

Children's Fresh Air Home

Rebuilding Our Home. Restoring Our Mission.

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Holiday Newsletter 2015

Another 300 Children Touched by the Sea ... With the Thanksgiving and Christmas season upon us, the Board of Trustees of The Children's Fresh Air Home would like to wish you and your families a joyous season. Our organization is truly thankful for the many volunteers, donors and businesses who support The Children's Fresh Air Home.

This past summer, the Children's Fresh Air Home served 300 children from across the South Jersey, Philadelphia area, who were "Touched by the Sea", for a fun day at the Beach and boardwalk in North Wildwood in our "If Just For A Day" program. A great time was had by all. You will hear more about the organizations and the children we serve as you read through our newsletter. Our involvement with these organizations allows us to identify the most deserving children. For this we are truly grateful.

Our renovation efforts are in full swing! This summer has seen the beginning of construction with the raising of the house off of its original foundation. During Phase I, we have built a new foundation where the 90 plus year old home will rest. With the completion of this new foundation, we have set our sights on the next phase. In Phase II we will work on securing the outside of the home with new siding, new windows, new roofing and a new wraparound porch. The wraparound porch has been a focal point of the home since its original construction in 1923 and will continue to be the focal point and resting place for all of our weary children after a long summer day on the beach.

We have a firm belief that "Patient Endurance attains all things". We are confident and humble in our abilities to complete this project.

Will you continue to help us? With your continued financial support, you can help rebuild The Children's Fresh Air Home. With your support, you will give thousands more children, for many years to come, an opportunity to be "Touched by The Sea".

John Stefankiewicz
Board President



Ride to Rebuild 2015.... The 2015 Children's Fresh Air Home Ride to Rebuild Sponsored by St. John's MRC once again roared into action this past October. The CFAH is lucky to have such great friends to help organize this event ...Adelphia's Restaurant helped us kick off the day with refreshments and a meeting place for over 100 motorcyclists. The famous Barbacoa of Ardmore PA -who donated all of the food and service cooking up a delicious BBQ lunch for everyone who joined in on the fun, Westy's Bar and grill providing one of the best venues and hospitality you can find anywhere, A very special thanks to the St. John's Masonic riding club who we could not do this without! A big thank you to our friends in Law enforcement and Fire Departments who helped our brigade of bikes make it safely down to the home and over to Westy's for the festivities.

Over 140 people in total came out to support this unique motorcycle charity ride. This year was once again a fun filled day with great weather and a wonderful showing of support to help restore and rebuild the grand home for kids by the sea. The event raised almost \$10K to directly impact finishing phase one of the rebuild.

We hope you have been following us on facebook and seeing the progress that fundraisers like this one are making. Join us next year!

Ask us about sponsorship's and how you can volunteer and help get involved!

Carlo Chinosi



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If Just For A Day and our partner organizations...

This past summer The Children's Fresh Air Home continued our mission to serve children with our If Just For A Day Program (IJFAD), in which groups of children had an opportunity to come to North Wildwood for a Day of fun in the sun and sand followed by a barbeque lunch. We have been partnering with community groups in the South Jersey and Philadelphia areas who also provide services to children and who identify and invite the groups of children who attend the IJFAD events.

Oaks Integrated Care is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for vulnerable children and families throughout New Jersey. Caitlin Summers of Oaks shared her thoughts about the program, "Amazing...moving...and emotional are just a few words to describe the experience of "If Just For a Day Program" at Morey's Piers this summer. In July I was lucky enough to take two young boys who have been in foster care a majority of their short lives on this magical trip. As soon as we hit the boardwalk, their faces lit up with smiles from ear to ear, bringing a tear to my eye. Without this program, they would never be able to experience the magic of Wildwood and the Jersey Shore. When asked what their favorite part of the day was, one of the boys replied "The train was fun but going on the big boy slides was more fun"! Within 5 minutes on the parkway the boys were fast asleep and I reflected on the magic of the If Just for a Day Program! A huge thank you to the CFAH Group for making this possible!

Our original IJFAD event was held a few years ago in partnership with the **Gloucester Township Rotary**. Rotary is an international service organization, which engages in multiple types of service projects throughout their community and throughout the world. Rotary's central international mission is the worldwide eradication of polio. The Gloucester Township Rotary is a very active group which undertakes many local service projects each year.

The **Caring People Alliance** a group that has been partnering with the Children's Fresh Air Home in recent years to provide a day at the beach to children who might not otherwise have this opportunity. Caring People Alliance has been serving youth in Philadelphia for over 75 years with a mission to "empower Philadelphia children and youth to become positive citizens, decision-makers and leaders by providing them, their families, and their elders with high quality, community-based programs and services that promote character building, educational achievement, healthy lifestyles and teamwork."

The **Fellowship House of Camden**, a youth centered organization with a mission to provide spiritual, academic, social, and recreational enrichment to the children of Camden. Fellowship House's programming includes providing a safe and nurturing environment for children to spend time after school to complete homework and play under the guidance of committed staff and volunteers. Each summer Fellowship House hosts a six-week day camp and recently as part of this program, children from Fellowship House have been invited to participate in the IJFAD program.

We are looking forward to building and strengthening relationships with other organizations who value the opportunity to serve young people as much as we do, which will soon include inviting these groups to spend time in a newly renovated Home!

Erica Burgoon & Caitlin Summers

A message from the past found inside the original corner stone...



We are truly blessed that our founders had the forethought to insert a time capsule into the walls of the CFAH so that we can be motivated by their passion and enthusiasm!



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