



NEW WEBSITE

In 2018, the Diller Blind Home launched its new user friendly and responsive website, dillerblindhome.org. The website was designed to be compatible with text-to-speech software and has the capability to change font size and colors so not only parents can use the website, but campers can too! In addition to the new website and its features, registration is now available online so parents can sign up their campers with the click of a button.



*The Home is named in memory
of island resident*
HELEN L. DILLER
*for her dedication and contributions to
the community. It stands as an example
and inspiration of one person's dream,
and the commitment of that community
to keep a vision alive.*

If you know a visually impaired child who would like to spend a fun filled week at the beach, please contact us at:

PO Box 338
Avalon, NJ 08202
609-967-7285 (summer only)
610-329-6133
FAX 609-967-3117
emily@dillerblindhome.org
www.dillerblindhome.org



It costs \$1,500 to sponsor one camper for a one week vacation at the Home. Support of the Home is provided by volunteerism, foundation grants, general donations, and community organizations. Key benefactors include Tim Kerr Charities, The Avalon Lions Club, The William G. and Helen C. Hoffman Foundation and Matthew Mullin Memorial Foundation. The Home is a NJ Lions International D16L supported project. Together, our benefactors make it possible for each camper to enjoy a summer at no cost to their family.

*The Home is registered as a New Jersey
not-for-profit corporation under
the name of Challenged Children's
Charities Corp.
Donations and bequests are
gratefully accepted.*



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ABOUT THE HOME

Since 1972, blind and visually impaired children, ages 7 to 15, have been enjoying an all-expense-paid week of summer vacation at the Helen L. Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children in Avalon, New Jersey. The Diller Home, located in a residential community, two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean, accommodates 20 campers each week over the span of eight weeks each summer mid-June to mid-August where campers enjoy a variety of fun activities and for many, first experience of feeling sand between their toes or tasting saltwater on their lips.





ABOUT THE CAMP

GETTING INVOLVED

CAMP FACILITIES

The three-story home received a complete interior renovation in 2014 and annually receives upgrades to maintain and preserve it. In 2019, the Diller Home installed laminate hardwood flooring and received new couches prior to the start of the season. It houses up to 20 children, 12 counselors and the director in semi-private rooms. The Home includes:

- An activity area equipped with a TV & DVD player
- Indoor and outdoor dining areas
- Expansive outdoor grounds with playground equipment and space for the campers to play.

CAMP STAFF

The Home's summer sessions are supervised by a camp director and 12 paid and trained counselors. There is a staff-to-child ratio of 1-to-5. This is critical because individualized assistance and supervision are often required for activities and programs offered by The Home. The counselors each are screened with a criminal background check and attend a three-day orientation that covers first-aid and CPR training, orientation and mobility, and planning and procedures. The Home's staff is exceptionally committed to the organization's mission, program and campers.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

The Helen L. Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children offers a variety of engaging activities both on and off-site, weather permitting. In addition to spending time on the beach, our own van provides transportation for recreational adventures to places like Morey's Pier, the Yacht Clubs in Avalon and Stone Harbor for boat rides and to the Cape May County Park and Zoo. Campers are also exposed to community living through experiences such as dining at local restaurants and ice cream parlors, cultural events at Veterans Plaza and the Bay Atlantic Symphony concerts, lending audio books from the library and events at the Avalon Community Hall.

The Home is always looking for help. Support for The Home is provided by volunteerism, foundation grants, general donations and community organizations. It is because of the generosity of individuals and institutions that the organization is able to serve numerous visually impaired children each summer.

BAREFOOT BALL

An evening of cocktails, music and passed hors d'oeuvres, as well as a live and silent auction. This event is available for sponsorship as well as individual ticket sales and auction donations.



TURKEY TROT

A 5K run and 1.5-mile walk to benefit The Home that takes place the day after Thanksgiving. Sponsorship is available for this event.



CAMP SPONSORSHIPS

Opportunities are available to sponsor a camper and/or a camp activity for the summer season.

If you would like to learn more about how you can make monetary donations, donate auction items, sponsor one of our events, or volunteer, please contact Joanna Heston at 609-675-0572 or jheston@dillerblindhome.org.



"At the Helen Diller Home, we strive to provide vacations for our campers that create friendships, memories, and experiences that are unique to the Jersey Shore. Because of the generosity of our community, we are able to provide these week-long opportunities at no cost to families. I am honored to be a part of such a unique and defining organization that brings children with visual impairments together. This camp is the foundation to fostering friendships and experiences that these children otherwise may never have. Bringing children together who

face similar adversities and allowing them to simply have fun and BE KIDS is why this camp is so successful." ~ Emily O'Donnell, Camp Director

Dear Donor,
Thank you for helping me have an awesome vacation at the Diller Home this year. Your donation allowed us to have fun in Wildwood and enjoy the water park and rides. This is my favorite activity of the week. I just love the roller coasters and water slides. If it weren't for you, we wouldn't be able to go there!

Sincerely,
Isabelle

An attentive staff helps each child feel at home and assists in writing to their families and the businesses that help make their vacations possible. This is a place to which children as well as counselors are eager to return for enjoyment and camaraderie.