

Valtteri Bottas Duathlon in aid of Starlight UK

The Valtteri Bottas Duathlon powered by Tunturi will be held on 20 August 2017 in Valtteri Bottas' home region of Nastola, Finland.

Valtteri has chosen to support UK charity Starlight Children's Foundation. Valtteri has been involved with Starlight's work for many years and helped grant the F1 wishes of seriously ill children.

Starlight's mission is to brighten the lives of seriously and terminally ill children and their families, helping them smile again whatever the future may hold.

Starlight's Wish Granting and Hospital Entertainment programmes aim to distract children and their families from the pain, fear and isolation they often feel because of their illness by creating positive experiences and lasting, happy memories.

Starlight Wishes-of-a-Lifetime empower a child by giving them the opportunity to make a wonderful choice at a time when most decisions are made for them. From meeting the His Holiness Pope Francis, President Obama or meeting your favourite Formula One driver to being a zookeeper or magic fairy for the day, Starlight makes it happen.

Starlight also works with over 300 children's hospital wards and hospices in the UK bringing some much needed fun and laughter to improve the experience and well-being of hospitalised children and their families.

Each year, Starlight helps over 500,000 sick children.
www.starlight.org.uk

"Valtteri has always been incredibly supportive of Starlight; he takes time out during race preparations at the Monaco Grand Prix and other Grand Prixes to meet our Starlight Wish children and joins us at fundraising events. We are absolutely delighted that Valtteri has chosen to support Starlight further with the Valtteri Bottas Duathlon and very much look forward to working with him on this," Neil Swan, Chief Executive of Starlight.

"Starlight Children's Foundation is doing fantastic work making the dreams of seriously ill children come true and it's great to support Starlight with the Valtteri Bottas Duathlon. It's always heart-warming to meet the Starlight children on the Wish Trip to the Monaco Grand Prix and see how excited they are about the race. I am privileged to be involved in this work", says Valtteri Bottas.

Children come to visit Lapland

Christmas is one of the most wonderful times of year for children. Every year Starlight sends a group of children who have wished to meet the real Father Christmas to Finnish Lapland for a magical four-day trip. This year, Valtteri Bottas hopes to make the trip extra special by joining the children on the trip in December.

Valtteri Bottas Duathlon

The Valtteri Bottas Duathlon powered by Tunturi will be held on 20 August 2017 in Valtteri's home region of Nastola, Finland. The Duathlon will take place on the tracks of Olympic Training Center Pajulahti in cross-country running and cross-country biking.

“I’d been thinking of my own sporting event for a couple of years now. My own lifestyle is sporty, and I’m a big sports fan. I chose a cross-country duathlon and I absolutely wanted it to be held in my home region of Nastola. The goal is to make this an annual event,” says Valtteri Bottas.

Family Duathlon: 1.5 km run + 5 km MTB + 1.5 km run.

Duathlon, men and women: 5 km/20 km/3 km.

For more information about the event, visit www.valtteribottasduathlon.com/en/info-and-schedule

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Valtteri Bottas meets Starlight Wish children Cassie, Jack and Oliver at the Mercedes Garage at the Monaco Grand Prix 2017. Photo: Starlight Children’s Foundation.