



Fairy Godmothers



2013 Annual Report
for Fiscal Year 2012

Women Helping Women

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Letter from the Head Fairy by Shirley DeLano



On February 26, 2013, the Fairy Godmothers will celebrate our sixth year anniversary, and much has been accomplished in those six years! We have \$323,357 in our endowed fund and 595 Fairy Godmothers. We still have a ways to go to accomplish our goal of \$500,000 and 1,000 Fairy Godmothers by 2015. To reach our goal each of you must bring in one new Fairy Godmother and contribute annually to the endowed fund.

Our accomplishments this year have been many—Rules and Regulations were completed; a new website, with the ability to accept on line donations, is up and running; guidelines were developed for publishing on the website; and a timeline was established to guide us in accomplishing our goals for the year.

The sixth annual golf tournament was sponsored by Central National Bank and raised \$19,950. We are grateful to Central National Bank for its six years of sponsorship of the golf tournament, which has been the major fund-raiser for the Fairy Godmothers.

Community First National Bank sponsored Tinas, Tapas and Trinkets, which brought in \$7,471, half of which went into the grants fund and half to the endowment fund. Capitol Federal sponsored the Lingerie Luncheon, a fun event where we gather beautiful undergarments and pajamas to share with the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Crisis Center and Big Lakes Developmental Center.

Giving grants to women in need is the purpose of our organization and the grants committee was busy. They gave out 74 grants for a total of \$27,354.35. This was up from last year by 10 grants and \$5,242.43. Please read the stories in this annual report to see how the Fairy Godmothers are helping in our community. Thanks goes to Burnett Automotive who help stretch our money by giving us discounts.

The social agencies that screen our applications for grants should not be forgotten because without them we could not get the grants out in a timely fashion. The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation does a big part by helping us get the checks in the hands of the vendors. Thanks to all!

The Advisory Board has worked hard this year to get everything in place to make the organization run smoothly. I am proud to be part of this board and organization whose goals of Women helping Women in Manhattan are being accomplished.



**Remember: Once in a while,
right in the middle of an ordinary life,
love gives us a fairy tale.**

Financial Report



	2012	2011
<u>Fairy Godmothers' Endowment</u>		
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 57,407	\$ 48,906
Investment Income	\$ 8,869	\$ 3,497
Distributions/Fees	\$ (2,948)	\$ (5,620)
Net Change	\$ 63,328	\$ 46,783
End of Year Total Assets	\$323,357	\$260,029
 <u>Fairy Godmothers' Operating Fund</u>		
Revenues and Contributions	\$ 55,013	\$58,476
Investment Income	\$ 45	\$ 18
Expenses and Transfer	\$(50,015)	\$(65,465)
Net Change	\$ 5,043	\$ (6,971)
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 16,616	\$11,573
 <u>Fairy Godmothers' Grant Fund</u>		
Revenues and Contributions	\$ 18,884	\$ 26,314
Investment Income	\$ 34	\$ 15
Grants/Fees	\$(27,361)	\$(21,266)
Net Change	\$ (8,443)	\$ 5,063
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 9,303	\$17,746
 Total Fairy Godmother Assets	 \$349,276	 \$289,348



Donna Erpelding and Dee Johnson
Co-chairs of Finance Committee

GOAL: \$500,000 in Fairy Godmothers' Endowment Fund by 2015!

Do We Have Your CURRENT Contact Information?

With 595 Fairy Godmothers and growing, a single mailing can cost hundreds of dollars! Money that could have been better spent making another much needed grant. That is why we would like to notify you electronically whenever possible. E-mail is free and our goal is to use it to send out newsletters, event invitations, & updates. So please, if we do not have your e-mail address or if it changes, please notify the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation at foundation@mcfks.org. Also, it is important to notify the foundation if you move or change your phone number. Thank You!

In the Business of Making Wishes Come True!

We Have Been Fairy Busy!

6th Annual Fairy Godmother Golf Tournament Report

Special Thanks to Central National Bank for Sponsoring the Event

The 6th annual golf tournament was held at Colbert Hills. Total proceeds from the golf tournament this year were \$19,950. We are grateful to Central National Bank for their leadership in making this one of the most successful charity golf tournaments in Manhattan. Special thanks to our golf committee members: Gayle Spencer, Angie Herbers Zink, Sharon Snyder, Rose Pritchard, and Polly Stoecklein.

The Fairy Godmothers Fund is an endowed fund, which means we are committed to growing the principal and only using earnings from the fund for grants. This year, the Advisory Board again unanimously voted to allocate approximately half of the golf proceeds to be available for grants in 2013, with the remaining balance going to grow our endowment and help with operating costs.

The date of the upcoming 7th Annual Fairy Godmothers Golf Tournament has not been announced, so watch for the date. All fairies can help with this event in many ways, including: golfing, being a sponsor, attending the dinner after golf, and joining in the fun of the drawing and silent auction.



Tinis, Tapas, and Trinkets

The 2nd annual Tinis, Tapas, and Trinkets was held July 25, 2012, at the Manhattan Country Club. Special thanks go to the committee members: Gayle Spencer, Staci Martin, Dee Johnson, Debbie Flynn, Cindy Sloan, Carolyn Jankovich and Janet Neal. This was an extraordinary event and continues to be a great event for fairies to enjoy in the summer months. About \$7,471 was raised from this event. Of the money raised, half was transferred to grants, and half was transferred to our endowment.

Gayle Spencer and Angie Herbers Zink
Co-Chairs of the Events Committee

Special Thanks to Community First National Bank
for sponsoring this event!

Lingerie Luncheon

**Special Thanks to Capitol Federal
For Sponsoring this Event!**



The 6th annual Lingerie Luncheon was held on November 15, 2012, at the Manhattan Arts Center. The Connections Committee was most appreciative to Capitol Federal for once again serving as a corporate sponsor for the event. Also celebrated at the luncheon were the pinning of a new Fairy, several donations, and renewal contributions.

Approximately 90 Fairy Godmothers attended and donated lingerie that was distributed to the Crisis Center, Big Lakes Developmental Center and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. Items donated included pajamas, undergarments, socks and toiletries with an estimated value of approximately \$6,200.00.

Our committee is thankful to the businesses that provided generous support in the form of discounts for lingerie purchases for the event. In addition to a discount, Dillard's gave each Fairy Godmother a gift bag with their purchase. Katherine's of Topeka also provided specially needed items at a discount. The committee also thanks Bluestem Bistro for catering a delicious lunch at reduced price.

The focus and direction of the Connections Committee continues to be creating strategies to engage our new and existing Fairy Godmothers through event participation and membership renewal.

Cheryl Grice and Judy Hughey, Co-Chairs of Connections Committee

Communications Committee Report

What a difference a year makes. Since the Fifth Annual Celebration on Feb. 28, 2012, the Communications Committee has met, grown and made significant progress on projects.

Although we can't say "thank you for your service" enough and were sad to say goodbye to valuable members Kathy Holen, Kay Weigel, Teresa Williams, and Cheryl Yunk, we were delighted to welcome new members to the committee. Ann Christian, Sharon Reagan and Claudia Voos joined the group.

The committee met three times to update the Fairy Godmothers website, develop guidelines for publishing on the website, establish a timeline for work done by the committee and work on the history of the FGM.

Perhaps the most important of the projects was developing, updating and maintaining the information on the new Fairy Godmothers website. Working with JNT, the committee determined the content of each of the five sections of the website. The committee provided information to be posted on the site and created interactive elements including fact bubbles, event calendars and event coverage.

Co-Chairs Carol Oukrop and Linda Puntney interviewed founding Fairy Godmothers to start a history of the organization. Following review of the history by the Advisory Board, the committee continues to work with Past Head Fairy Polly Stoecklein and JNT to make the history a more inviting and interactive section of the website.

Carol Oukrop and Linda Puntney, Co-Chairs of the Communications Committee

Wishes Granted!

A new mother was diagnosed with postpartum depression. Her husband had to return to work and they were concerned about leaving her alone with the baby. Her insurance would not cover homecare service. She received a grant to cover having someone stay with her when needed. It turns out that the grant was never used but it gave the family a lot of peace of mind to know that the service was available.

Dentures were necessary for a young mother with two young daughters. She had been paying for the dentures for 3 years but could not pay for the final steps of impressions and fittings for her dentures. She needed to eat healthier food and needed dentures to do that. When she got the dentures her daughters said: "Mom, now you can smile".

Cars, cars, cars!! Many car repairs to make cars work, replace windshields, repair air conditioning, replace battery, repair brakes, buy tires, pay for tags, insurance, registration and taxes. Cars are necessary to get to work, take children places, and go to the doctors and many other places.

Four medical bills - a woman living only on social security was struggling to pay them. She was making payments of \$5-\$10 per month on each of the bills. She needed the assistance of the Fairy Godmothers to help pay those bills.

Helping with education and getting a better job - that is what a grant did for one young woman who had her CNA (Certified Nurse's Aide Certificate) but could make more money with the CMA (Certified Medical Aide Certification). A grant from the fairies allowed her to achieve that goal.

Going through a custody dispute and not receiving child support, a single mom was facing many financial hardships. She requested financial assistance to pay her attorney fees. In her application she stated: "Any help that the Fairy Godmothers could grant me would be a blessing. I give my word that I will go forth and do service or support to others as I can".

Problems with her eyes were preventing a woman from doing her job. She got them checked and the doctor ordered new glasses so that she could see to do her job. She could not afford the glasses but the godmothers provided a grant for them.

A woman was living at the Emergency Shelter because she had no other place to live. Her personal belongings were being kept in a storage unit; however, she had difficulties keeping up with the payments on the unit due to limited work hours. The assistance from the fairies allowed her to keep her belongings.

Essential dental work was necessary so that an abused woman would not lose her teeth or become ill from them. She is employed but only part-time. She is seeking full-time employment but need to preserve her health and appearance to do so. A grant made the dental work possible.

A parent of a child with leukemia needed her auto insurance reinstated so that she could take her son to Kansas City hospital for chemotherapy. This person was unable to hold down a job because of her son's illness and was short on money. Fairy Godmothers reinstated her auto policy by making the two past-due monthly payments.

A young woman with two children recently removed herself from a domestic violence situation. In the meantime, her CNA License expired. She had a job offer if she could get her license renewed. Fairy Godmothers paid her refresher course fee so that she was able to go back to work.

A single mother got her three children back from "out of home" placement, but did not have beds for them in her apartment. She rented bunk beds but got behind on her payments. Fairy Godmothers helped her catch up on the payments. She was expecting to receive child support now that she had her children back. We recommended that she get financial counseling.

A young mother of four children with very little child support needed a washer and dryer. It was very expensive to go outside the home to do laundry for such a big family. Fairy Godmothers were able to get her both a washer and a dryer in working condition.

Total Grants in 2012 - 74

Total monies given out in 2012 - \$27,354

Average grant \$370

Our grants have been primarily for car repairs, tires, car insurance, etc. It is rewarding to be able to help get these women on the road again. Our work as Fairy Godmothers will always be needed in the Manhattan community because public transportation is not available. When you consider the women we help and the impact we have made on the community in the five years we have made grants, it is tremendous. Thank you to all the Fairy Godmothers and their continued support of the Grants Committee!

Jo Lyle and Judy Regehr, Co-Chairs of the Grants Committee

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As a Fairy Godmother, we ask that you:

- actively solicit new members ~ the more the merrier!
- make an annual contribution to the endowment fund so that we can continue to grow and grant wishes.



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