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## **Phoenix Children's Hospital Patients Receive 'Fun Center' in Honor of Starlight Starbright Global Ambassador, Grammy-nominated Saxophonist Dave Koz**

PHOENIX, Ariz. (June 12, 2007) – Patients at Phoenix Children's Hospital brightened up on Monday thanks to a stellar donation from Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation. The Foundation donated a "fun center," featuring a Nintendo Game Cube, DVD player and flat screen monitor, to patients in honor of Starlight Starbright's Global Ambassador, Grammy-nominated saxophonist Dave Koz.

Koz was recently honored at the Starlight Starbright annual gala for his more than 15 years of dedication to improving the quality of life for seriously ill children. In lieu of gift bags for guests at the gala, Starlight Starbright dedicated a fun center to Phoenix Children's and other hospitals in honor of additional honorees.

"I've gotten so much out of my work with Starlight Starbright. Over the years this organization's motto has been 'brightening the lives of seriously ill children and their families' and that is exactly what they do. But what I never imagined when I first got involved was how much this work and these people would brighten my life," said Koz.

The ease with which fun centers roll right up to the side of young patients' beds or anywhere in a hospital setting makes them perfect for hospitalized children in numerous situations: anticipating surgery, during long outpatient clinic treatments, waiting in the emergency room or fighting loneliness after visiting hours have ended. Fun centers uniquely counter the isolation and fear often experienced by sick children. The fun center is a welcome guest, when other visitors aren't around.

When a child or teenager has a serious medical condition, everyone in the family is affected. For more than two decades, 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 Starbright's programs have been proven to distract children from their pain, help them better understand and manage their illnesses, and connect families facing similar challenges so that no one feels alone. Serving more than 180,000 children each month, Starlight Starbright's array of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings provide ongoing support for children and families — before, during and after medical treatment. To learn more visit [www.starlight.org](http://www.starlight.org).

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest free-standing children's hospitals in the nation. The most comprehensive array of pediatric specialists in the State practice at this one organization. The outstanding clinical expertise, as well as high patient volume, and an unwavering commitment to caring only for children, all contribute to Phoenix Children's leadership position. For information about Phoenix Children's, visit the Hospital's website at [www.phoenixchildrens.com](http://www.phoenixchildrens.com).

**EDITOR'S NOTE: The first picture shows (from left) Phoenix Children's patient Nathan Naftulin helping Dave Koz cut the ribbon on a new fun center. The second picture shows Koz, four-time Grammy-nominated saxophonist, performing for Hospital patients.**