

## Leap Back 2009 - A 20th Anniversary Quantum Leap Convention DVD Now Available Benefiting Starlight Children's Foundation

*Los Angeles, Calif. – Dec. 1, 2009* - For three days in March 2009, about 50 guest stars from the hit TV show *Quantum Leap* and hundreds of fans got together at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Los Angeles to remember and honor the show. The organizers had selected Starlight Children's Foundation as the convention's *charity of choice*, and \$30,000 was generously raised by the attendees by the end of the three days.

Starlight continues to benefit from this relationship through the release of the 4-disc DVD set, *Leap Back 2009 - A 20th Anniversary Quantum Leap Convention*, which is now available for purchase at <u>www.starlight.org/holidaystore</u> or <u>www.starlight.org/onlinestore</u> for a suggested donation of \$30. 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit Starlight and support its programs for seriously ill children and their families.

The four-disc set includes:

- Don Bellisario and Scott Bakula reminiscing about the show and chatting with Dean Stockwell, who called in.
- Deborah Pratt, one of the wonderful writers and creators of the show, talking with fans about the show.
- Velton Ray Bunch and Scott Bakula performing "Somewhere in the Night."
- The *Quantum Leap* Trivia Challenge between Scott Bakula and Jay Schwartz.
- Seven panels featuring the wonderful guest stars who helped make *Quantum Leap* as great as it was.
- A compilation of other highlights from the convention, such as the Friday and Saturday night parties, the Fan Trivia Contest, and the Charity Auction.

The DVD set is the final conclusion of a project that began in 2006, spearheaded by a small group of *Quantum Leap* fans who wanted to commemorate the popular TV show with a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gettogether. Their only requirement was that the convention be organized and run by fans for fans.

More than 50 guests associated with the show, either in front of or behind the camera, were contacted and most of them participated in one of many of the panels and presentations, including Scott Bakula and the show's producer Don Bellisario. Fans were able to mingle and share memories throughout the three days and during the parties that were held on two of the evenings.

When a child or teenager has a serious medical condition, everyone in the family is affected. For 25 years, Starlight Children's Foundation has been dedicated to helping seriously ill children and their families cope with their pain, fear and isolation through entertainment, education and family activities. Starlight'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. Through a network of chapters and offices, Starlight provides ongoing support to children, parents and siblings in all U.S. states and Canadian provinces with an array of outpatient, hospital-based and Web offerings. Programs are also delivered internationally through affiliates in Australia, Japan and the United Kingdom. To learn more visit <u>www.starlight.org</u>.