

# Janeway receives a new Starlight Fun Centre on behalf of Astellas to bring joy to children with serious illnesses

**ST. JOHN'S, NL, May 17, 2013** – Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre has added a new Fun Centre provided by Starlight Children's Foundation Canada to help brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families, thanks to the generous support of Astellas Pharma Canada, Inc.

"Astellas is a proud supporter of Starlight Children's Foundation and the good work they do to help make a stay in the hospital a little easier for children and their families," says Michael Tremblay, President, Astellas Pharma Canada, Inc. "The Starlight Fun Centre can provide some much needed distraction and entertainment for children at Janeway during an otherwise difficult time."

The new Starlight Fun Centre offers kids endless hours of entertainment therapy, everything from watching movies to playing their favourite Nintendo Wii™ games. The media units can be easily wheeled into ICUs, emergency departments or individual hospital rooms to bring smiles back to the faces of children who are unable to leave their own beds.

"The Starlight Fun Centre encourages seriously ill children to play and to just be kids again. Parents find comfort from seeing the happiness on their child's face," says Christopher Barry, President, Starlight Canada. "Starlight is pleased to provide this Fun Centre for children of the Janeway and I am grateful to Astellas for making this all possible."

Starlight Children's Foundation Canada continues lifting the spirits of seriously ill children through in and out of hospital programs. In the last seven years, Starlight has provided over \$175,000 to the Janeway Hospital through Fun Centres, activity kits, grants and more.

"On behalf of Eastern Health and the Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre in St. John's, I would like to thank Astellas for their very generous donation through the Starlight Children's Foundation Canada," said Beverley Clarke, Vice President responsible for the Children's and Women's Program at Eastern Health. "This donation will have a positive impact on the children who are receiving care at the Janeway, adding some cheer and excitement to their lives while being cared for away from home."

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## **About Starlight Children's Foundation Canada**

Starlight Children's Foundation Canada is a charitable organization that brightens the lives of seriously ill children and their families in communities across Canada. We are the only charity in Canada that helps seriously ill children in and out of hospital, from diagnosis throughout the course of their care journey. For more information about Starlight Children's Foundation Canada, please visit our website: [www.starlightcanada.org](http://www.starlightcanada.org)

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### **About Eastern Health**

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### **IMAGE CAPTION:**

“John MacDonald of Starlight Canada and Guy Arsenault of Astellas Pharma Canada were on hand to present the new Starlight Fun Centre to the children of Janeway Health Centre to help lift everyone’s spirits. (Pictured left to right) John MacDonald, Denika Bailey, Darlene Osmond, Lisa Lane, Edith Ralph, Trixie Mahoney, Laura Bruce, Florence Williams and Guy Arsenault.”  
**Photo: Starlight Children’s Foundation Canada.**