

A celebration of **YOUR** impact last year

Sick kids like Roxy
are all smiles thanks
to YOUR support

All thanks to YOU!

- Connecting families through moments of joy
- Transforming healthcare for young people
- Celebrating milestones for teens in hospital
- The gift of happiness with a Starlight Wish

2024

Thank you from our CEO

Dear Starlight Supporters,

What an impact you've had! Your support in 2024 brought life-changing happiness to so many seriously ill children and their families last year. Thank you for helping give sick kids the happy childhood they deserve.

Your generosity and kindness made 2024 a year of incredible impact

Every day, I see the lasting positive impact you create. When sick kids are faced with the pain, fear and isolation of hospital and treatment, your support is essential to create vital moments of joy, laughter and positive distraction.

Thanks to your kindness, seriously ill children could take a break with Captain Starlight and have fun in the Starlight Express Room.

I hope you enjoy reading about the amazing impact YOU made in 2024.

Happy reading!

With my warmest wishes,



Louise Baxter

Louise Baxter
Chief Executive Officer



Your
thank you
video here!

**WATCH
NOW**



7-year-old Zack, from hospital isolation to Muay Thai champion-in-training!

Your support helped Zack find his fighting spirit!

You might remember Zack's story which we shared earlier this year.

At just five years old, Zack's Leukaemia diagnosis turned his family's world upside down.

Suddenly he was in hospital isolation undergoing relentless treatment. He missed his sisters and doing all things he loved like playing and digging outside in the garden.

Thankfully, with your support, Captain Starlight was there in hospital helping Zack just be a kid again. Zack loved going to the Starlight Express Room to have fun with his sisters. Although they couldn't be at home together, you helped ensure the siblings could still play and laugh together, connecting as a family again.

Zack's family wanted to share that he's been doing well. He started Muay Thai martial arts and is absolutely loving it. He's excelling at school, where he's a bright, caring student who's made lots of new friends. His mum Taylor said the family is looking forward to "ringing the bell" next February to mark the end of Zacks' chemo treatment.

Thank you for helping Ella's purr-fect wish come true

When Ella was diagnosed with leukaemia, her world was suddenly filled with pain, fear and isolation as she endured nearly a year in hospital.

But amid the darkness, your support brought Ella the joy of her 'Cat' Starlight Wish! Ella and her family were whisked to Sydney for an unforgettable weekend filled with feline fun.

Ella got to cuddle kittens at the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home, and visit to the Cat Lovers' Festival where she had the prestigious role of Cat Show Judge. You helped make Ella's wish purr-fectly pawsome!

Her mum is so thankful to Starlight supporters for bringing "a lot of light in some pretty dark times. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."



**WATCH
NOW**

Watch the joy you helped create
with Ella's amazing cat wish!

Thank you for creating Starlight Moments that matter for even more families

Thanks to your support in 2024, the Starlight Moments program expanded across Australia, helping create moments of joy for families with a child in palliative care.

Throughout the year, your support helps create 'Community Moments' for families to share and celebrate events like Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, and school holidays. These moments bring families together helping them feel connected to a bigger community.

For one Community Moment, families received a surprise package of arts and crafts activities with a fun challenge: to gather items from around the house and, using the additional crafty supplies, create their very own monster!

"I just want to say thank you, not just from me, but from my three beautiful girls. We've always been a close-knit family, but these Moments have brought us even closer. They help us stop and say, 'Let's set aside this time to do these activities. Let's set aside this to make these moments precious'". - Moments Parent



Monster creations created by families in Starlight's Moments program for children in palliative care

**THANK
YOU!**





You brought Denis happiness that's out of this world!

Thanks for bringing JOY to sick kids in hospital

In the Starlight Express Room Captain Starlight discovered that 10 mischievous space creatures were hiding around the room.

The mission for the kids was to find out where they were hiding! One keen young adventure seeker Denis embarked on a quest to find them all. He was so excited with each discovery, shouting a triumphant "I found one!" Immersed in this fun activity Denis' face lit up and he could forget about all the worries of hospital.

After completing his quest, Denis was awarded a special certificate for his amazing efforts finding these adorable space creatures! Thanks to your support, children like Denis get to enjoy extraordinary adventures while in hospital, sparking their creativity and imagination.

You made hospital a happier place for Roxy!

Throughout Roxy's gruelling treatment for Leukaemia, your support meant Captain Starlight was there in hospital with the fun and distraction she needed.

"The Captains brighten the kids' world when they're feeling bad and really gives them something to look forward to. We are so thankful to have had them there."

- Roxy's mum, Bec



Captain Starlight brings a smile to Roxy's face thanks to your support

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Livewire brings fun, connections and creativity to young people

You're creating positive experiences for young people

The Livewire team co-hosted a special graduation ceremony for young people moving from paediatric hospital care to adult care.

The event was filled with joy and laughter to recognise this important milestone. To make the occasion even more memorable, Livewire surprised the 64 graduates and their families with a special musical performance by Nai Palm from the Australian jazz/funk band Hiatus Kaiyote.

And of course it's not a celebration without cupcakes!

Your support enables the Livewire team to create these positive experiences for young people living with serious illness or disability. The graduates and their families were so thankful for this wonderful event helping them to create lasting happy memories.