



## Stuart's wish to meet Iron Man comes true!

Seven-year-old Stuart Campion from Burgess Hill recently had his dearest wish to meet the star of the hit Iron Man films, Robert Downey Jr, granted by Starlight Children's Foundation, the UK's leading wish granting charity for children with serious and terminal illnesses.

When Stuart was born, he was diagnosed with Pierre Robin sequence, which means that he has a smaller-than-normal lower jaw, a tongue that falls back in his throat, and difficulty breathing. He also suffers from Moebius syndrome, which is a rare neurological condition that primarily affects the muscles that control facial expression and eye movement. Despite the many difficulties he faces, Stuart remains a very happy character, who is endlessly brave and never lets his condition get him down.

Stuart is absolutely mad about superheroes! He adores Batman, Superman, Hulk and Captain America but his favourite is Iron Man! Iron Man is a Marvel superhero and is one of the Avengers team. Iron Man and Iron Man 2, which star Robert Downey Jr as Tony Stark, who is Iron Man, are two of Stuart's favourite films and he has always dreamt of meeting Robert Downey Jr, the real Iron Man!

Having been referred to Starlight for a wish by one of the medical staff who treat him, Stuart was asked by the charity to decide what his dearest wish would be. For this superhero aficionado, there were lots of exciting things he could have done but he decided that the wish he would love the most would be to meet his Iron Man hero, Robert Downey Jr.

Stuart's dad Paul told Starlight, *"Stuart is a hero in his own right. His strength and determination have pulled him through all of his problems so for us to see him meet one of his heroes would be amazing. It would be a just reward for a very brave little boy."*

For Stuart's wish, Starlight arranged for him to attend the UK premiere of Iron Man 3, which was held at Odeon Leicester Square, with his parents, Paul and Jacqui, his brother, Alex, and his sister, Jessica. Not only did Stuart and his family walk the red carpet with the stars but they also had a very special meeting with Iron Man himself!

Stuart could not believe his luck when he was introduced to his hero, Robert Downey Jr! Robert was really friendly and couldn't have been more attentive to Stuart and his family. At one point, he even picked Stuart up to show him the amazing Audi R8 e-tron, which Robert Downey Jr drives in the film, and let him sit behind the wheel!

After his meeting with Robert, Stuart was taken inside to see an electronic figure of Iron Man, which was really cool! He and his family then took their seats for the film, which they thought was absolutely incredible! Stuart was so excited and, having met Iron Man himself just moments before, it was a dream come true to watch the film with all the stars!

Afterwards, Stuart's dad Paul said, *"We can't thank you enough, you helped make Stuart's life, not just his day."*

## Information

To refer a child for a wish or to make a donation, please go online at [www.starlight.org.uk](http://www.starlight.org.uk). For every £1 you donate, 93p goes towards helping Starlight's very ill children.

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