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Starlight shining bright

Destination Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary was the order of the day on Saturday, October 5th as children and their families from the Starlight Children's Foundation made their way to Willowmavin's unique haven for rescued farmed animals. Chilly conditions and light rain proved no obstacle for the intrepid little folk as they relished in rubbing the eponymous Edgar Alan Pig's tummy.

"Wow this pig is cool" squealed one happy youngster with delight. While it was tough to pin them down as to which activity was their highlight, right up at the top of the list was feeding the animals wheetbix and charging through the magical maze.

"It gave me immense pride to see the smiles on the faces of the children today" said the sanctuary founder Pam Ahern. "To know that we are able to brighten the lives of not just our rescued animal residents but people as well is indeed a humbling experience"

"I think the most touching moment, and one I will long remember was at the end of the day when each child came and most sincerely thanked me for allowing them to meet my animals. And it took all my strength not to weep as the thanks that came from their parents really conveyed just what a difference I had made in their life"

Since being formed as an Australian children's charity in 1988, Starlight has brightened the lives of seriously ill and hospitalised children, and their families, throughout Australia. More recently founded in 2005, Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary has dedicated itself to the rescue and protection of farmed animals while at the same time their special message of kindness touches the lives of all species. It would seem that both Edgar's Mission and Starlight Children's Foundation Australia have much in common, both shining as beacons of hope.

Useful website: www.edgarsmission.org.au

Photos attached for media use, large file photos and names available upon request.

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“If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?”