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Aurizon's Community Giving Fund brightens the lives of seriously sick kids

Australia's largest rail freight operator Aurizon is kicking off another round of community grants on 15 September 2014.

The Community Giving Fund program has supported 149 worthy charities across Australia since its inception in 2011.

One of the worthy recipients was the Starlight Children's Foundation who were awarded a grant to support the Starlight Express Room at the Brisbane Mater Children's Hospital.

State Partnerships Manager Tracey Tomlin says Aurizon's Community Giving Fund grant helped brighten the hospital experience for young children and their families.

"The Starlight Express Room costs more than \$411,000 to run per year and the donation from Aurizon Community Giving Fund will help us continue to provide this space for seriously ill children, young people and their families.

"The Starlight Express Room provides a medical free haven where the families can escape the pain, fear, loneliness and boredom of hospital life and replace it with fun and laughter. A place where anything can happen and the children can forget about being sick."

Aurizon Managing Director and CEO Lance Hockridge is calling on the community to encourage local charities to apply.

"The Community Giving Fund can genuinely make a world of difference to those in need.

"We are calling on all charities and not for profit organisations who have projects based on environment, community safety, education or health and wellbeing to apply for a grant of up to \$20,000."

"Apply and let us help you to help those who need it."

The Community Giving Fund opens on 15 September 2014 and closes at 5pm AEDST 24 October 2014.

To apply visit www.aurizon.com.au/community.

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