

# Children's Fresh Air Home

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And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people, Unto you is born this day a Savior which is Christ the Lord.'

Luke 2:10-11

## Happy Holidays!

As we look towards the new year we remember all of the wonderful people who worked so hard to begin the process of "preserving the exterior and rebuilding the interior" of the much loved Children's Fresh Air Home as well as those who faithfully support the organization with donations.

Since the Century Campaign started in 2004 you have helped to raise nearly \$400,000 which has been used to begin the process of renovations. We are very thankful that these contributions laid the foundation for us to launch our journey.

A well-laid foundation, however, is just the first step needed to bring the Children's Fresh Air Home successfully into the future! Now we need to move on to rebuilding the Home.

Whether or not you have personally experienced the Children's Fresh Air Home we know you understand the organization has enriched the lives of so many children. The work that the CFAH does is possible because of the generous support of people in our communities. Without your support, we wouldn't have been able to help over 20,000 children in our 115 year history.

Our task now is to raise the additional \$1,000,000 that is needed to complete the renovations. It will not be easy, but we will succeed in this campaign only if people from throughout the area continue to invest their time, effort and financial resources in its success.

Our mission of providing an enriching summer experience at the Jersey Shore in a safe, positive environment for children in need in our community is an important one. It is incredibly rewarding to see people respond to this effort, and it is truly a joy to talk to people in the community, answer their questions, and seek their support.

The heritage of the Children's Fresh Air Home is firmly rooted in faith. Indeed, the future of our mission is also grounded in faith. Faith that will sustain the organization's mission, faith that has permeated the lives of the children that we have served, and faith that will allow us to "preserve the exterior and rebuild the interior" for future generations of children to continue to experience this much needed service..... We can reach thousands more children!

Celebrate the holiday season by giving hope to a child. All donations are needed and appreciated, regardless of size. Please think about how important the work of the CFAH really is, and consider the positive impact a renovated facility will have on children in your community who struggle with adversity in their lives.

We are counting on your support, as are the children who depend on our continued efforts. Please return your annual campaign donation or pledge form in the enclosed envelope or visit [www.freshairhome.org](http://www.freshairhome.org) to make a donation online. Don't let this season of joy and giving pass without remembering the mission of the Children's Fresh Air Home. **Your gift will change lives.**



## DID YOU KNOW....

***CFAH is on Facebook!***

Become a fan of the Children's Fresh Air Home and stay updated on all of our news, events and happenings!

***You can make a donation online!***

Visit our web site and click on "Donate Now"

Contact your local **TD Bank** to learn about the **Affinity Program** and how TD Bank will help you to help the Children's Fresh Air Home!

## Children's Fresh Air Home Honors Campaign Partners

Supporters and friends of the Children's Fresh Air Home turned out in droves for the annual Century Celebration dinner on October 20th to cheer on the CFAH's progress and learn what still must be done to rebuild the Home.

"We're not where we're going yet," Executive Director Angel Daniels reminded the crowd. "But we're not where we were."

Thanking the scores of people who are committed to helping the CFAH is at the center of the Century Celebration. This year, we had no shortage of people to recognize, starting with William Kelly.

Billy, as he's known, is the perfect example of children helping children – although Billy is not so much a child anymore. A senior Saint Augustine Prep School student, Billy's volunteerism for the CFAH includes building and installing a new front sign, maintaining the landscaping and raising more than \$8,000 with his Boy Scout troop.

The organization also recognized Andrew Bulakowski and Ike Gandy representing the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters. The Carpenters Union volunteered 838 hours of labor to help prepare the Home for the first phase of construction, while saving the CFAH \$50,000.

The Century Celebration also is about reconnecting with the Home's past as we prepare for its future. To that end, Chris Heintz, a former guest of the Home in the 1970's, shared his recollections. Heintz came from a family of five children with a single mother who struggled to make ends meet. And the lessons from his visits to the Home nearly 40 years ago remain with him, "I can say that the Fresh Air Home taught me to be a friend and to reach out and help however I can," Heintz added.

No Century Celebration would be complete without entertainment, once again, we welcomed the Harmony Show Choir from Mainstage for the Performing Arts. The choir entertained guests with a rocking medley that had people singing along.

The CFAH Board of Directors sincerely thanks the hundreds of people, community groups and local businesses who supported the Century Celebration. The dinner is a testament to the faith we all have that the Home will reopen soon to a new generation of children.

*Did you miss this year's Century Celebration? Don't miss out on the fun next year! Look for information early next fall on our annual dinner.*



Andrew Bulakowski and Ike Gandy of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters.



WCMVFC- Boy Scout Troop 73

### Friends Helping Friends -

West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company Boy Scout Troop 73 recently held a fundraiser to benefit the Children's Fresh Air Home.

Billy Kelly introduced his fellow Troop 73 members to the Home, and the Scouts decided they wanted to make a difference. Troop 73 wanted to do something. Each year, Bill Kelly, Sr., and his partner, Bob Davis, allow the Troop to use their lot to park cars during the Irish Festival in North Wildwood. They only ask that the Troop share the proceeds with a deserving organization.

Understanding the mission of the Children's Fresh Air Home, the Troop wanted to help other kids – friends helping friends. Their hard work and generosity paid off, as Troop 73 presented a much-appreciated check for \$1,736 to CFAH!

### Children Helping Children In Our Community!

Brinnlyn and Corine McDowell of North Wildwood ran a booth in support of the Children's Fresh Air Home at the North Wildwood Flea market selling bottled water. The girls ages 7 and 9 raised \$254 for the CFAH! THANK YOU TO THE GIRLS AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MAUREEN THALL WHO RUNS THE FLEA MARKET!

MORE Children helping children! A group of children who have vacation homes here in North Wildwood have made a donation to the Children's Fresh Air Home. The children, ranging in age from 7 to 10, decided to put on a little show for anyone who wanted to make a donation and they raised \$100.97!



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