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## **Sydney Airport partners with Starlight this Christmas**

Sydney Airport will partner with the Starlight Children's Foundation to raise money for sick and hospitalised children and their families this Christmas through the Sydney Airport Giving Tree "Wishes" Appeal.

"Starlight plays an important role in the lives of seriously ill children and their families and we selected it because of the difference it makes to the lives of thousands of families around Australia every year," Sydney Airport CEO Kerrie Mather said.

"With close to 700 businesses and organisations forming the Sydney Airport community, we're calling on all our partners to support this important cause."

A 10-metre "Giving Tree" has been erected in the forecourt of Sydney Airport's international terminal where each wish granted this Christmas will be marked with a star on the tree.

Custom-designed \$10 overnight bags will be on sale within the T1 and T2 terminals throughout the Christmas period and \$5 from each sale will be donated to Starlight.

Convenient gift-wrap bars will also be set up in the lead-up to Christmas at T1 and T2, where travellers will be able to get presents wrapped for a gold coin donation.

“Many of our retailers will also be generously supporting the appeal, with collection points at many stores and by selling Starlight merchandise,” Ms Mather said.

“Starlight faces a huge challenge this Christmas to grant 154 wishes and the fantastic support of Sydney Airport and its partners will make a significant difference to many children and their families,” Starlight Children’s Foundation CEO Louise Baxter said.

Sydney Airport charity partners, the Rotary Clubs of Marrickville, Rockdale City and Botany Bay have also kindly pledged to donate all money collected throughout Terminals 1 and 2 over Christmas to the Starlight Giving Tree Appeal.

*Media alert: the Giving Tree Wishes Appeal will be launched in the forecourt of Sydney Airport’s international terminal at 10.30am this morning, featuring the Australian Girls Choir and Captain Starlight.*

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