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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Among my favorite experiences throughout the year are chances to meet children, alumni, parents, hosts, counselors, volunteers, and donors and hear about their connections and feelings about The Fresh Air Fund. Children tell me about their excitement to return to visit with a host family and all the activities ahead. Or, if they are going to camp, whether for their first or fourth time, their eagerness to meet counselors and make friends. When I meet parents and see the sparkle in their eyes of how proud they are of their child’s confidence and bravery, I’m honored by their trust in us. Equally awesome are the stories shared by hosts who welcome our children into their home and community, and the joy and growth it brings to everyone.

As The Fund continues its efforts to measure the impact of our work across our programs, parents and children alike provide great feedback about the summer and what it means to them. Our children feel brave for trying new things and supported as they take on challenges and learn new skills. They highlight for us that through their Fresh Air experiences they have greater perspectives of opportunities to pursue and are setting goals for their future. During the summer we had over 75 camp staff who were former campers and they showcase that Fresh Air children and alumni are building relationships and networks and returning to serve as amazing role models for our children.

But, when I meet our alumni it all comes together. Their words capture the excitement of their Fresh Air experiences, what the exposure meant, and how it made a difference. Time and again—I am reminded that every summer has a story. As The Fund continues its efforts to measure the impact of our work across the transformative experience of a Fresh Air summer. Children develop strong relationships with mentors, gain exposure and learn new skills. The summer can mark a turning point in their life, and alumni tell us that they gained self-confidence, determination and the necessary skills to achieve their goals and reach for the stars.

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Whether at camp or with volunteer host families, our New York City children develop new perspectives through the amazing work and people in our community. Read about our Friendly Towns families who have shared stories that showcase lifelong friendships and deep bonds. And, read about our camping leadership and enrichment programs and learn more about our impact. Please let us know what you think.

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

Sincerely,

Fatima Shama
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The New York Times has been a key partner in helping The Fresh Air Fund tell those stories. In 2018, we honored The Sulzberger Family and The New York Times Company at our Annual Spring Gala at the Ziegfeld Ballroom. The evening was a terrific success and raised $17 million with over 550 guests. Special thanks to our talented emcee Michael Barbaro of The New York Times. We celebrated an incredible 50-year partnership with The New York Times that began with a phone call from Publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger to offer support after The New York Herald Tribune closed its doors. He later served as Chairman and then Chairman Emeritus of The Fund for many years. I am honored to carry on the tradition of excellence he set and that of the incomparable Mrs. Donald Newhouse.

On behalf of The Fund’s Board of Directors, I offer our gratitude and admiration to Executive Director Fatima Shama for her vision, leadership, warmth and grace and our appreciation to our Fresh Air family of exceptional volunteers, funders, partners and staff.

Thanks to your generosity of spirit, acts of kindness and support, you help us ensure that every summer has an amazing story that can last a lifetime for thousands of our Fresh Air children.

Sincerely,

William P. Lauder
Chairman

CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE
FRIENDLY TOWNS

A Fresh Air summer means running barefoot in the grass, riding bikes down country roads, learning to swim, catching fireflies at dusk, playing in the backyard, building sandcastles on the beach, and, above all, having fun.

In 2018, thousands of volunteer host families opened their homes to Fresh Air children from low-income New York City communities. For one to two weeks in the summer, boys and girls, ages seven to 18, visit over 275 Friendly Towns in rural and suburban communities along the East Coast and Southern Canada. Many children are invited back to stay for extended visits with the same host families, year after year.

Children register for our free programs through a network of over 90 community partners including schools and social service and community organizations in all five boroughs. Our dedicated volunteers are integral to the program. They recruit new hosts, conduct home interviews and screen references. During the summer, Fresh Air staff and volunteers are available for support 24 hours a day.

Louise, a Fresh Air parent, said, “My son has learned how to be more comfortable trying new things. And it’s not just my son who has gained a family. They are our family now, and they will be our family forever.”

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Meet Fresh Air kids and alumni at FreshAir.org

CAMP

Through immersive outdoor summer experiences, campers develop the confidence to take on new challenges, learn life skills, make new friends and expand their perspectives. Campers learn to swim, hike along nature trails and gaze at the stars while singing around campfires. Counselors become mentors, friends and role models.

With nature as their classroom, Fresh Air campers explore the outdoors, learn wilderness skills and develop a greater understanding of how we all have a responsibility to care for the environment.

In 2018, 3,000 boys and girls experienced the joy of fun-filled recreational activities layered with academic enrichment during two-week sessions at The Fund’s five camps, situated on more than 2,000 acres at The Fund’s Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill, New York.

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, in recognition of their very generous support.

2018 was the second year of Explorers, a new and innovative four-week summer learning program, which offers a hands-on, engaged learning approach that provides an academic boost for sixth-grade students and a fun summer camping experience. Taking full advantage of the incredible resources at camp, children learn through academic instruction coupled with project-based learning while enjoying activities such as swimming, boating, music, dance and team sports.

"Camp helped push me in the direction of my future and college. I met a counselor who went to college, and I decided that’s what I wanted to do. I ended up attending the same college as my counselor."

DIONNE, FRESH AIR ALUM

Fresh Air children take on challenges: 88% of campers report learning new skills.
The Fund’s Teen Leadership Program provides young women, ages 13 to 17, with a safe, nurturing environment to focus on personal growth, leadership and community service. Campers are encouraged to express themselves within an emotionally safe and supportive environment. By discovering and developing their potential, the girls become more independent and self-confident. Teen leaders at Camp ABC participate in many camp activities in addition to leadership development and team-building workshops.

Girls’ empowerment workshops cover a wide range of topics from self-esteem, body image and healthy choices, bullying, social justice and public speaking to goal setting and conflict resolution. “The workshops taught me how powerful we are as women. We are smart, and we can speak. People need to hear us,” said Stephanie, 14.

During the summer, girls participate in Leaders-in-Training and Counselors-in-Training programs. In 2018, close to 200 campers were served through The Fund’s Precious Center for Teen Leadership at Camp ABC. The Center was created with the guidance of Sarah Siegel-Magness and the generous support of The Gary Magness Family Foundation.

Leadership at Camp ABC teaches girls about the importance of community service and the power of philanthropy. With the guidance of advisors, students meet weekly to continue their learning, research social issues, plan community service projects and strategize for fundraising.

In 2018, The Fund responded to a need for more leadership opportunities for teen boys by expanding the Counselors-in-Training (CIT) program. The program provides an important transition on the journey from camper to counselor. A young man can now begin his camping experience at Camp Hidden Valley at age 8 or at Camp Hayden-Marks at age 9, transition to Camp Tommy at age 12, become a Counselor-in-Training at age 16 and then go on to become a counselor.

CITs develop leadership, team-building and communication skills through intensive skill-building and child development workshops centered on professional growth and self-exploration. As they shadow the counselors and program staff, they learn how to organize activities for the younger campers.

A highlight of the program is a four-day, 32-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail. The CITs prepare throughout the summer by participating in a series of training sessions and shorter hikes. They learn to cook their own food over a campfire and build endurance and stamina. The young men develop an appreciation for nature and support each other as they tackle obstacles and face challenges.

In the safe space that is fostered at camp, the boys develop confidence and a strong sense of brotherhood. Evan, a Camp Tommy CIT, said, “I’ve learned that it’s okay to express how you feel. It’s okay to talk about your emotions. Because my counselors believe in me, I’ve become more motivated and ambitious. I want to accomplish so much, and now I’m confident that I can.”

When I was a camper, I thought my counselors were the best role models. They all had different amazing qualities. Now that I’m a counselor, I am proud of what I have accomplished. It feels good to give back. MAX, FRESH AIR ALUM

The Young Women’s Giving Circle is about building strength and opportunities through dialogue. It is where I first learned how to build community with patience, understanding and love.

JAEDA, FRESH AIR ALUM

Fresh Air children develop leadership skills:
There were 39 CITs in 2018.
The Career Awareness Program begins as an intensive 24-day summer camping experience for 300 boys and girls and extends into year-round academic enrichment programs. Students apply in the 6th grade and attend Camp Mariah, The Fund’s Career Awareness Camp, named in honor of Board member Mariah Carey. The program continues during the school year in New York City and at camp to expand educational options, academic support and career exploration. The summer curriculum highlights 21st Century skills layering problem solving, creativity, collaboration and communication into engaging classes such as coding, music, environmental science, international relations, photography, debate and culinary arts. All while children enjoy traditional summer camp activities like swimming, boating and team sports. During the academic year, at the annual Career Fair, volunteers lead interactive workshops to introduce students to possible career paths. Job Shadowings are hosted by a range of partners who share their “behind the scenes” view of an industry, and the weekly Tutoring Program provides a structured curriculum that supports literacy skills development and strengthens critical thinking.

After 9th grade, many students transition into the College Connections Program which provides weekly workshops and mentoring sessions that support the college preparation process. The program offers SAT prep courses, college tours, and help applying for financial aid and scholarships. Our staff and mentors help every step of the way from applying to college, to graduation, and beyond.

New York City volunteers support thousands of Fresh Air children year round by giving countless hours of their time, energy and creativity. Volunteers become children’s role models and mentors by offering guidance, support and inspiration. Tutors and mentors meet weekly with students in the Career Awareness and College Connections programs, while other volunteers help with outreach efforts and much more.

In 2018, corporate volunteer teams included Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Bloomberg LP, Con Edison, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, Equinox, ESPN, The Estée Lauder Companies, Foursquare, Free Country, Goldman Sachs, HBO, JetBlue, Morgan Stanley, MUFG Bank, NASDAQ, Proskauer Rose, Shake Shack, Showtime Networks, The TJX Companies, Tommy Hilfiger, UNIQLO USA, The Walt Disney Company, Warner Music Group and Wells Fargo. Corporate partners host Job Shadowings where students learn more about career options, volunteer at bus departures, assemble mailings, and coordinate fundraising events, marketing campaigns and drives for books and camp supplies. At The Fund’s camps, volunteers act as Counselors for a Day and help lead arts and crafts and sports activities. Special thanks to Con Edison, Cravath, Swaine & Moore and The Estée Lauder Companies for donating in-kind printing services, to HBO for hosting the Volunteer Recognition Party and to Con Edison for hosting the annual Career Fair.

My mentors helped me build a network of support and find my first job. Now that I am a mentor, it has been such a rewarding way to give back. The students remind me so much of myself.

— GAUMISHA, FRESH AIR ALUM

I was exposed to careers in fields like environmental science, business, and even culinary arts. While I explored these careers, I also began to learn about myself. I began to realize that I could really do anything I set my mind to.

— SHARIFA, FRESH AIR ALUM
# CONDENSED SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## CURRENT FUNDS AT YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30:

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* Total contributions raised also include items (a) and (c).

## Operating Expenses

### PROGRAM SERVICES
- Friendly Towns Activities: Fresh Air Camps
  - Sharpe Reservation: $2,142,810 (14.9%)
  - Fresh Air Camps: $5,138,321 (31.8%)
  - Friendly Towns Activities: $3,899,657 (24.1%)
- Equipment Fund: $1,046,402 (6.5%)
- Off-Season Use of Camps: $1,046,402 (6.5%)

### MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL
- Chairman’s Committee: $3,598,108 (21.9%)
- Executive Director’s Salary: $3,608,420 (22.3%)
- Other Salaries and Benefits: $1,105,560 (6.9%)

### SUPPORTING SERVICES
- Marketing & Communications: $3,608,420 (22.3%)
- Technology: $3,608,420 (22.3%)

### TOTAL EXPENSES
- Total Expenses: $16,164,768 (100.0%)

### FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
- Contributions (a) Bequests and Trusts and Other Gifts: $3,159,098 (3,828,183)
- Contributions (b) Net gain (loss) on investment transactions: $5,609,575 (6,113,346)
- Contributions (c) Contributions to Land, Buildings and Equipment Fund: $1,222,558 (1,300,000)

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- $25,000–$99,999
- Anonymous (7)
- Charles Cahn, J. Cahn, CBE, Inc.
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### PATRONS
- $10,000–$24,999
- Anonymous (18)
- Louis and Anne Ahrens Foundation, Inc.
- The Academy Group
- The Achillea and Bodman Foundation
- American Endowment Foundation
- Ariel Investments
- Atlantic, Tomorrow’s Office
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- Richard A. Allen Charitable Fund
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- Fred Bergfors and Margaret Bergfors
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A few years ago, Mr. Dudley was working full time in New York but felt he needed a change and spoke with Mrs. Dickerson about getting a bachelor’s degree. She invited him to live with the family in Vermont for a while. That time spent with the Dickersons, his only escape was on the basketball court.

But in Vermont, trees and cornfields surrounded Mr. Dudley. At first, he said, “the quietness made me nervous.” Yet he returned over the next three summers and embraced things like hiking up mountains and learning to swim. Eventually, even the peace and quiet became enjoyable. “I was grateful,” Mr. Dudley said of the Dickersons, “that they invested the time to teach me new things and help guide him through the application process. He chose Castleton University, which offered him a chance to study psychology and philosophy while being able to play basketball. He is the first person in his family to attend college.

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