the New Year

An effective way (and certainly a generous way!) to lower your taxes is to make a year-end gift to Starlight. In addition to earning an income-tax deduction, charitable gifts may help you avoid capital-gains taxes if you donate appreciated securities or other items that have gone up in value.

To claim a charitable deduction on your 2007 tax return, make your donation:

- by phone at 310.479.1212 by Monday, Dec. 31;
- by mail to 5757 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite M-100; Los Angeles, CA 90036 and postmarked by Dec. 31; or
- online at www.starlight.org/donate by 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31.

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