

We believe that everyone, regardless of circumstance and economic status, deserves the opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

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The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation: Supporting the Greatest Needs

Over the years, The Floating Hospital has developed valuable relationships with any number of donors. We have been grateful for the generosity of the organizations that regularly support our mission with targeted funding for special projects, but special thanks must be reserved for supporters of our general operations.

Such a funder is the **Charles A. Frueauff Foundation (CAFF)**. The family-run foundation has been a regular and significant donor to the hospital since 2000, with annual unrestricted gifts as well as funds to build our new clinic in 2020 and extra money to deal with the expenses we incurred during the Covid pandemic in 2022.

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Our Best Shot

Back to school also means back to our clinics for many families who want or are required to have their children immunized against certain illnesses. At The Floating Hospital, **Linda You**, director of clinical services, said "the highest volume of vaccinations occur in September to December."

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A Glorious Week of Fun and Learning

It was a glorious week on the eastern edge of the Catskills where a group of 96 kids aged 12 to 15 attended The Floating Hospital's **Camp Rise Up**. The campers arrived in Rhinebeck for a week of classes and traditional and modern camp activities on August 26.

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Into the home stretch
When the gun goes off for the **TCS New York City Marathon** on November 3 it will be the first time a team of Floating Hospital runners will pass through all five boroughs on their way to the finish line. As they run, they will raise vital funds to help us provide health services and other critical needs to the city's most vulnerable families.

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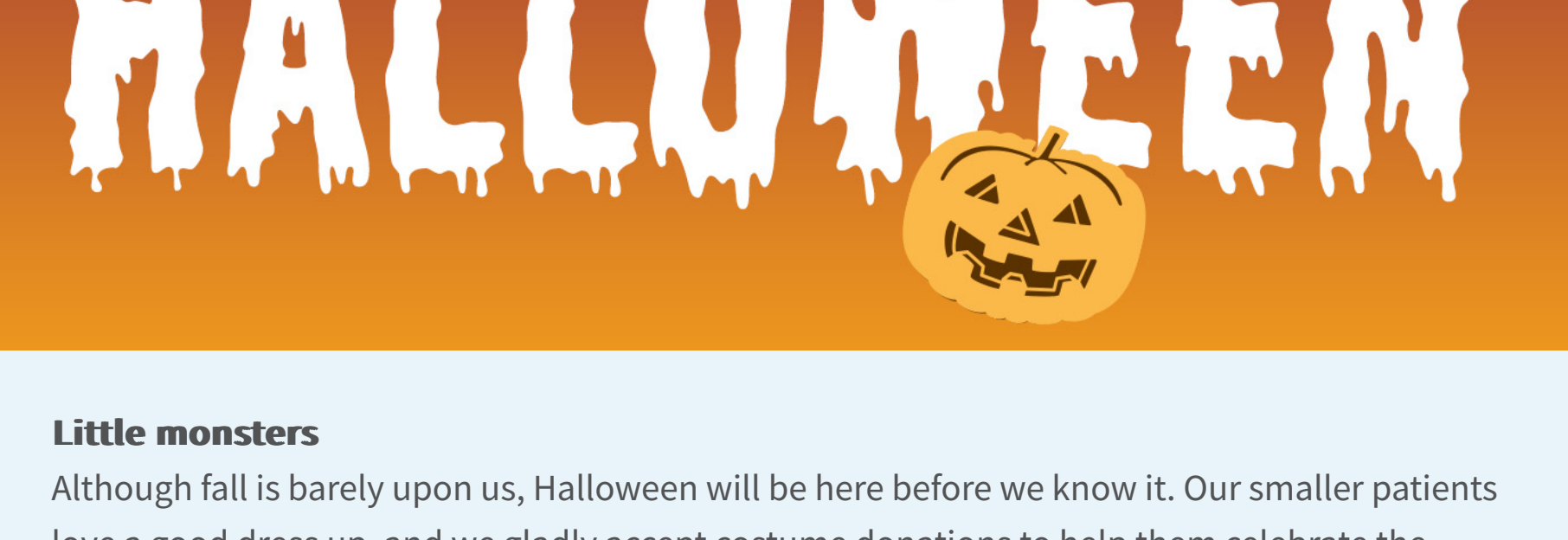
Eyes wide open
The Floating Hospital's **Optometry Clinic** will soon begin welcoming patients at our main location in Long Island City. The clinic will offer eye exams, diagnosis of issues like glaucoma and cataracts and many vision correction options.

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Another productive summer
This year's Floating Hospital summer interns had another productive summer as evidenced by their final presentations on Aug. 8. A group of 17 students, ages 14 to 21, came from all over the city (and even the world) to work at the hospital for paid six-week internships.

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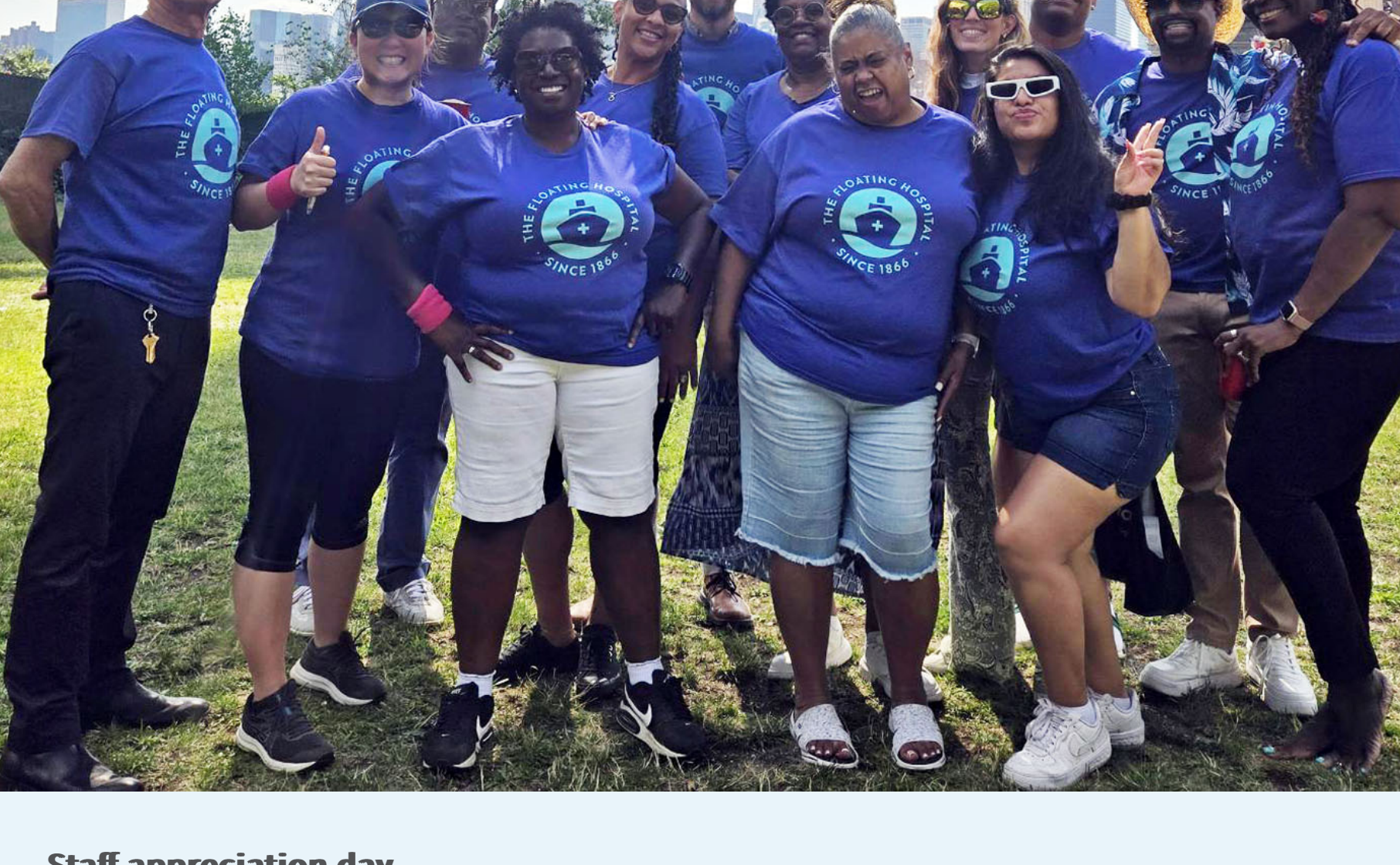
Little monsters
Although fall is barely upon us, Halloween will be here before we know it. Our smaller patients love a good dress up, and we gladly accept costume donations to help them celebrate the holiday. The excitement of pretending to be someone else is a great distraction and a source of joy for many children experiencing homelessness and can provide a break from the challenges of their new environment.

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And the games began
The Olympic games were well on their way in Paris on August 2 when **Catholic Charities** Brooklyn and Queens let its own games begin for **Kids Fun Day** in Astoria. The event, now in its 14th year, is designed to prepare kids for the school year with activities and resources for ages 5 to 17.

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Staff appreciation day
On the afternoon of July 19, Floating Hospital staff gathered in Queensbridge Park for a Summer Staff Appreciation Day and picnic.

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New York Community Trust
Summer's end means back to school, back to work and seasonal vaccines. We believe regular vaccines and those required for school are an essential element of healthcare, leading to better health for everyone. Last year, at the height of the border crisis, we partnered with **New York Community Trust** to vaccinate migrant children who had not yet received common childhood immunizations against diseases such as polio, measles and chicken pox. This targeted program of The Floating Hospital also enabled them to attend school.

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Something Jazzy
On October 16 from 6 to 9pm, we're inviting an intimate group to **Anassa Taverna** on 60th Street for a Jazz and Wine evening, part of a series of **Generosity Gatherings** to benefit The Floating Hospital.

Guests will meet and mingle on the restaurant's second floor and enjoy a performance by **Griffin Ross and the New Standard**. The band will provide smooth background grooves as well as breakout sets. A \$50 ticket includes a glass of wine and Mediterranean mezzes.

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1952: Onboard the **Lloyd I. Seaman**, a Mariner Girl Scout comforts a boy with a disability. Each year, late summer was dubbed "polio season" with nearly 60,000 children (in the U.S.) infected with the virus in 1952.

Jonas Salk was working on a vaccine at the **University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**, and national testing began in 1954 on one million children, ages six to nine, who became known as the Polio Pioneers. Results were announced the following year as 'safe and effective' and widespread immunizations began in 1955. **President Eisenhower** wrote that Dr. Salk's work was "in the highest tradition of selfless and dedicated medical research."

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