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Musical Theatre Group Kids Who Care to Perform at Starlight Stroll Event in Austin April 19

Performances during "Starlight Stroll through the Hill Country Galleria" Hosted by the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation

FORT WORTH, TX – April 8, 2008 – The Kids Who Care Resident Company, a touring youth musical theatre company, will travel to Austin later this month to perform during the “Starlight Stroll through the Hill Country Galleria” in Bee Cave, Texas, just outside of Austin. The event, held on April 19, 2008, is hosted by the Starlight Starbright Children’s Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities.

Kids Who Care will perform selections from *Deep in the Heart*, an original musical production that celebrates all things Texas, at the Hill Country Galleria Amphitheater at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Featured in *Southern Living* and *Essence Magazine*, the Kids Who Care Resident Company is an audition company of youth performers from Dallas/Fort Worth ranging in age from six to 19. Kids Who Care has appeared Off -Broadway at the Lamb’s Theatre, at the Kennedy Center, Bass Hall, Meyerson Symphony Hall, both Disney’s and other venues across the U.S. and overseas.

In addition to live performances by Kids Who Care, participants in the Starlight Stroll will enjoy a variety of special discounts and gifts from Galleria merchants and restaurants, a fashion event at Dillard’s and in-store events at Chico’s and Talbot’s.

To participate and enjoy the special discounts and gifts, register in advance at <http://www.starlight.org/texasstroll> or stop by the Galleria Guest Services office on the day of the event. Registration is \$25 and includes reserved seating and goody bags for two guests at the Dillard’s fashion event. Children aged 14 and under, accompanied by a parent, may participate free of charge.

Ninety-five percent of the registration fee benefits Starlight Starbright Children’s Foundation, and the proceeds will be used to match a challenge grant received from the Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation of Austin to benefit Starlight’s *Great Escapes* program in Texas. The Foundation has challenged Starlight to raise \$43,565 by May 1, and if successful, they will match that amount.

Starlight’s *Great Escapes* family activities provide seriously ill children and their families with a chance to bond and recharge outside the hospital environment and away from medical treatments. At

the same time, the program allows them to connect with other families facing similar challenges, helping to build a network of support so that no one feels alone.

The Hill Country Galleria is located in Bee Cave, Texas (southwest of Austin) on Hill Country Boulevard. For more information and a map, see <http://hillcountrygalleria.com/>. Discounts and gift offers provided to registered participants in the Starlight Stroll are available one day only, April 19, 2008, 10:00a.m. to 9:00p.m.

About Kids Who Care

Celebrating its 20th year, Kids Who Care is a non-profit international theatre company based in Fort Worth, Texas that seeks to produce confident, caring and creative kids through leadership training, musical theatre education and performance. Kids Who Care offers professional musical theatre classes, summer musical theatre camps, international cultural exchanges, a touring Resident Company, public performances and more. The Kids Who Care Resident Company has performed Off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre, at both Disney's, at The Kennedy Center, at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, at 30,000 feet aboard an airplane for the Make A Wish Foundation and at many other locations across the U.S. and overseas. The core values of the organization include: excellence in artistic development, artistic integrity of kids, leadership roles for kids, financial and cultural diversity and ensemble production. For more information, please visit www.kidswhocare.org.

About Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation

When a child or teenager has a serious medical condition, everyone in the family is affected. For nearly 25 years, Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation has dedicated itself to helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities. Starlight's programs have been proven to distract children from their pain, help them better manage their illnesses, and connect families facing similar challenges so that no one feels alone. Through a network of more than 30 offices, Starlight provides ongoing support to children, parents, and siblings in all U.S. states and Canadian provinces with an array of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings. Programs are also delivered internationally through affiliates in Australia, Japan and the United Kingdom. To learn more visit www.starlight.org. For more about Starlight's programs and services in Texas, visit www.starlight.org/texas.

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