



Our Impact Together with  
Friends and Supporters of  
StarShine Hospice and Palliative Care

Your Impact in 2021



# You Make Every Moment Count

# 114,212

Number of miles traveled this past year by StarShine's caring and compassionate team while providing in-home visits to families in need.

# 170

Number of families served by the StarShine team this past year.

# 147

Number of bereavement visits made by the StarShine team this past year.



*StarShine families share and comfort others during a camp created for them.*

## Thank You!

Your generous support helps families make the most out of every moment. We are so grateful to have friends like you.

While the pandemic continued to impact our work, our commitment to kids and families remained as strong as ever this past year.

With safety top-of-mind, we were able to once again offer our special bereavement camp, Camp Lionheart, to 14 families this year. They took part in activities such as canoeing, zip line races, hiking, massages, swimming and star gazing. The closing ceremony included a memorial service.

We couldn't do this work without you. You're making a difference for families when they need someone the most.



Your support helps kids and families like La Donna and her daughter India. La Donna shares her daughter's story below and explains how StarShine brought comfort to the entire family as they faced the unimaginable.

## Your Support Provides Peace

Some kids collect dolls or boardgames or trucks. India collected shoes. She loved shoes so much, she had more than 60 pairs. However, when her health forced her to stay in the hospital, away from her prized shoe collection, her loving family made sure to bring it along in the form of a big orange book featuring photos of every pair.

"She was a diva in her own right," says her mother, La Donna. "She enjoyed being surrounded by others: singing, dancing, laughing, and looking her very best."

Shortly after birth, India faced a number of challenges including: anemia, hydrocephalus, microcephaly, severe brain damage, seizure disorder and dysautonomia. As she got older and the challenges got worse, the family turned to StarShine for help.

"Upon entering Starshine, we quickly realized that this experience would positively change our lives forever," La Donna says. "Starshine would represent life for India. This allowed us to focus on her living, enjoying every day experiences and with careful consideration of all those things that India and our family found to be important. It allowed our family to be fully involved in creating and capturing memories."

StarShine staff helped India take part in music therapy, child life services, massage therapy and so much more. The team also helped her family access emotional support via our Social Worker and Chaplain. With each new service, her family says India's smile would resurface.

"She was able to pass away with her family right by her side," La Donna says. "Starshine was an integral part of turning a challenging time into a beautiful memory. We will never forget the immense care that was provided to our daughter and family. One of the best decisions we made was opening our hearts, minds and home to Starshine services. The staff of Starshine will remain in our hearts for always, as will our precious Ms. India!"

# Partnership Matters

All that we've achieved, and will achieve, has been in partnership with those who share our passion and our vision for helping kids and families. Thank you!

Experience more online! See our music therapy team in action by watching Dylan's story. Scan the code below with your smart phone to launch our YouTube video.



Established in **1883** as a full-service, nonprofit medical center



Our vision is to be the leader in improving child health



Ranked **No. 1** in Ohio, Best in the Midwest and a top national provider, according to *U.S. News & World Report*



More than **700** registered beds at our three campuses



More than **1.2 million** patient encounters each year



Provided **\$221 million** in free or discounted services



Contributed **\$8.4 million** in services and support to our community and nonprofit health organizations



Served families from all **50 states** and **51 countries**



Partnerships with UK HealthCare in Lexington, Ky., Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Ind. bring expert care close to home for more patients



Constructing a new **600,000-square-foot** critical care building to better serve our most fragile patients