

Happy Holidays!



Holiday Newsletter 2019

Rebuilding Our Home.
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Perseverance has taken us to the brink of re-opening our doors!

Our project is nearing the final stage of renovation!

The summer of 2019 was our 123rd consecutive year of creating memories and putting smiles on the faces of kids at the Jersey Shore! Our "If Just For a Day" summer program served just over 250 children at the shore for a day of fun. Our kids enjoyed their visit and tour of the Hereford Inlet lighthouse in North Wildwood. Highlights of the visit are fun on the beach and a visit to the boardwalk, with a barbecue back at the lighthouse.



We are pleased to announce that we will be completing Phase II of our three-phase reconstruction of the home in 2019. R. Campbell Construction from Medford Lakes, NJ, has been engaged to lead our Phase II construction efforts. We have been working with Bunn Architecture and PMH Engineering Associates (both of Moorestown, NJ) to prepare all our reconstruction plans. New windows, roofing, doors, siding and decking/porches are being installed along with new entrance stairways and landscaping. This phase will be completed by the end of 2019. To date we have raised just over \$600,000 for our renovation. Our work could not have come this far without the ongoing support of caring donors like you.

As we prepare for our final construction stage, we are launching our very special "Help Us Cut the Ribbon" campaign. We are still in need of an additional \$250,000 to complete the interior first two floors of the home so we can begin to operate our day trips and our full overnight programs. This interior work includes the cost of heating and air conditioning as we will be a multi seasonal facility. With the exterior



completed, we will be looking at a soft opening in the summer of 2020 where we can expect to host children on the backyard grounds of the property as part of the summer "If Just For a Day" program. A full "Cut the Ribbon" official grand opening is planned for the summer of 2021 to celebrate our 125TH anniversary year. This is a very exciting time for us at CFAH and our supporters!

We have come so far, and we are grateful for your ongoing continued financial support. Please consider a donation to our "Help Us Cut the Ribbon Campaign," celebrating 125 years of The Children's Fresh Air Home in North Wildwood, New Jersey.

Best Regards and Thank You!

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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.



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Ride to Rebuild 2019...

Our 7th annual **Ride to Rebuild** Fundraising event was one of our best yet! With about 100 bike riders and some hot rods joining in the run, Adelphia Restaurant in Deptford, NJ, was once more a prime location for our "Ride to Rebuild" launch.



St. John's MRC again organized this year's event and helped to make the day a huge success. Raffle items, a silent auction, and a grand prize drawing of a used Harley Davidson Roadster set the tone for a great day. Our ride left from Deptford, traveled down to North Wildwood, then past the home for our annual flag ceremony. This year, the final destination and fundraiser was at a different venue for us and was held at the beautiful ICONA Resort in Diamond Beach, NJ. Thank you to all the volunteers and to our new friends at ICONA Resort. We also truly appreciate the services of the Angelsea Fire Department and North Wildwood Fire and Police Departments for escorting our riders through town. The Harley grand prize was won by one of our very own board members, who has donated the bike back to The Children's Fresh Air Home. A great time was had by all.

SUP of Cape May - Fundraising Paddleboard Race 2019

Our 3rd annual **Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) of Cape May Paddleboard Race** kicked off on the last Saturday in September on a beautiful sunny late summer day. The City Meets the Beach Race and Fundraiser to benefit CFAH was a huge success, with just over 20 riders participating in the event. A fundraising event was held afterwards at the Harbor View Restaurant. A HUGE shout out to our friends, Beth and



Robin, of SUP Cape May for helping to organize and run the event. Also, the Harbor View and to all the sponsors of the auction items that day. We look forward to ongoing support from our friends at SUP Cape May Paddleboard.

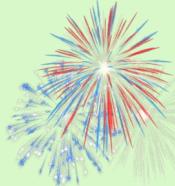
Lemon-Aid Stand

Once again this year, the Children's Fresh Air Home Summer Program received a special ongoing financial donation from a young nine-year-old boy who wanted to do something for our youth mission. John Michael DeLaurentiis decided he would have a "**Lemon-Aid**" stand and donate his proceeds to charity. Fortunately for us, he chose the Children's Fresh Air Home Summer Program. Thank you again for your sincere generosity and dedication to helping children less fortunate.



The Club at Diamond Beach Fundraiser Event

This past Fourth of July 2019 our new friends at **The Club at Diamond Beach** hosted a festive July 4th celebration at their facility on the beach in Diamond Beach, NJ. All the proceeds from this beach event, which included a phenomenal beach fireworks display, benefitted The Children's Fresh Air Home. With a packed house, a band and a spectacular firework show, a great time was had by all in this summer fundraising event.



If Just For A Day.... Did You Know???

Ever since the home closed for major renovations and fundraising, the mission of the Children's Fresh Air Home has continued by serving children from various backgrounds each summer with our "**If Just For a Day**" program. The children come for the day to spend time on the beach and visit the boardwalk before heading to the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse. The Lighthouse, which opened in 1874, remains a functioning and cherished landmark where our kids can experience an educational and historic tour before finishing their day trip with a hearty barbecue.



Some of the organizations we partner with to serve the area youth with this program include the Gloucester Township-Pine Hill Rotary Club (Camden County, NJ), the West Philadelphia Caring People Alliance, the Gesu School (North Philadelphia), and the children from Oaks Integrated Care (in southern New Jersey).

We have many volunteers who assist in our day program, including many local area neighbors from North Wildwood, and a special group from Cape Island Campground in Lower Township, NJ. Volunteers from some of the local churches have also donated their time and effort to the program. Additional support comes from local vendors including Key West Cafe (Wildwood), Westside Meats (Rio Grande, NJ) and the local area ACME and ShopRite stores.

The City of North Wildwood has been supporting the Children's Fresh Air Home since 1923, when the Home at 11th Street and Surf Ave. was constructed. We are grateful for the continuing support from the current North Wildwood mayor, Patrick Rosenello, and the North Wildwood Police and Public Works Departments. A painting of The Children's Fresh Air Home Building has been on display in the North Wildwood City Hall Lobby entrance for many years.

Since closing for renovations in 2007, we have served just over 3,000 children during the summer months.... If Just For a Day!!

Will you please continue to support our mission and our "Help Us Cut the Ribbon" fundraising campaign?



Video Update!

Did you see this awesome drone-shot video update, posted by Joey Contino, on the Wildwood Video Archive's YouTube channel?

Thanks
for your
support!