

Delivering happiness to seriously ill children and their families.

About Starlight

No matter the length, hospital stays can be lonely, stressful, and scary. That's why Starlight exists.

Founded in 1982, Starlight aims to deliver happiness to hospitalized children and their families. Carefully crafted to address the unique needs of pediatric patients, Starlight's vital programs – including Starlight Gaming, Starlight Virtual Reality, Hospital Gowns, and Starlight Toy Deliveries – provide comfort, distraction, and a sense of normalcy to kids coping with hospitalization, procedures, and treatments. The impact of these programs reaches even further to the families and caregivers, creating a supportive community that nurtures kids when they need it most. Help us deliver happiness to hospitalized kids at starlight.org.



700+ Hospitals in 2023

Starlight supported kids and families at more than 700 children's hospitals and other health facilities in the US.



Over 3 Million Smiles

Starlight has brought smiles to more than 3 million kids and families in 2023.









Starlight Programs

Starlight Gaming

Powered by Nintendo® Starlight Gaming Stations and Handhelds help kids reduce stress, boost mood, and help them cope in unfamiliar situations. Designed to roll anywhere in the hospital, Starlight Gaming Stations and Handhelds allow kids to play games from the comfort of their hospital bed or in a playroom with a group of kids.

Starlight Virtual Reality

Starlight Virtual Reality (VR) helps kids relax during difficult medical procedures, manage pain, and aids their physical therapy. The Starlight VR with Penumbra's REAL i-Series offers immersive, closedenvironment experiences and activities that can be controlled through eye movement or voice control, making it inclusive for all pediatric patients.

Starlight Hospital Gowns

Starlight Hospital Gowns are brightly colored with fun designs that help ease anxiety, provide comfort, and spur confidence for kids. They tie down the side (instead of down the back) for better privacy and have snaps on the sleeves to allow easy access for medical procedures.

Starlight Hero Wagons

Hospitalized children often feel isolated and lonely, but Starlight Radio Flyer Hero Wagons promote socialization and community building by letting kids explore the hospital environment. Hero wagons let children go for a joyride throughout the hospital. The Hero Wagon has padded seats that are easily sanitized by hospital staff, along with an IV pole attachment, making it easier for all patients to enjoy a wagon ride.

Starlight Toy Deliveries

Starlight Toy Deliveries including toys, books, games, and crafting materials allow kids to do what they love most – play! Play reminds kids of their home life which reduces anxiety and improves mood. Playing with toys also encourages positive social connections that allow children to process their experiences and express their emotions.

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