



December 2024

Dear Friend of The Children's Fresh Air Home:

As the holidays approach, I hope that 2024 has been a peaceful and successful year. Even though the cold weather is just arriving, the summer season will be upon us before we know it. The summer is the time that the Children's Fresh Air Home truly comes to life. We are excited to announce that the Children's Fresh Air Home will officially be open again after a nearly 20 year hiatus!

The board and volunteers have not only been working hard to raise much needed funds to renovate the home, work with architects and contractors, and continue to build the foundation to start again, we have never lost sight of continuing to serve children. We have maintained the *If Just For A Day* program every summer, and last summer was yet another success. Eight groups from partner organizations were able to enjoy a day of fun in the sun in North Wildwood complete with beach time and BBQs. We are eternally grateful to the volunteers and partners who continue to make this possible.

We are expanding the *If Just For A Day* program this year to include additional partners from throughout southern New Jersey and Philadelphia to come and "enjoy the shore", tour the renovated home, and experience a taste of the full overnight programming that will begin in 2025/2026.

As we embark on the next generation of the Children's Fresh Air Home, we are redesigning our camp experience to be current, fully licensed, and meet the needs of today's families, while still honoring our past to give vulnerable children the chance to enjoy the joys of summer – something many of us take for granted.

For many children in our community, summer can be a time of uncertainty. Without access to summer programs like *If Just For A Day* and our overnight camp experience, too many kids miss out on the chance to explore, learn, and simply have fun. Our summer camp experience changes that by providing a safe, nurturing environment where these children can experience the magic of the Jersey Shore – whether it's swimming in the ocean for the first time, walking the Wildwood Boardwalk, going on their first roller coaster, enjoying arts and crafts and backyard games at the home, or participating in team building activities.

We believe every child deserves to feel the sun on their face, the sand between their toes, and the joy of making new friends and memories that will last a lifetime. To make this dream a reality, we need your help now more than ever.

We have come so far thanks to generous donors like you and we need you now to cross the finish line. We have funded all of the construction, but we need your help to furnish the building, ensure access to activities, provide meals and open our doors. Your donation will cover the costs of camp for children who would not have another way to participate. Every dollar you contribute will go directly to providing the opportunity for local children to attend the Children's Fresh Air Home, participate in fun and educational activities, receive nutritious meals, and benefit from mentorship and positive role models.

- \$2000 will provide meals for the If Just For A Day Program

- \$1500 will sponsor a child for a full week of camp
- \$1000 will provide beach supplies for the summer season
- \$500 will support boardwalk days including rides and the waterpark
- \$250 will support backyard games and ice cream nights
- \$100 will provide arts and crafts materials

No gift is too small, and every donation will help ensure that more children can take part in this life changing experience.

The Children's Fresh Air Home is about more than just fun –it's about giving children the tools they need to succeed. Through team-building exercises, educational activities, and new friendships, campers will build confidence, resilience, social skills and memories that will stay with them throughout their lives. Your donation will help provide a safe haven, fostering a sense of belonging and self-worth that many of these children may not otherwise experience.

We are incredibly grateful for your support through the years. The steadfast commitment of our volunteers and donors has enabled us to maintain the mission and vision that Ida Dukes created over 100 years ago. ***The home is nearly restored; now it is time to reopen our doors as the place where children can restore their hope and spirits.***

Together, we can create a summer that will not only brighten the lives of these children, but also set them on a path toward a brighter future.

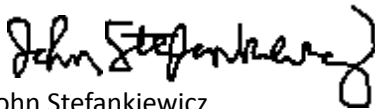
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Children's Fresh Air Home
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We also invite you to visit the Children's Fresh Air Home this spring or summer, volunteer, or share this campaign with others who may be interested in supporting this cause.

Thank you for being a champion for children in our community. Your generosity will make this summer...and many more summers, unforgettable for a child in need.

Warmly,



John Stefankiewicz

Board Chair
Children's Fresh Air Home

P.S. Please remember to update your email to stay up to date on exciting Children's Fresh Air Home updates!