**MEDIA ALERT**  
Monday 9 December 2019

**Starlight throws Christmas Party for sick kids at**  
**Queensland Children’s Hospital**

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<td><strong>Time:</strong></td>
<td>10am – 1pm AEST</td>
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<td>• Captain Starlight Pantomime at 10am</td>
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| **Location:** | Starlight Express Room  
Queensland Children’s Hospital  
Level 6, 501 Stanley Street,  
South Brisbane QLD 4101 |
| **On site:** | Laura Martin, Starlight PR, 0420 210 687 |

*Please advise what time you plan to be at the hospital. On arrival, please call Laura and wait at the main hospital entrance. You will then be escorted to the Starlight Express Room per hospital protocol.*

Vision, photo and interview opportunities available in the SER only include:

- Sick kids and their families
- Sam Thaiday & Dan Rich - athletes & Starlight ambassadors
- Santa Claus
- Iron Man and Elsa from Frozen
- Christmas Carolers
- Magician Sam the Magic Man
- Captain Starlights
- Alyssa Bowden, Hospital Program Manager (QLD)
- Tracey Tomlin, State Partnerships Manager (QLD)

NB: For media unable to attend, Starlight can supply high-res photography with captions by COB Tuesday 10th December.

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*Starlight Children’s Foundation* (Starlight) is hosting its annual Christmas Party in the Starlight Express Room at *Queensland Children’s Hospital* on *Tuesday 10th December*, where sick kids and teens can enjoy a day of festive fun with Captain Starlight and special guests.

Featuring a Captain Starlight pantomime plus visits from Starlight ambassadors Sam Thaiday (ex-Brisbane Broncos, QLD Maroons rep), Dan Rich (Brisbane Lions) and of course, Santa Claus, it
will be a day of fun, games and festive craft for sick kids and their families spending the holiday season in hospital.

Serious illness and hospitalisation can steal the joy of childhood. That’s where Starlight steps in, to give happiness to sick kids when they need it most.

This December, over 44,000 sick kids are expected to be admitted to children’s hospitals nationally.

At Queensland Children’s Hospital alone, Starlight will deliver almost 5000 positive Starlight experiences for sick kids and teens during the festive season, through Starlight Express Room visits and Captain Starlight ‘Rocket Rounds’ for kids too sick to leave their ward beds.

Captain Starlight also travels to regional and remote areas across Queensland, visiting almost 150 children every month, as part of Starlight’s Healthier Futures Initiative.

Captain Starlights are professional performers who use their skills in comedy, acting, music and art to entertain sick kids. While health professionals focus on treating illness, Captain Starlight delivers positive healthcare promotion that helps to prevent illness and improve wellbeing.

Starlight is the broadest reaching children’s charity in Australia, with a Starlight Express Room in every major children’s hospital nationally.

Starlight relies on the community for support. Every $39 will provide a sick child with access to its vital hospital services, and keep programs running seven days a week.

Starlight is hoping to raise $741,000 to help give happiness to sick kids during the festive season.

To find out how you can help give happiness to sick and hospitalised kids over Christmas, visit www.starlight.org.au/christmas or call 1300 727 827.

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For more information and to RSVP, please contact:
Taylia Collis, Starlight PR, 0413 695 862 | taylia.collis@starlight.org.au

About Starlight Children’s Foundation
Starlight Children’s Foundation brightens the lives of seriously ill and hospitalised children and young people by replacing pain, fear and stress with fun, joy and laughter. Since its establishment in 1988, Starlight has expanded to become the broadest reaching and most trusted children’s charity in Australia. There is now a Starlight Express Room in every children’s hospital in the country and over 180 Captain Starlights nationwide.

Last year, Starlight granted 541 life-changing wishes and delivered over 575,000 positive Starlight experiences to seriously ill children, young people and their families.

www.starlight.org.au