

Happy Holidays!



Children's Fresh Air Home

— ESTABLISHED 1896 —

Holiday Newsletter 2020

Rebuilding Our Home.

Restoring Our Mission.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

As we bring a challenging 2020 to a close, we reflect on our mission and on our efforts to rebuild our home. While remaining optimistic, the current pandemic has taken a toll on our ability to serve our kids and conduct our summer "If Just for a Day" program in 2020. Due to health and safety concerns of our kids and our many caring volunteers, we had to pause on our programming. This was a very difficult decision, but we had to err on the side of caution. We have stayed in touch with many of our social service groups whose kids we serve throughout the year and we all hold high hopes for a brighter future when we resume our summer program in North Wildwood. Throughout all of this, we have remained relatively stable financially. As income decreased, so did our overall expenses allowing us to still be in a position to fully fund and complete our Phase II exterior construction.

Planning is underway on the best ways to safely resume a summer day program at the shore in 2021, and even an attempt to be back on the grounds of the home for our big summer barbecues.

Please join us with your prayers of hope for an end to this pandemic. And, for a successful vaccine which we all believe will lead us on a road to recovery.

We have big plans in 2021 for a final fundraising initiative to finish the home. Our "Help Us Cut the Ribbon" campaign is designed to fully fund and complete the interior of the home, the final phase.

Your continued support is truly encouraged and needed at this time, where we clearly see a light at the end of the tunnel. Please support our year end fundraising and help us launch our "Help Us Cut the Ribbon" campaign for 2021, our 125th Year.

To date we have raised over \$500,000 for our reconstruction. Our final push to raise an additional \$250,000 will help us complete the home.

May you be blessed with true happiness and peace in 2021.

John Stefankiewicz

CFAH President

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Help Us Cut the Ribbon!

After many years and embarking on a very challenging reconstruction project, we are pleased to announce we are completing the final pieces of our Phase II exterior construction. We will be starting our final Phase III interior re-construction in 2021, our 125th Year.

To help kick off our final phase, we are embarking on our very exciting "Help Us Cut the Ribbon" Capital Campaign in 2021. This campaign is designed to raise funds, create interior naming rights and complete our total reconstruction project. We will be installing heat and air conditioning, a new fire sprinkler system donated by Dean Scarpa of Alpha Sprinkler, insulation and drywall, new kitchen and dining area, showers and baths as well as counselor bedrooms and children bedrooms.

We are truly excited to be at this point and are strongly asking for your help and support to "Help Us Cut the Ribbon." We would not have been able to do any of our work without the support and love from our donors over the years. Would you please consider making a donation to our efforts? Also consider naming rights to one of our children's bedrooms, our kitchen or dining facility. Please contact John Stefankiewicz for more information.

Be part of our ribbon cutting and project completion efforts and help us reopen the doors of this special Children's Home at the shore.



DONATE TODAY!

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A time to honor one of our longtime past Presidents and supporters:

Milton H. McFalls, II

Milt and his wife Edith have been involved with the operations of the Children's Fresh Air Home (Home) since 1972. In addition, they recruited their two sons, Tim and Jim, and his father-in-law, George Murphy to help out over the years,

Milt was asked to join the Board in 1972 and was elected Secretary. One of the younger board members at the time, he became head of the Property Committee. He had the privilege of serving with Miss Myra Loring (Superintendent) until her death in 1988. Milt served as its President between 1991 and 2012. More recent activities involved running our summer program, "If Just For A Day," being a committed member of the Construction Committee, and serving as the Home's Historian.

During his 48 years of service, he met many wonderful volunteers and local business leaders. To this day Milt still enjoys the brotherhood he nurtured with Bradshaw and Sons Plumbing; Coastal Landscaping; Tony Cavalier, Captain of the North Wildwood Beach Patrol; and Steve Murray, formerly of the Historic Hereford Inlet Lighthouse.

Milt continues to volunteer and mentor the current Board and volunteers, and is a selfless advocate for the Home. Milt would not have been able to provide his services and support without the backing of his family and friends.

Words cannot express the gratitude of the Board of Directors, volunteers and community for the years of love and support provided by "Mr. Milt" McFalls II.

Please join us in celebrating and recognizing Mr. Milton H. McFalls and his wife Edith and their family as we embark on our 125th Year (1896-2021).



Construction Updates!



New exterior siding!



New windows, decking and roofing



Interior concrete pour



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If your contact information has changed, don't forget to let us know!



We can't wait to see you again!