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Hollywood Comes To The Los Angeles Shriners Hospital

(NAPSA)—Entertainment may be the best medicine. That's the philosophy behind a new initiative that stocked one hospital lounge with the latest movies and video games—all in an effort to make teenage patients feel a little more at home.

The new theater and lounge area is at the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital. It will be continually updated with the latest movies and video games and it will feature special movie nights, when groups of patients will gather to watch the latest films.

"It is hard enough for an adult to be in the hospital, not to mention a child," said Jane Van Stedum, director of program services for Starlight Children's Foundation of Los Angeles. The Foundation joined with Hollywood Video to create the in-hospital theater, called the Hollywood Video Starlight Site™. "Our goal with this room and every future site is to make the hours pass a little faster and to provide patients and their families with a safe and controlled escape from the sometimes frightening hospital environment."

The teen lounge at the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital is the second created by the partnership. Starlight hopes to create customized teen lounges at eight hospitals around the country. Hollywood Video has promised to supply and continually update the



Actress Mena Suvari spent time with Los Angeles Shriners' patients at the opening of the hospital's new teen lounge.

film and video game libraries. Its employees will also host movie nights and video game tournaments in the new lounges.

For more information on Shriners' network of 22 hospitals that provide medical care and services totally free of charge to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries, write to Shriners International Headquarters, Public Relations Dept., 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 or visit the Web site at www.shrinershq.org. Treatment is provided to children under age 18 without regard to race, religion or relationship to a Shriner.

If you know a child that Shriners can help, call 1-800-237-5055 in the United States or 1-800-361-7256 in Canada.