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# Camp needs cash for new building



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIDDIE KEEP WELL CAMP

From left: Tom Tighe, president of the camp board of directors; Cindy Robertson, executive director; with counselors Robert Cody, Crystal Owens, and Carmel Coleman at a pool at Kiddie Keep Well Camp in Edison.

## Fundraiser planned at Kiddie Keep Well in Edison

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EDISON - For almost seven decades, the health center at the John E. Toolan Kiddie Keep Well Camp has provided a venue for free health and dental screenings, as well as medical care, to the tens of thousands of Middlesex County campers who have passed through its doors. But the years have taken a toll on the aging structure.

"It's on footings and not on a foundation," said Thomas Tighe, president of the all-volunteer board of directors. "It's just weathered with time. It leans. It tilts. It wobbles. It needs to be redone."

With the camping season kicking into high gear, a Raising the Roof fundraiser BBQ for a new health center will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. today at the camp, 35 Roosevelt Drive.

Kiddie Keep Well Camp began its Raise the Roof campaign in 2015 in an effort to raise \$300,000 for a new health building and maintenance of the camp's other buildings. The campaign has raised \$30,000.

Camp officials believe the building that houses the health center was brought to the camp around 1947. It has five beds separated by curtains, and no separate areas for boys and girls.

"It's just not an adequate facility," Executive Direc-

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PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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A "Raise the Roof" campaign is ongoing to build a new health center at Kiddie Keep Well Camp in Edison.

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