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**CORBIN BLEU JOINS STARLIGHT STARBRIGHT CHILDREN'S  
FOUNDATION AT 'A STELLAR NIGHT' GALA TO HONOR WILLIAM  
SHATNER AND WIFE ELIZABETH, AND  
FRANCINE KAUFMAN, MD**

***–The Annual Gala, Presented by California Pizza Kitchen, Featured Entertainment from  
Dominic Scott Kay, His Band Wisdom, and The Malibu Sunbeam Singers***

***–Grammy Award-winning Country Music Star Brad Paisley  
Presented Award to His Good Friend William Shatner***

**LOS ANGELES, March 31, 2007** — On March 28 at The Beverly Hilton Hotel, Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation presented William and Elizabeth Shatner with its 2007 *Heart of Gold Award* at the organization's annual *A Stellar Night* gala. Hosted by Corbin Bleu, star of *High School Musical* and long time supporter, co-chaired by Starlight Board Member and Executive Vice President at Walt Disney Company, Kevin Mayer and wife Lisa, *A Stellar Night* spotlighted inspirational stories from Starlight families and paid tribute to humanitarians who are making a world of difference for children and families. The gala raised more than \$1.16 million to support Starlight's efforts to help seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities.

Grammy-award winning country music star and good friend of William Shatner, Brad Paisley, presented the *Heart of Gold Award* to William and Elizabeth Shatner.

Additional celebrity guests included: Allen Alvarado (who shared a personal story about his life-threatening accident with guests), Shoshana Bean, Field Cate, Tyler Foden, Kristy Frank, Michael Godard, Julie Gonzalo, Sammi Hanratty, Zane Huett, Nicole Lapin, Bailee Madison, Christopher and Kyle Massey, Jennette McCurdy, Kay Panabaker, Madison Pettis, Rob Pinkston, Milly and Becky Rosso, Rachel Sibner, Jane Seymour, Aria Wallace and Devon Werkheiser.

Starlight bestowed its 2008 *Jacki Carlish Humanitarian Award* upon Francine R. Kaufman, M.D., director of the Comprehensive Childhood Diabetes Center and head of the Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. The award, named for a founding member of Starlight who dedicated her life to ensuring that sick children still had a chance to be kids, recognizes individuals with the highest level of personal commitment to the foundation. The award honors Dr. Kaufman for her steadfast personal commitment to Starlight, including most recently, her leading role in the development of Starlight's obesity intervention and type 2 diabetes prevention program, *Get Fit, Get Right*. ([www.getfitgetright.org](http://www.getfitgetright.org))

The *Heart of Gold Award* is presented to someone with a deep commitment to children and a generous heart. Starlight presented this award to William and Elizabeth Shatner in recognition of their Hollywood Charity Horse Show which supports AHEAD With Horses, an organization that works to instill self-sufficiency and independence in disabled and special-needs children, and Camp Max Straus, which helps disadvantaged children make new friends and create extended families. The couple also supports children internationally through the William and Elizabeth Shatner Jewish National Fund Therapeutic Riding Consortium Endowment for Israel - nurturing strong, resilient and hopeful young people not only in Israel but throughout the Middle East. The Shatners fully embody the spirit of Starlight's *Heart of Gold Award*.

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In keeping with Starlight's family-focused mission, children were invited to attend the cocktail-attire affair to experience the importance of philanthropy firsthand. *A Stellar Night* has become known for its Kids Lounge, sponsored by Game Crazy this year, where young guests joined Starlight's StarPower Ambassadors, a group of young celebrities that support Starlight, as they wrote notes to hospitalized children and tried out Starlight's new Fun Center mobile entertainment units, which feature a Nintendo Wii™.

As in year's past, Starlight's *A Stellar Night* 2008 brought together organizations, corporations and people who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children with chronic and life-threatening medical conditions. Generous sponsors included: California Pizza Kitchen, Club Penguin, Nintendo of America, The Walt Disney Company, McKinsey & Company, Best Buy Company, Inc., DIRECTV, Inc., Carol, Jeff & Becky Burch, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, CB Richard Ellis, Hollywood Video, Game Crazy, Bain & Company, Colgate-Palmolive, Dewey & LeBeouf, Kevin & Lisa Mayer, Latham & Watkins LLP, Montgomery & Company, Russ Berrie, UBS Investment Bank and Morrison & Foerster, LLP.

When a child or teenager has a serious medical condition, everyone in the family is affected. For nearly 25 years, **Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation™** has dedicated itself to helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities. Starlight's programs have been proven to distract children from their pain, help them better understand and manage their illnesses, and connect families facing similar challenges so that no one feels alone. Through a network of offices, Starlight provides ongoing support to children, parents and siblings in all U.S. states and Canadian provinces with an array of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings. Programs are also delivered internationally through affiliates in Australia, Japan and the United Kingdom. To learn more visit [www.starlight.org](http://www.starlight.org).

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