2016 ANNUAL REPORT

140 YEARS

THE FRESH AIR FUND
Since 1877, more than 1.8 million children from New York City’s neediest communities have benefited from free summer experiences in the country through The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit organization. In 2016, nearly 7,000 children visited the homes of volunteer host families along the East Coast and Southern Canada, and enjoyed outdoor adventures and educational activities at one of our five camps. In New York City and at camp, young people participated in year-round academic enrichment programs supported by volunteer tutors and mentors.

1877
140 years ago, the Reverend Willard Parsons, a minister of a small, rural parish in Sherman, Pennsylvania, asked members of his congregation to provide country vacations as volunteer host families for New York City’s neediest children, primarily from the Lower East Side. This was the beginning of The Fresh Air Fund.

1928
The Fund’s Marks Memorial Camp was donated by Charles P. Marks in memory of his wife, Sarah Marks. Situated on 200 acres in northern Dutchess County, the camp had cabins and facilities for 120 boys.

1881
The Fund was expanding so rapidly that Reverend Willard Parsons asked for, and secured, support from The New York Herald Tribune.

1884
The New York Herald Tribune reported that on a quiet August evening, girls and boys in horse-drawn wagons rode slowly up a hill in Orwell, Pennsylvania. They had just arrived after a long journey on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Townspeople gathered to welcome them, as they sang and cheered. “Here and there in the darkness, lanterns flitted to and fro and busy hands were active in distributing the little ones. And in half an hour more, they were sound asleep in 20 peaceful homes.”

1948
Until 1948, Fresh Air camps were operating in several widely separated locations. Dr. William Sharpe’s priceless gift of 1,000 acres of woodland property gave The Fund a site to centralize its camping programs. Located in Fishkill, New York, the property was named The Fresh Air Fund’s Sharpe Reservation.

1895
In the first year, The Fresh Air Fund served 60 children. By 1895, 100,000 New York City children had visited Friendly Towns.

1967
Publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger called The Fresh Air Fund to offer the support of The New York Times, after an announcement was made that The New York Herald Tribune was closing its doors.
1977
The Fresh Air Fund celebrated 100 years of serving New York City children in Friendly Towns. A century after its founding, Fresh Air was still going strong, and over 1.3 million children had participated.

1999
Camp Tommy, named after Tommy Hilfiger for his generous support, opened and expanded The Fund’s programming for teenage boys with a focus on youth development.

2008
The Young Women’s Giving Circle program was launched with the support of Marjorie S. Fisher, grandmother of Board member Caroline Cummings Rafferty. The youth-led program inspires girls to participate in philanthropic activities and give back to their communities.

2010
The Fund’s Precious Center for Teen Leadership at Camp ABC opened to focus on developing girls’ leadership skills. Created with the generous support of The Gary Magness Family Foundation, Sarah Siegel-Magness and Gary Magness were inspired by producing the film Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire.

2011
William Lauder was named Chairman of the Board, continuing The Fund’s extraordinary leadership, and Mrs. Donald Newhouse became Chairman Emeritus.

2012
The College Connections Program launched to expand educational opportunities for campers and to prepare young people for college and beyond using tutors and mentors who are volunteers in programs with curriculum-based content.

2015
The Blavatnik Family and Warner Music Group Center for Music at Camp Hidden Valley opened to bring the joy of music into the lives of children at camp and in New York City. The program is guided by volunteer Val Blavatnik with the generous support of the Blavatnik family and Warner Music Group.

2016
Executive Director Fatima Shama and the Board of Directors spearheaded a strategic planning process to ensure a bright future for Fresh Air children.
140 YEARS OF LAUGHTER
140 YEARS OF REACHING NEW HEIGHTS
140 YEARS OF MOMENTUM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

It’s an incredible honor to be a part of The Fresh Air Fund’s 140th Anniversary. This past year offered the unique opportunity to reflect on The Fund’s history and accomplishments and look forward to our future. We have spent time studying and understanding The Fund’s growth, evolution and impact since its inception, and there is no question in my mind and for countless others that The Fund’s relevance and ingenuity, which began with a brilliant idea in 1877, continues today.

The Reverend Willard Parsons planted a seed by inviting neighbors in rural communities to welcome New York City children into their homes for summertime fun and frolic. This seed has blossomed into over a century of great work with many tens of thousands of lives impacted.

The Fresh Air Fund realized, many years ago, the strong bond that is formed in the simplicity of building bridges. Bridges between families who open their hearts and homes to children from New York City’s underserved communities...without caring about the diversity of backgrounds...without judging the day-to-day realities of the children.

We understand that for 140 years, The Fund’s work has focused on bringing people together in celebration of their differences. Children from different communities, rural or urban, who speak different languages in their homes, have different racial or ethnic backgrounds, and much more, have forged friendships through The Fresh Air Fund. As such, we at The Fund continue to celebrate our historical roots in paving the way for finding the common threads among us and keeping our bridges strong.

When I speak with the many people whose lives have been impacted by The Fresh Air Fund, I am energized by the inspiring stories that our children, alumni and their families share with us. They tell us heartfelt stories of their Fresh Air summers that highlight the magic in our work of introducing children to new environments, new people, and new experiences. What we do is simple, yet transformative.

Early in 2016, The Fund’s Board of Directors embarked on a strategic planning process with the objective of an organizational review, analyzing our impacts, and capturing the perspectives of our stakeholders in considering the strategic direction for The Fund’s future. We learned that participants highlighted feeling more confident, and more comfortable in new environments and around different kinds of people as a result of their experiences. One Fresh Air parent shared her own observation of seeing her child more mature and more responsible after his summers with us. And several of our host families commented on the bonds of friendship and family that have blossomed over the years with their participation in our Friendly Towns Program.

I am delighted that the Board has approved a five-year plan focused on strengthening the work of The Fund that will lead to enhancing our programs, investing in our growth to better support and serve our children and families, and understanding The Fund’s impact on all of our children. As our efforts evolve, I look forward to updating you on our work and the many children whose lives we are touching.

Our work would not be possible without the amazing generosity of our volunteers and supporters. Thank you for being part of The Fresh Air Fund family and for all you do for Fresh Air children.

Sincerely,

Fatima Shama
Executive Director
CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

As we reflect on another exceptional year at The Fresh Air Fund, I am deeply grateful to our devoted funders, supporters and volunteers who, together, enable The Fund to continue making a meaningful impact in the lives of so many inspiring and deserving children.

The Fresh Air Fund can trace its origins back to 1877, when members of a Pennsylvania congregation first provided country experiences to some of New York City’s most underserved children. Today, The Fund continues to harness that same spirit, providing young, eager minds with unique opportunities to grow through hands-on, education-based experiences.

Each year, I have the great pleasure of visiting The Fund’s Sharpe Reservation for Camp Day, during which hundreds of campers and staff convene for a full day of creative and educational activities. Among the many highlights this year were tutorials on bees and beehives at the Model Farm and lessons on sustainable farming in the garden and at the Nutrition Center, and our new music appreciation curriculum. Year after year, The Fund develops new and innovative opportunities for the campers to learn and experience nature in this great outdoor classroom.

Now in its second year, thanks to the generosity of the Blavatnik family and Warner Music Group, children are able to study music by learning to play instruments, create music in studio sessions and enhance their music appreciation skills at The Blavatnik Family and Warner Music Group Center for Music at Camp Hidden Valley. Programming takes place throughout the year at camp and in New York City with the guidance of long-time volunteer Val Blavatnik.

In order for thousands of children to benefit from free Fresh Air programs, The Fund holds special events throughout the year to raise the much-needed funds. At the 2016 Annual Spring Gala, we celebrated The Fund’s 140th Birthday by honoring June Ambrose, Chanel Iman and Chris Mullin. Emceed by the talented Andrew Ross Sorkin, and attended by nearly 650 guests, the special evening raised more than $1.3 million. The Fresh Air Fund Council, a group of dedicated young New Yorkers, sponsored their Annual Fall Benefit and Silent Auction, “Cirque du Fresh Air,” which raised more than $580,000. And the annual “Spring Fling” attracted more than 300 young professionals, including many new volunteers, friends and supporters.

The many successes of 2016 are a direct reflection of the passion and commitment of all of you – our generous funders, our tireless volunteers, our esteemed partners, and, of course, the outstanding Fresh Air Fund team, guided by the vision and leadership of Executive Director Fatima Shama.

As we look ahead together, we are eager to discover new opportunities to creatively engage donors and volunteers. We invite you to share your thoughts and ideas, and to experience our programs in action at our camps in Fishkill, New York; our 300 Friendly Towns along the East Coast; or The Fund’s New York City office.

On behalf of The Fresh Air Fund Board of Directors, thank you for your loyal and steadfast support.

Sincerely,

William P. Lauder
Chairman
FRIENDLY TOWNS PROGRAM

In the summer of 1877, 60 New York City children embarked on an adventure of a lifetime. Leaving their homes and families on the Lower East Side, the children were on their way to visit volunteer host families in the country in Pennsylvania. The Reverend Willard Parsons, founder of The Fresh Air Fund, asked a simple question: “Would the same people be willing to take them again? When the time was over, they have kept the children longer, and asked them to come back another year.”

In 2016, nearly 4,000 volunteer host families opened their hearts and homes to Fresh Air children from low-income communities. For 140 years, the Friendly Towns Program has brought together people of different backgrounds and beliefs. Countless friendships have been forged and dreams realized as The Fresh Air Fund has redefined the meaning of friendships and family.
For one to two weeks in the summer, Fresh Air children visit over 300 Friendly Towns in rural and suburban communities along the East Coast and Southern Canada. Boys and girls, ages seven to 18, leave behind fast-paced city streets for new adventures in the outdoors. Fresh Air children smile and giggle, run barefoot in backyards, build sandcastles on the beach, ride bikes and gaze at the stars on moonlit nights.

Fresh Air children and volunteers form bonds of friendship and discover a cultural exchange of traditions, foods and fun by sharing personal, day-to-day experiences. Volunteers say the simplest experiences can have the greatest impact on their young guests, and their own family’s lives are enriched too.

Volunteer leaders recruit new hosts, conduct home interviews, and lead marketing efforts through local committees. When children are visiting, Fresh Air staff members and volunteers are available for support 24 hours a day. When leaves turn brilliant colors in autumn, snow falls on back porches and spring gardens bloom, volunteers are getting ready for summertime.

In New York City, children from low-income communities register for free Fresh Air programs through a network of social service and community organizations. The Fund continues to expand its outreach efforts by partnering with organizations that serve New York City’s culturally diverse communities.
Summer Sisters

Venis, age 18, has visited her Fresh Air host family in Cape Ann, Massachusetts, for nine summers. Host dad, Jonathan, shared, “Venis has become like a sister to our daughter Libby. I remember we were waiting for the bus that very first year with our ‘Welcome, Venis!’ sign, and kids kept coming off the bus, and in my mind I kept trying to figure out which child was Venis. She comes off the bus last, with these little wire-framed glasses and a smile, takes one look at our sign and says to me, ‘Next year you can make a sign that says, “Welcome back, Venis!”’ It gets me emotional just thinking about that memory, because we were all so touched, and that’s what we put on the sign for the next nine summers!” Venis and her host sister, Libby, stay in touch during the school year, and Libby has also spent time with Venis’s family in Harlem.
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CAMPING PROGRAMS

The Fresh Air Fund has a significant history in providing New York City children with structured camping programs. Early on, Fresh Air camps were in several different locations. In 1928, The Fund’s Marks Memorial Camp opened, situated on 200 acres in Dutchess County, New York, serving 120 boys. With the founding of Camp Hidden Valley in the early 1950s, Fresh Air pioneered the concept of mainstreaming by integrating children with and without special needs. In 1948, the donation of 1,000 acres of wilderness property in Fishkill, New York created The Fund’s Sharpe Reservation and provided an opportunity to centralize all of its camping programs.

In 2016, The Fresh Air Fund had a highly successful camping season at its five free camps on more than 2,000 acres in upstate New York. At Fund camps, 3,000 boys and girls experienced the connection between recreational activities layered with educational enrichment. Campers made new friends, adjusted to new environments, developed skills, gained self-confidence and learned from counselors who served as mentors and role models.
For two weeks, campers learn to swim, hike in the forest, race through grassy playing fields, study constellations at the planetarium, stargaze in the evenings while roasting marshmallows over a campfire, and even milk a cow at the Model Farm. Boys and girls also enhance their computer skills and improve their computer literacy.

The Fresh Air camps are: 
- **Camp Anita Bliss Coler** for girls, ages nine to 15;  
- **Camp Hayden-Marks Memorial** for boys, ages nine to 12;  
- **Camp Tommy** for 12- to 15-year-old boys;  
- **Camp Hidden Valley** for boys and girls with and without special needs, ages eight to 12, and  
- **Camp Mariah**, which houses the Career Awareness Program, for boys and girls in 7th to 9th grades. Camp Mariah is named after Board member Mariah Carey, and Camp Tommy is named after Tommy Hilfiger, for their very generous support.

In addition to Fresh Air children, close to 18,000 young people from community and school groups participate in year-round camping. Camp facilities are available for rent for weekend camping, day trips, conferences and retreats. The Fund’s Sharpe Reservation provides an over 2,000 acre outdoor classroom, as well as formal and informal learning through curriculum-based activities that inspire an appreciation of nature and a greater understanding of the environment. The Reservation houses a nature center, ropes courses, trails, lakes, ponds, a Model Farm and a planetarium.
Richard

Chess Champion in Training

Richard, age 17, attended both Camp Hayden-Marks and Camp Tommy before becoming a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) this summer. Although Richard loves to play sports, he is best known at Camp Tommy for being an accomplished chess champion. The younger campers look up to him, and he enjoys teaching them how to play chess. He is very patient and always makes the lessons fun. “I’ve been to camp for five summers, and I just love it. I want to be a counselor because of the way the counselors at camp have always made me feel supported. I’m starting to get ready for college, and I plan to major in education because I’ve been motivated by my counselors at camp. Teaching kids at camp has been a great experience for me. I think the CITs are the backbone of the camp, because we are always there to help the counselors.”
The Fund’s Teen Leadership Program provides young women from 13 to 17 with an enriching environment to focus on their future goals. Through team-building exercises, writing workshops, poetry slams and dance classes, teen girls at Camp ABC are introduced to self-expression that leads to self-confidence and helps them explore their futures, consider their educational and career planning, and discuss challenging topics related to gender, race and class.

In 2016, close to 200 campers were served through The Fund’s Precious Center for Teen Leadership at Camp ABC, which focuses on developing leadership skills. The Center was created with the generous support of The Gary Magness Family Foundation. Sarah Siegel-Magness and Gary Magness were inspired by producing the film Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire.

The youth-led, year-round Young Women’s Giving Circle teaches girls about the importance of community service and the power of philanthropy. The teens meet weekly and participate in workshops led by volunteer mentors, and learn the history, values and skills connected to community development, fundraising and giving back to their communities. In 2016, the Young Women’s Giving Circle focused on raising awareness about girls’ health.
Gabby, age 21, was a camper and a participant in the Teen Leadership Program. She is now a student at Ithaca College and is inspiring the next generation of Teen Leaders as the Director of Camp ABC’s Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program.

“Camp ABC is like my second home. I’ve grown up with my camp friends. We helped and supported each other along the way – which made us a really tight, close group. Many of the CITs were my campers last year and watching them grow and now aspire to be counselors is really rewarding.”
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

The Fresh Air Fund’s Career Awareness Program extends the camping experience beyond a summer and into year-round academic enrichment programs. Students apply in the 6th grade and attend Camp Mariah, The Fund’s Career Awareness Camp, in Fishkill, New York, in the summer. The program continues during the school year in New York City and at camp with a focus on expanding educational options, academic support and career exploration.

The Career Awareness Program includes an intensive 24-day summer session along with school year weekend camping trips for 300 boys and girls at Camp Mariah, named in honor of Board member Mariah Carey. In addition to traditional camp activities, campers explore science and technology and health and wellness. The Fund addresses several areas of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) curriculum at camp through lessons about the environment, both in the sciences and sustainability, interactive classes in music and technology, and lessons on math and its concepts.

Camp offers educational hands-on experiences in fun-filled ways including learning scientific principles, such as testing pond samples to determine chlorine, phosphate and pH levels. Nature studies take place sitting quietly by the lake, while an instructor...
explains the characteristics of geese, ducks, toads, frogs, turtles and fish. Campers pick vegetables in the garden and create healthy snacks at the Nutrition Center where they follow the measurements in recipes and sharpen culinary skills. At the camp planetarium, worlds of wonder open up in a universe of exploration.

The annual Career Fair in the spring invites New York City volunteers from a wide range of fields, from engineering and architecture to finance and fashion, to lead interactive workshops and introduce students to career paths. Volunteers explain their professions and educational backgrounds and provide ideas, encouragement and counsel.

Job Shadowings are hosted by a range of partners and offer “inside” views of an industry for 7th to 9th graders. Experiences include visits to technology companies to learn what it takes to run a tech start-up, behind-the-scenes tours at television stations, mock trials at a law firm and exploring the product launch of a new video game.

The Tutoring Program in New York City provides a structured curriculum that supports literacy skills development, strengthens critical thinking and enhances computer skills. Volunteers meet with students weekly to provide academic and one-on-one guidance.

After 9th grade, Fresh Air students transition into The Fund’s College Connections Program which offers support through high school and the preparation needed to apply for and attend college. Volunteer mentors support their students through college until graduation and offer insights on securing internships and focusing on career paths.
Ivy, age 21, is a senior at Syracuse University and a member of the first cohort to graduate from The Fund’s College Connections Program. Ivy was 12 the first summer she attended camp, and after participating in the Counselor-in-Training Program, she returned to Camp ABC as a counselor. “The College Connections Program helped give me the tools, confidence, and adaptability to succeed. The Fresh Air Fund exposed me to Human Resources as a possible career, which I’m interested in pursuing, because I love working with other people. I’m excited to apply what I’ve learned in school, and from my mentors, to make a difference in other people’s lives.”
NEW YORK CITY VOLUNTEERS

Since 1877, volunteers have been integral to the Fresh Air experience. In this spirit of generosity, New York City volunteers support Fresh Air children year round by sharing their time, talent and creativity. Volunteer tutors and mentors meet weekly with students in the Career Awareness Program. Other volunteers spend their evenings assembling registration materials, supporting outreach efforts with calls to parents and families, and more.

Volunteer support is critical for Fresh Air programs. Dedicated volunteers become children’s mentors, role models and friends by offering guidance, assistance and inspiration.

Corporate partners host job shadowings, where students experience a hands-on view of working, while learning more about their college and career options. At The Fund’s camps in Fishkill, New York, volunteers participate in everything from clean-up projects to volunteering as “Counselors for a Day,” leading sports and arts and crafts projects.

Corporate partners also coordinated fundraising events, as well as drives for books and camp supplies. Special thanks to Con Edison, Cravath, Swaine & Moore and The Estée Lauder Companies for donating in-kind printing services. Many thanks to HBO for hosting the Volunteer Recognition Party and Con Edison for hosting the annual Career Fair.
Kavell Brown participated in the Friendly Towns Program and this summer was able to give back to The Fund while volunteering as an intern at HBO. “As part of my internship at HBO, I was able to help plan a volunteer day at The Fresh Air Fund camps. It was a great team-building experience. The day brought all of the volunteers back to our childhoods. It was incredible to come full circle. I saw a boy that reminded me of myself when I was little. It brought back memories of visiting my Fresh Air host family. I did so many things I wouldn’t have experienced otherwise. I remember clamming for the first time, tubing, swimming in the bay, and fishing. The Fresh Air Fund gave me opportunities I could never have dreamed of. It was incredible exposure. Volunteering at camp, and at a mentoring event with The Fund’s College Connections Program, I saw how Fresh Air students gain such valuable life skills.”
## CONDENSED SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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**Notes to Financial Statements**

Not included in the above are:

(a) Bequests and Trusts and Other Gifts added to funds functioning as Endowment $1,144,304 $2,701,863

(b) Net (loss) gain on investment transactions (4,851,548) (7,520,116)

(c) Contributions to Land, Buildings and Equipment Fund 27,500 543,200

(d) Depreciation expense (1,557,734) (1,576,061)

* Total contributions raised also include items (a) and (c).
(Total contributions for 2016: $10,618,120.)
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In 1877, the first group of Fresh Air Fund children who visited volunteer host families in the country came from the Lower East Side tenements in New York City. In the bustling streets, you could hear the sounds of parents speaking to their children in a wide range of languages including German, Yiddish, Italian, Hungarian and English, to name a few, according to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum in New York City.

Today, Fresh Air children continue to be recruited from New York City’s low-income communities, and with the help of partner organizations, the children represent the city’s culturally diverse neighborhoods. Languages spoken in their homes include Albanian, Arabic, Bambara, Chinese, Creole, French, Fulani, Georgian, Igbo, Indonesian, Korean, Mixteco, Nepali, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tibetan, Twi, Urdu, Vietnamese, Wolof and Yoruba.

The Fresh Air Fund continues to strengthen its 140-year-old commitment to serving New York City’s children, and we welcome as many children as possible to participate in the Fresh Air experience. As demand for our program grows, we will expand and enhance our services to serve more children and meet their ever-changing needs.
There is
for everyone of us,
somewhere,
a child, waiting, who carries
inside his body and mind and heart our future.
If we can help him grow,
If we can give him even a few weeks of good growing weather,
It will help bring peace and order to our world...

From: The New York Herald Tribune, December 8, 1949

In 1949, The New York Herald Tribune was able to capture the essence and impact of what a Fresh Air experience could mean for a child. Today, The Fresh Air Fund recognizes that introducing our New York City children to new experiences and environments invites them to grow and develop, enjoy new adventures, make new friends, taste new foods, learn new things and open their eyes to the possibilities that await them.

Our Fresh Air alumni and their parents tell us that children become more confident, feel more comfortable in new environments, create lifelong bonds of friendship and meet new people who make an impact on their future.

We believe that our investment in a child’s journey through life provides an opportunity for young people to learn, grow and thrive in our city and beyond.

WE CAN’T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING TO OUR FRESH AIR CHILDREN... AND TO THE FRESH AIR FUND FOR OUR NEXT 140 YEARS.
A Summer Vacation / That Lasts a Lifetime

What started out as a simple summer vacation for Darryl Rattray turned into something unexpected and transformative. In the summer of 1983, Rattray, then an 8-year-old from Schenectady, N.Y., boarded a bus to New York City to spend a month as a Fresh Air Fund recipient at a host family’s summer home. Rattray’s experience exposed him to a world different from his own in his home neighborhood in the Bronx, New York City. He later returned for two more summers, spending three in a row and two weeks each with the Bonitatibus family. The Fresh Air Fund provided such a life-changing opportunity for Rattray, who now credits the experience as a turning point in his life.

Rattray’s journey began in 1983 when he boarded a bus to New York City. The experience was a needed break from his neighborhood in Schenectady, N.Y., which was plagued with drugs and violence. At the time, Rattray lived in a tenements in the Bronx. The Fresh Air Fund provided a much-needed break from his neighborhood, which was the cornerstone of his life.

The experience opened Rattray’s eyes to the city and gave him newfound freedom. He was able to ride bikes through the city and enjoy games of baseball and basketball. The stars were plentiful at night, and the woods and playing sports. The days were filled with riding bikes through the city and playing sports, and the nights were filled with stargazing and playing games. The experience was critical, as it exposed him to a different world and showed him the potential of what else is possible.

Rattray confided, “It opened my eyes to the city and gave me newfound freedom and confidence.” The experience was a turning point in his life, and he credits it for his success today. Rattray, now 40, is the associate commissioner for community centers and strategic partnerships for the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development. He still keeps in touch with the Bonitatibus family and the Fresh Air Fund.

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The Fresh Air Fund was able to provide this opportunity to Rattray because of the support of donors and volunteers. The fund aims to serve more than 7,000 New York City children from low-income communities and hopes to raise $10.5 million by the end of September. About 4,000 children will visit a camp as part of the fund’s recent volunteer conference. Dr. Peter Salovey was the keynote speaker at the Fresh Air Fund’s volunteer conference.

The Fresh Air Fund is committed to providing opportunities to children who need them. The fund’s mission is to provide a summer vacation to children from low-income communities. The Fresh Air Fund is able to provide this opportunity to children because of the support of donors and volunteers. The fund is always looking for new ways to provide opportunities to children who need them.

The Fresh Air Fund’s 2016 Annual Report has been donated. The printing of the report has been donated to The Fresh Air Fund.
A Summer Vacation That Lasts a Lifetime

In the summer of 1983, 8-year-old Darryl Rattray boarded a bus to Schenectady, N.Y., not knowing what to expect. At the time, he lived in a Bronx neighborhood plagued with drugs and violence. At home, his mother was undergoing treatment for breast cancer. The Fresh Air Fund provided a much-needed break.

Mr. Rattray, now 40, said that for three summers in a row he spent two weeks with the Bonitatibus family. The days were filled with riding bikes through the woods and playing sports. The stars were plentiful at night. Time away from the city gave him newfound freedom and confidence. “It opened my eyes to the wilderness,” he said.

What started out as a simple summer vacation has turned into something more meaningful. For a young person, the exposure to a different world can be critical. “You don’t realize how your environment is affecting you,” he said. “We need to see what else is possible.”

Today, Mr. Rattray is the associate commissioner for community centers and strategic partnerships for the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development. He still keeps in touch with some members of his host family, and he was the keynote speaker at the Fresh Air Fund’s recent volunteer conference.

This year, the fund aims to serve more than 7,000 New York City children from low-income communities and hopes to raise $10.5 million by the end of September. About 4,000 children will visit volunteer host families and 3,000 will attend fund camps. Many also participate in year-round academic enrichment programs. The cost of sending a child on a two-week vacation with a host family is $997, and one session at a summer camp is $1,683.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to The Fresh Air Fund, 633 Third Ave., 14th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017, or be made online at freshair.org. Families who wish to be hosts can write to the same address, fill out a host inquiry online or call (800) 367-0003.
