



**Children's Fresh Air Home**

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# Holiday Newsletter - 2023

Rebuilding Our Home,  
Restoring Our Mission.

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**The Children's Fresh Air Home Celebrating 100 Years at 11th and Surf Avenues.**

The original home...



Today's vision...realized!



This year marked the 100th anniversary of the building now known as the Children's Fresh Air Home (CFAH) in North Wildwood, NJ. Our founder, Miss L. Ida Dukes began our mission in 1896, but it wasn't until 1923 when the home at 11th and Surf Avenues officially opened its doors. With the help of generous donors, we've been hard at work on restoring the property. The exterior was completed earlier this summer and we were able to celebrate our 100-year anniversary with a picnic and open house on Sunday, June 25, 2023. We were pleased to have Myra Coffin, great granddaughter of our founder, also in attendance that day.



At our event, we were grateful to host neighbors and friends, such as Mayor Patrick Rosenello from the City of North Wildwood and Cape May County Commissioner Will Morey of Morey's Piers & Beachfront Waterparks. This year, we received the honor of being recognized by Preserving the Wildwoods: A Community Alliance, for this year's Preservation Award.

A big thank you to all of our donors and supporters over the years. We could not have reached this point without your unwavering support! Our vision is within reach!



**Donations can be mailed to:**  
**Children's Fresh Air Home**  
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*Thanks for your support!*

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## Summer 2023

We welcomed a total of eight groups of children back to the grounds of the home for fun-filled day trips in 2023, including another "If Just For A Day" program with the kids from Caring People Alliance. We also had groups from Gesu School and girls from the Urban Promise of Camden, NJ. The group from Oaks Integrated loved their visit and sent special "thank you" notes for the fun time they had! Thanks to all who have provided volunteer support!



Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Thank you for donating us tickets to wildwood! We all had so much fun! We got on all the water slides and rides! My favorite ride was the Sea Serpent, it went around and around until we were upside down! It was scary but it was a great experience. Thank you!

This is my favorite trip every year. Thank you for giving us tickets. I loved the Sea Serpent. I was so scared on the roller coaster I screamed so loud but then I loved it. Thank you so much!

Thank you so much for sponsoring our trip to wildwoods. It was a great experience and I will be recommending it to others and my favorite part was getting to go to the pier.

I really appreciate the ticket to attend Wildwood I had a great time on the rides, and swimming. My favorite ride was the roller coaster and also the ride that took me in circles. The day at Wildwood made my summer. It came just before I started school. Thank you.

I appreciate your generosity! We had such a great time at wildwood! Our youth were able to conquer their fears of thrill rides. The smiles on their faces said it all! We especially enjoyed relaxing in the lazy river.

Thank you!

Our work is not done and we still need your help. Our final phase of the interior reconstruction will be underway in early 2024. Please consider a donation today!



## Our 100-year anniversary celebration, June 25, 2023:

(Left) The mayor of the City of North Wildwood, Patrick Rosenello, presented a proclamation to CFAH Board President, John Stefankiewicz, honoring the Children's Fresh Air Home's 100th anniversary and naming June 25, 2023 as CFAH Day in North Wildwood.



Happy Holidays!

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year, from all of us at the Children's Fresh Air Home.

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