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In-person Stardust Ball Canceled as Local COVID Numbers Rise
Fairy Godmother Project Fundraising Event Now Virtual

Fredericksburg, VA After consultation with local health leaders and with consideration for Fairy Godmother Project (FGP) families, the FGP board announces that it will be canceling the in-person fundraising event. The Stardust Ball is an annual event held to raise funds for local families facing all phases of pediatric cancer. FGP works to alleviate the day-to-day stress for parents through emotional and financial support allowing caregivers more time to better support their families during these difficult times.

The event is the organization's primary fundraiser, but with COVID cases spiking in the Rappahannock Health District, the decision was made, with an abundance of caution, to not host a large gathering. Instead, the organization will pivot to a virtual format and host a "week of giving" during which community members will be able to bid on a variety of auction items, as well as make contributions to the organization.

"I am greatly saddened that we will not be able to gather together for the 2021 Stardust Ball, but as an organization that serves immunocompromised children and has a mission to promote wellness and public health, we felt this was the correct decision," said Andie McConnell, Executive Director. "The pandemic has added additional stress to the well-being of our families, making our ability to continue supporting them more important than ever."

FGP is so thankful to all the sponsors who have committed their support to the organization, shifting their sponsorships to donations. Even with this generosity, the organization will fall well short of its fundraising goal. In the coming days, ticket holders will be contacted regarding the changes to the event and how they can still support the organization. FGP is hopeful that the trend of giving will continue. Please visit www.fairygodmotherproject.org

to get more information about the "Stardust Week of Giving" and the many opportunities that still remain to support local children and families facing pediatric cancer.