



## **Starlight Children's Foundation's Annual 'A Stellar Night' Gala Honored Teri Hatcher and Nintendo of America and its President, Reggie Fils-Aime**

*Jazz Great and Starlight Global Ambassador Dave Koz Hosted the Evening, Starlight Spokesperson Jamie Lee Curtis Presented the Awards, and Corbin Bleu, Chef Jeff Henderson and Sasha Lazard made Special Appearances*

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 31, 2009 -- Starlight Children's Foundation ([www.starlight.org](http://www.starlight.org)) presented Teri Hatcher with its 2009 "Heart of Gold Award" at the organization's annual "A Stellar Night" gala, presented by The California Pizza Kitchen Foundation, on Friday, March 27, 2009 at The Beverly Hilton Hotel. Starlight's "Jacki Carlish Humanitarian of the Year Award" was bestowed upon Nintendo of America and its President and COO, Reggie Fils-Aime for his and his company's unwavering and longstanding support of Starlight. Starlight spokesperson Jamie Lee Curtis presented the awards, and Corbin Bleu and Chef Jeff Henderson made special appearances.

Hosted by Dave Koz and chaired by Starlight supporters, board member Sarah Grover and CAA television executive Danny Grover, John Rosenberg and David Getson of gNet-Media, "A Stellar Night" showcased inspirational stories from Starlight families and paid tribute to humanitarians, who are helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation.

Starlight and Jamie Lee Curtis made a special announcement at the event, naming Corbin Bleu the organization's new national spokesperson. Another highlight from the evening included a saxophone duet featuring a young and talented Starlight child, Austin Gatus, who was joined by jazz great Dave Koz. Closing out the evening was a special performance by recording artist Sasha Lazard and the West Los Angeles Children's Choir, who performed a song that was specifically written for and inspired by Starlight.

Famous for its Very Important Kids (VIK) Lounge, and sponsored by Game Crazy this year, "A Stellar Night" invited adults to bring children to the gala to teach them firsthand about the importance of philanthropy and to share with them the impact that Starlight's programs have on families with seriously ill children...brightening their world, a little each day. Starlight's StarPower Ambassadors – young and dedicated celebrity supporters – made a moving on stage presentation and hung out in the Game Crazy Kids Lounge, interacting with Starlight's young guests. StarPower Ambassadors in attendance included: Allen Alvarado, Alyson Stoner, Aria Wallace, Christopher Massey, Devon Werkheiser, Dominic Scott Kay, Field Cate, Kay Panabaker, Kyle Massey, Rachel Sibner, Rob Pinkston, Sammi Hanratty, Tyler Foden and Zane Huett.

Additional sponsors of "A Stellar Night" included Colgate-Palmolive Company, Nintendo of America Inc., The Walt Disney Company, and Toys"R"Us. For more highlights from the evening including quotes from celebrities and event participants, and high resolution images available for download, visit [www.starlight.org/gala2009press](http://www.starlight.org/gala2009press).

### **About Starlight Children's Foundation**

When a child or teenager has a serious medical condition, everyone in the family is affected. For 25 years, Starlight Children's Foundation has been dedicated 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 chapters and 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).