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# Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

## Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

## Name of Individual or Community Group \*

Starlight Children's Foundation Canada

## Address

### Street Number and Name \*

501 Alden Road

### City/ Town \*

Markham

Province \*

Ontario

Postal Code \*

L3R 3L4

## Contact Information

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Email Address \*

[REDACTED]

Phone Number \*

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**On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.**



Dear Mayor Mrakas,

Following the incredible success of our 2024 Trick or Suite event, where we welcomed 365 attendees from over 85 Starlight families with the generous support of numerous volunteers, Starlight Children's Foundation Canada is eager to bring this magical Halloween experience back to Aurora in 2025! With your help, we can once again make Starlight's accessible Halloween event, Trick or Suite, happen at Microtel Inn and Suites in Aurora on October 18, 2025.

We were thrilled to have you attend last year's event and would be honoured to welcome you back for this year's event. This event not only brings joy to seriously ill children and their families but also strengthens the Aurora community by supporting local businesses. Through our partnership with Microtel Aurora and nearby food and beverage providers, Trick or Suite drives business while creating an inclusive and unforgettable Halloween experience for families in need. Additionally, we are excited to once again invite local media to cover the event, helping to spread awareness and celebrate the incredible impact of our supporters.

Starlight Canada's mission is to support the mental health and emotional well-being of seriously ill and hospitalized children. For seriously ill kids who are on a long path to recovery, for kids who will forever live with their condition, and for kids who are fighting against the clock, Great Escapes Wishes like Trick or Suite provide the magic, wonder, and happiness of childhood – because sick kids are still kids. It's easy for a child to feel left out of the fun when their illness leads to missed school days, play dates, and friendships. Starlight Great Escapes Wishes bring families together to help make up for some lost time by creating fun-filled events for new memories and new friendships. After a day spent with people who all truly understand one another, sick children are sure to go home with a renewed sense of strength and hope. Designed for kids of all ages, illnesses, and abilities, we're making sure no one is left out of the adventures. Starlight families and children who meet one another through these events have gone on to make lasting connections, friendships, and support systems for life!

The Starlight Great Escapes Wishes Program is our #1 requested out-of-hospital program for children and families battling serious, chronic, and critical illness. Over the past year, we have had a staggering 20% increase in new applications to the program. Referrals from hospitals, doctors, nurses, and most commonly, Starlight families, have driven the requirement for this program to all new heights. Without significant new funds to ensure we can meet these needs; it will be impossible to provide the necessary programming.

Building upon last year's success, Starlight would like to bring Trick or Suite back to Aurora on Saturday, October 18th, 2025, to host over 350 Starlight kids and their family members. Trick or Suite is an accessible Halloween event and fun-filled getaway for families with sick kids in need of joy and relief. Designed for children of all ages and abilities, families get to safely trick or treat in a hotel – full of surprises, goodies, and spooky fun!

**Starlight Children's Foundation Canada**

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Growing up in Aurora has deeply rooted my connection to the community, making the impact of this incredible event on the lives of local seriously ill children and their families all the more profound for me. Working closely with these brave warriors, I witness firsthand the challenges they face each day. Trick or Suite presents an invaluable opportunity for these children to enjoy a barrier-free, inclusive trick-or-treating experience.

The event will cost \$20,000. We would like to ask Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic to assist us in making this event a reality through a donation of \$2,000. Your generosity will ensure that seriously ill children in your neighbourhood are able to attend. Your sponsorship also includes several donor benefits, which are detailed in the sponsor deck included below, along with additional program information.

We invite you to be a part of the growing Starlight network of supporters who are making a difference in the lives of sick children and their families suffering through childhood illness.

If you have any questions or welcome further information regarding this program, please feel free to contact Kaitlin either by email ([Kaitlin.kiraly@starlightcanada.org](mailto:Kaitlin.kiraly@starlightcanada.org)) or phone (416-642-5675 ext. 2245) at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Kiraly".

Kaitlin Kiraly

Children's Services Manager, Ontario

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DOES WHAT NO MEDICINE CAN DO: CREATE PRICELESS SMILES AND  
MEMORIES FOR SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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IS A HALLOWEEN EVENT AND FUN-FILLED GETAWAY FOR  
FAMILIES WITH SICK KIDS IN NEED OF JOY AND RELIEF.  
DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES,  
FAMILIES GET TO SAFELY TRICK OR TREAT AT A HOTEL -  
FULL OF SURPRISES, GOODIES, AND SPOOKY FUN!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025**  
**MICROTEL INN & SUITES, AURORA, ON**

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## SPONSOR A ROOM

**\$2,000**

At Trick or Suite, each hotel room is decorated with a specific theme for seriously ill children to visit and explore! **Sponsor a room to ensure a fun and memorable Halloween experience!** In return, you will receive:

- Social Post Feature
- Company Logo on Suite Door
- "Company Name" Presents "Room Name" Sign Posted Inside Room
- OPTIONAL: Attend the event to witness the joy you have created!

### OPTIONAL

### EMPLOYEE OPPORTUNITIES

- Your sponsorship includes the option to engage your employees and witness your impact firsthand by running your sponsored room!
- Choose from a list of pre-approved suite themes (first come, first served) or submit one of your own that you would like to create!
- Bring your own decorations or let us know what you need to make your suite great!
- Optional volunteer roles will include decorating your room, greeting the children in your room during trick or treating, and tearing down your room at the end of the event.



### TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE CONTACT:

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