

Shine bright

How StarShine brings light to families in their time of need.



StarShine Hospice

By supporting the region's only hospice program dedicated exclusively to pediatric care, you're helping families make every moment count. StarShine at Cincinnati Children's was created to help children who are facing debilitating, life-limiting and terminal illnesses—and their families. Together, we can make a difference when it really matters.

By The Numbers

Our Perinatal Program is one of several ways we help families. This program is designed for families who learn during pregnancy that the baby on the way has a terminal health condition. Our experts work closely with the family's doctor to help with pregnancy, delivery and every step after.



After her oldest son passed away, StarShine sent Lisa a voice recording of her son saying, "I love you." Lisa received it just before Mother's Day.

3,871

Miles traveled to provide in-home hospice care to perinatal families this past year.



"Thank you to StarShine for holding our hands through all of this because I don't think we could do it without their help."

-Annie, grateful parent

103

In-home visits to perinatal families for music therapy, bereavement, holistic care and more.



The StarShine team helped AJ's parents paint his footprint on a holiday ornament—a keepsake they'll cherish forever. His parents call the StarShine visits uplifting and much needed.

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Number of perinatal families enrolled in the program this past year.

One Family's Story

Before she was born, Hattie was diagnosed at her anatomy scan with a rare, incurable congenital heart defect.

"My husband and I expressed to our physician we did not want our daughter to have a hard life or suffer and we chose comfort care," says Hattie's mom, Sara. "Our physician then referred us to the Cincinnati Children's StarShine team. I cannot express how much it meant to my husband and I to be able to connect with people who understood exactly what we were going through."

The StarShine team provided resources such as memory making activities, at-home massage, relaxation activities, music therapy and Chaplain services.

"Bringing Hattie home was the most important moment of our lives. We wanted her to pass peacefully in our arms and at home. The StarShine team made that come true," Sara says.

"The StarShine Chaplain said a prayer over Hattie when she started to decline and it brought so much comfort to my heart," Sara remembers.



"Hattie passed after 51 hours of life. She was our little sweetie and we miss her tremendously. I can never thank the StarShine team enough for providing us with the resources to bring her home. I know our Hattie touched the hearts of the StarShine team as they touched ours forever."

No. 1 Children's Hospital In the Country



Cincinnati Children's has been named as No. 1 in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospitals 2023-24 rankings. Hospitals were ranked based on key clinical data such as patient outcomes, diversity training and patient safety. The rankings help identify the highest quality care available for children with the most serious or complicated medical conditions.



"This distinction only confirms what we have always known—that we have outstanding, talented team members who are unmatched in their dedication to ensuring that all children have access to exceptional care," says **Steve Davis, MD, MMM, president and CEO of Cincinnati Children's**. "We're leading the way in helping kids achieve their full potential."