



The Joy in Childhood Foundation® Announces New Starlight Site at The HSC Pediatric Center

The HSC Pediatric Center is one of nine hospitals across the country receiving a transformed hospital room that will bring joy to pediatric patients

Canton, Mass. (August 16, 2018) – The [Joy in Childhood Foundation](#), the charitable foundation supported by [Dunkin' Donuts](#) and [Baskin-Robbins](#), today announced that it will create a Starlight Site in The HSC Pediatric Center in Washington through their \$1.5 million partnership with Starlight Children's Foundation. The Joy in Childhood Foundation's Starlight Sites will transform hospital environments into brighter, happier spaces for pediatric patients.

The Joy in Childhood Foundation Starlight Site at HSC Pediatric Center will be a therapy room featuring vibrant and colorful décor and new technology, including an interactive projector system and virtual reality system that can be used during treatment sessions. The Starlight Site will be open for patients and their families by December 1, 2018.

"We're very grateful to the Joy in Childhood Foundation for their Starlight Site," said Jenny Welfare, CCLS, The HSC Pediatric Center. "Having a brighter, more joyful therapy room will help create a positive environment and will allow therapists to better utilize new technology that can best meet the needs of each patient."

Starlight Sites ease stress and support the overall health and well-being of pediatric patients by providing hospitals with rooms designed to be enjoyed by children and their families. Starlight Sites support kids and families as treatment rooms, teen lounges, playrooms, kitchens, gardens and other healing spaces.

"Through our partnership with Starlight Children's Foundation, we've seen the impact Starlight Sites can make in the lives of patients and their families," said Karen Raskopf, Co-Chair, the Joy in Childhood Foundation.

"That's why we're so excited to bring this Starlight Site – a therapy room – to The HSC Pediatric Center and

give their pediatric patients and families an opportunity to create more joyful moments together when they need it most.”

In 2017, the Joy in Childhood Foundation made a three-year, \$1.5 million commitment to Starlight Children's Foundation in support of programs that bring joy and comfort to hospitalized kids, including the Starlight Sites program.

To learn more about the Joy in Childhood Foundation, please visit www.dunkinbrands.com/foundation or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/JoyInChildhoodFoundation/.

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ABOUT THE JOY IN CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

The Joy in Childhood Foundation, the charitable foundation supported by the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins brands, provides the simple joys of childhood to kids battling hunger or illness. The Foundation brings together a wide range of stakeholders — including franchisees, crew members, employees, partners and guests — and partners with food banks, children's hospitals, and nonprofit organizations directly committed to serving kids to fund joyful environments and joyful experiences for kids when they need it most. Since launching in 2006, the Joy in Childhood Foundation has granted more than \$16 million to hundreds of national and local charities across the country. For more information, please visit <https://www.dunkinbrands.com/community/joy-in-childhood-foundation/overview>.

ABOUT THE HSC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The HSC Health Care System is a nonprofit health care organization committed to serving families with complex needs and eliminating barriers to health services. The System combines the resources of a care coordination plan (Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc.), pediatric specialty hospital (The HSC Pediatric Center), and home health agency (HSC Home Care, LLC) with its parent organization, The HSC Foundation, to offer a comprehensive approach to caring, serving and empowering people with disabilities.

ABOUT STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Starlight creates moments of joy and comfort for hospitalized kids and their families. For 35 years, Starlight's programs have positively impacted more than 60 million critically, chronically and terminally ill or injured children in the US, Canada, Australia and the UK. With your help, more kids and their families will enjoy Starlight Gowns, Starlight Fun Centers and other Starlight programs at more than 800 children's hospitals and other health facilities in the US. You can support Starlight's work by visiting www.starlight.org and by following Starlight on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).