



FROM THE CAMP SUPERVISOR



For more than 15 years, I have had the privilege of being part of the Helen L. Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children, and each summer, I am reminded of the profound impact our camp has on the lives of our campers.

Located in the heart of Avalon, NJ, our camp welcomes blind and low-vision children ages 7-20, offering them an unforgettable summer filled with adventure, independence, and lifelong friendships. With the support of our dedicated staff and generous donors, we create a nurturing environment where campers can thrive, explore new opportunities, and build confidence in a fun, inclusive setting. One of the most remarkable aspects of our camp is that it remains completely free of charge for all families. This is made possible through the generosity of our board members, donors, and community partners, whose support allows us to continue this life-changing experience for children who need it most.

As we continue to serve our campers this summer, we hope this camp becomes a special place in your heart as well.

With gratitude,
~ **Emily Mulhern,**
Camp Supervisor

*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:

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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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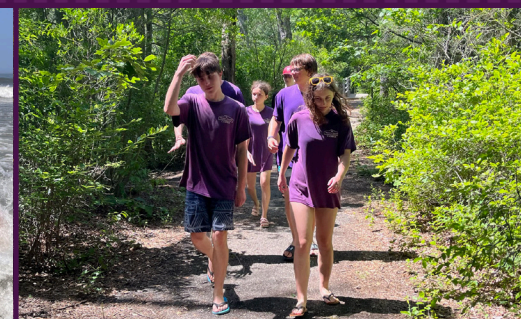
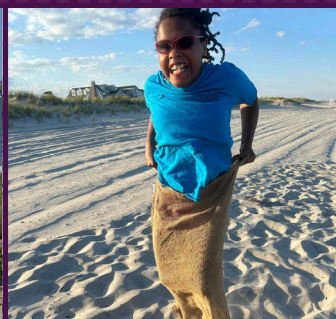
ABOUT THE HOME

For over 50 years, the Helen L. Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children has provided blind and visually impaired children, ages 7-20, with the opportunity to experience a free, all-expense-paid week of summer camp, creating lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories. Since welcoming our first campers in 1972, nearly 8,500 children have enjoyed the magic of a Diller summer.

Located in a residential community just two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean, our home accommodates 16 campers each week over an eight-week season from mid-June to mid-August. Campers enjoy a variety of exciting activities—many experiencing the simple joys of feeling sand between their toes or tasting saltwater on their lips for the first time.

In 2022, the Helen L. Diller Vacation Home earned American Camp Association (ACA) Accreditation, a prestigious recognition of excellence in camp operations. Each year, our camp undergoes a thorough peer review, ensuring compliance with over 300 health, safety, and program standards. The ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving organizations, ensuring that our camp meets the most up-to-date, research-based best practices for a safe, enriching experience.





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 and in 2022, a brand new outdoor pavilion was constructed. It houses up to 16 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.



SCHOLARSHIP

The Helen L. Diller Scholarship Program was established in 2022 by the Challenged Children's Charity Corporation in association with The Helen L. Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children. It is our continued goal to serve our beloved campers. Not only do we provide children with visual impairments a weeklong vacation at the shore, but we are also now able to support them in their pursuit of higher education and training programs through our Scholarship Program. For more information, go to dillerblindhome.org/scholarship.

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.

Dear Donor,
I always have fun coming here every single year. I love doing every activity, from going to the beach and the lake, to riding all the thrilling rides at the boardwalk in Wildwood. Every year I come here, I make lots of new friends. Thank you for making this week possible for me and my friends. I can't wait for next year!

Love,
Kayla

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.

GETTING INVOLVED

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 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 Gorecke at fgorecke@dillerblindhome.org.