



Over the last 7 years the Quilchena community has supported Starlight Children's Foundation's *December Joy of Sharing*, an event near and dear to Ms. Davis' heart.

A little about the Starlight Children's Foundation:

Starlight Children's Foundation B.C. is a non-profit charitable organization that is committed to brightening the lives of seriously ill children and their families by helping them cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education, family activities, and fundraising efforts. When a child is diagnosed with a serious illness, the day-to-day joys of childhood often take a back seat to the rigors of treatment, hospitalization, and the need to travel great distances for proper treatment.

This year we have once again asked our Starlight families how we could best support them this winter and we were told there is an even stronger need for financial support during the holiday season and into the year to come. Families are struggling with high grocery and gas costs the most this year. The majority of our Starlight families survive on single parent incomes and are stretched incredibly thin at this tough time of year. As a result of this need, we are planning our 12th Joy of Sharing Campaign. Gift cards will be shared with our families to help them find some peace this winter season.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This year will look a little different based on the changing needs of our Starlight families. Quilchena students and staff will be taking part in a **Joy of Sharing Fundraising Campaign** the week of **November 21st to December 1st**.

Donations can be made in the following three ways:

1. Cash donations will be accepted in a container at the school office and **are greatly preferred at this time**. These cash donations will be taken and used right away to make food hampers for Starlight families to be delivered on December 3rd.
2. Gift Cards for Walmart, Superstore, or gas stations. Gift cards can be handed into Ms. Hughes at the office.
3. School Cash Online Donations
 - Online donations take longer to be processed and won't be distributed to families until **January**.
 - Note: If you need a **tax receipt** we ask that you make a donation directly with Starlight at www.starlightjoyofsharing.com, as the school is unable to provide tax receipts for you.

Any donation is extremely helpful and very welcome, and we so greatly appreciate you helping to support such a wonderful and important cause to Ms. Davis!

If you have any further questions, please reach out to Mrs. Kusch or Ms. Davis at the school.

