

Queen Latifah visits pediatric cancer patients

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Queen Latifah was a stunner in a black one-shoulder gown at the Golden Globe Awards. / Getty Images ~

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Queen Latifah prompted some “Joyful Noise” among young cancer patients and their families when she visited with them at the Ashley Lauren Foundation’s holiday party in Colts Neck.

Queen Latifah, who lives in Colts Neck, stopped by the party at the Colts Neck Inn on Dec. 15. She chatted with children and parents, posed for pictures and brought a pile of autographed photos.

Her new movie, “[Joyful Noise](#),” opened Jan. 13. The musical stars Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton as the bickering leaders of a choir about to enter an important competition.

The Ashley Lauren Foundation, founded by Monica Vermeulen in honor of her daughter, who survived Wilms’ Tumor as a child, provides financial assistance and social activities for families dealing with pediatric cancer.

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