

Rebuilding Our Home.
Restoring Our Mission.

Holiday Newsletter 2018

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Children's Fresh Air Home
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Merry Christmas

We are truly thankful for so many things in our 122nd year of serving children at the Jersey Shore!

The summer of 2018 saw the Children's Fresh Air Home continue its summer mission of "If Just for a Day", serving just over 200 children at the shore for a day of fun. Our kids enjoyed their visit and tour of the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse in North Wildwood. The day is always filled with a trip to the beach and/or boardwalk with a "FUN" barbecue back on the grounds of the Lighthouse, before a departure home with a gift of salt water taffy for the kids.

Our ongoing fundraising efforts continued in 2018 as we worked towards creating awareness in the community and raising funds. As you may know, our goal was to raise matching funds of \$300,000 to help us apply for a state matching grant opportunity of \$300,000. We had many of our donors demonstrate a willingness to help us. A North Wildwood resident assisted us in being the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from Uber, the car ride company. Also other local companies assisted with smaller grants of their own towards our cause. I am pleased to report that our years of fundraising and your support allowed us to raise just under \$300,000. While all of these funds are earmarked for our reconstruction, we did find out that a strict state stipulation to qualify for the state grant was that we needed matching funds off of prevailing wage rates to complete the project. This increased cost estimates for the project by 40%, putting the grant out of reach at this time. While we are disappointed about the outcome at this time with this grant, we are still determined to move forward with all the funds we have to complete phase II and even phase III of the project.

We have engaged an architect to complete permittable plans. By the spring of 2019, we anticipate completing the full exterior of the property which includes new windows, siding, doors, roofing and rear and front porches. We then will move to completing the gutted interior with only finishing the ground and second floors to minimize costs at this time.

In addition, part of our strategy was to subdivide and sell a 40 x 100 rear yard lot on the property. This sale consummated on October of 2018 and yielded CFAH a considerable amount of cash to invest in the rebuild. All of this exciting news and keeps us focused on completing the project.

Please continue to help our fundraising efforts by donating today thru our website www.freshairhome.org or by mail and help us to meet our completion target date of Summer 2020.

Best Regards and Thank You,
John Stefankiewicz
CFAH Board President



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On Behalf of The Children's Fresh Air Home Board
of Directors and all of the children we serve -
Wishing you and your family a happy, and healthy,
holiday season.



Ride to Rebuild 2018...

Our 7th annual Ride to Rebuild Fundraising event in late September 2018, was another huge success. A total of about 125 riders participated in the Ride. Our main sponsor, St. John's MRC organized the event and helped to make the day a huge success. Many thanks to the band Breck for their second year appearance at the event. Raffle items, silent auction and a grand prize drawing of a weekend stay in Cape May for Christmas and gift certificates to 5 Cape May county restaurants was part of the Grand Prize. Thank you to all the volunteers and once again new owners of the former Westy's Irish Pub, Inlet on Olde for hosting. Also to the North Wildwood Fire Department for bringing the ladder truck to our event. And, as always, a very special "thank you" to the North Wildwood Police Department for their assistance!



SUP of Cape May

2nd Annual Fundraising Paddleboard Race 2018

Our second annual SUP Cape May Paddleboard race was a big success in 2018. SUP (stand-up paddle board) of Cape May organized our second annual City Meets the Shore Stand up Paddleboard Race to benefit CFAH. On a beautiful late September morning approximately twenty five riders participated in the race in and around Cape May Harbour.



After the race a fundraising event took place at the Harbor View Restaurant along the Ocean Drive to help create awareness and raise money for CFAH! Once again a major shout out to SUP Cape May (Mill Creek Marina Ocean Drive CM NJ.) for thinking of us at CFAH and for another successful event.



The 3rd Annual Carney's St. Paddy's Polar Plunge, 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk on **Saturday, March 16th, 2019**. This year's event will benefit the Children's Fresh Air Home!

Additional race information can be found at <https://www.carneysnj.com/register/>.



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LEMON-AID STAND

This summer the Children's Fresh Air Home Summer Program received a special financial donation from a young nine-year-old boy who wanted to do something for a youth mission. John Michael DeLaurentis decided he would have a "Lemon-Aid" stand and donate his proceeds to a charity. Fortunately for us, he chose the Children's Fresh Air Home Summer Program.



So how did this all start? John Michael and his family summer in North Wildwood each year, residing on 10th Street. His aunt, Susan Fulginiti Schmidt, wrote a letter to the news describing the "Home" and reminiscing its history, what it meant to young children from the city, and the hard times the Home was facing. Then one day she saw a group of children on the beach with counselors wearing t-shirts that said: "If For Just a Day." Wow, the Home is back in business! Susan shared this with her family, and from there Patricia Scarcelli stopped by at the Hereford Lighthouse and found the program alive and still providing children an opportunity to spend a day at the beach. Naturally, Pat was hooked and stayed to help out. The next day Pat returned with her young nephew, John Michael, who had decided to dedicate his Lemon-Aid stand proceeds for the Children's Fresh Air Home.

Speaking of "lemons," Pat has a special lemon tree at her home in Napa. Pat grows organic Meyer lemons; ships boxes of lemons to her Pennsylvania family; who in turn start producing the lemon juice and getting ready for the summer.

Well, these special lemons produce super lemonade! People kept coming back for seconds. Young John Michael was so successful he told me he would have three Lemon-Aid stands next summer. Look for his stand on 10th Street in North Wildwood. My wife, Edith, and I were present at their North Wildwood home to have a glass of lemonade and to receive a \$300 check for our mission. How good is that?



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Co-Director of the IFJAD Summer Program

