



MEDIA ALERT

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Starlight throws Christmas Party for sick kids at The Children's Hospital at Westmead

MEDIA CALL DETAILS

Event: Starlight's Christmas Party at The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Date: Friday 13th December 2019

Time: 12.30pm – 3pm

- Captain Starlight Pantomime at 1pm

Location: Starlight Express Room
Children's Hospital at Westmead
Level 2, Hawkesbury Road,
Westmead NSW 2145

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 (SER) per hospital protocol.

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

- Sick kids and their families
- Santa Claus
- Captain Starlights
- Renee Thurston, Hospital Program Manager

NB: For media unable to attend, Starlight can supply high-res photography with captions by COB Friday 13th December.

[Starlight Children's Foundation](http://starlight.org.au) (Starlight) is hosting its annual Christmas Party in the Starlight Express Room at **The Children's Hospital at Westmead** on **Friday 13th December**, where sick kids and teens can enjoy an afternoon of festive fun with Captain Starlight.

Featuring Captain Starlight's Christmas pantomime and of course, Santa Claus himself, it will be a day to remember 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 The Children's Hospital at Westmead alone, Starlight will deliver almost 4000 positive



Starlight experiences for sick kids during the festive season, through SER visits and Captain Starlight 'Rocket Rounds' for kids too sick to leave their ward beds.

Captain Starlight also travels to hospitals across NSW, visiting over 140 children every month.

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, including Christmas Day.

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:

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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.

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