



Fairy Godmothers



2014 Annual Report
for Fiscal Year 2013

Women Helping Women

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Letter from the Head Fairy by Cheryl Grice



It is with great pleasure and distinct honor that I write this letter as Head Fairy for the Manhattan Fairy Godmothers. The success of this past year would not be possible without the determination of our charter and founding members who had a vision to reach out and touch as many lives as possible through philanthropic means. This organization's membership has exceeded 600 Fairies!

As we celebrate the 7th year mark of our organization, you may reflect on the accomplishments by viewing the historic timeline on our website at www.fgfund.org. The timeline gives a review of the past seven years, month by month. The archives present pictures of many successful Lingerie Luncheons, our charitable golf tournaments as well as other milestones for the Manhattan Fairy Godmothers. In addition, the advisory board appointed a membership taskforce to launch our Facebook site and host "Wonderful Wednesdays" to welcome new Fairies and build membership.

On behalf of the entire Fairy Godmother organization I would like to extend a special 'Thank You' to Community 1st for their support of our Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Capital Federal for their support of our Annual Lingerie Luncheon. These events would not be possible without this type of generous sponsorship. The annual golf tournament generated \$30,000 in 2013! The distribution of funding continues to be placed towards grants and the growth of the endowment.

As our organization continues to grow, your generosity speaks volumes and has allowed the advisory board to pass a vote to increase the maximum amount of each grant and we continue to provide assistance to more and more women each year. We are on course towards our goal of \$500,000 by 2015 in the endowment. Thank you for your annual contributions and for considering the opportunity to leave a legacy through your continued support to the Fairy Godmother Fund.

I want to send a special thank you to the staff of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation; Vern Henricks, Elaine Dhuyvetter and Marla Brandon have been this organization's guardian angels and we are grateful to you for your support and the tireless hours you dedicated to the FGM. Several local businesses have also been generous when assisting Fairy Godmother grant recipients; we want to acknowledge your kindness as well. We would not be able to award grants without the local agencies that participate in our grant process - thank you.

It is the highest compliment when someone requests to duplicate your efforts. The Fairy Godmothers of Manhattan extend well wishes for success in the implementation of The Prairie Godmothers of Great Bend, Kansas and the Guardian Angels here in Manhattan as they begin the establishment of their philanthropic organizations. Both organizations met with members of our advisory board prior to establishing their funds. Along those lines, early in my term, the Manhattan Magazine featured our organization in the issue highlighting local heroes...each of you Fairies are the heroes!

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve with 13 other amazing Fairies during my term as Chair of the advisory board. It has been a blessing and I am humbled to have had this opportunity to work with so many phenomenal women and impact the lives of women in need within our community. As the last of the original nine board members, it is exciting to see how much the organization has grown with so many new women stepping forward to serve on the board.

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

~Maya Angelo~

Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee continues to grow and be busy. Since the 6th Annual Celebration in February of 2013, the committee has continued to work with JNT to keep the Fairy Godmothers' website up-to-date. A final version of the organization's history and a timeline of the organization's development were approved by the Advisory Board and are now an interactive part of the website fgfunds.org.

After each event, the committee has posted photos and captions including the 2013 Annual Celebration, the highly successful 2013 Golf Tournament and the annual Lingerie Luncheon. Additionally, photos and captions for past year's events have been added to the website.

Working with the Advisory Board, the committee revised the Rules and Regulations to keep them in compliance and reflective of the structure of today's organization, and wrote press releases and a letter to the editor published in the Manhattan Mercury.

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

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



Do We Have Your CURRENT Contact Information?

With over 600 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!

Fairy Godmothers' 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Special Thanks to Community 1st Bank for Sponsoring the Event

The Fairy Godmothers' 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was a tremendous success with a record number of proceeds and attendees for the dinner and silent auction. This event was held at the Manhattan Country Club on September 30th. Many Fairies participated in this event by either: golfing, being a sponsor, attending the dinner after golf, and/or joining in the fun of the raffle and silent auction.

The Fairy Godmother's Advisory Board would like to thank Community 1st Bank for being the title sponsor for this event. A special thank you to the numerous sponsors throughout the golf tournament, whether they were hole sponsors, cart sponsors or made contributions for the many drawings throughout the evening. The generosity and philanthropic climate of this community is overwhelming.

This year's contributions exceeded our expectations and totaled \$30,000. The proceeds from the tournament continue to support the efforts of our Fairy Godmother's organization which provides assistance to women in need throughout the Manhattan community.

The Fairy Godmothers' organization would like to thank the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation for the administrative support during our charity fundraising event.

Events Committee members

**Polly Stoecklein, Sharon Snyder, Rose Pritchard, Michele Blanton, Brenda Schaffer,
and the FGM Advisory Board**



Lingerie Luncheon

Special Thanks to Capitol Federal For Sponsoring this Event!

The 7th Annual Lingerie Luncheon, sponsored by Capitol Federal Savings, was held on November 20, 2013, at the Manhattan Arts Center. More than 80 Fairy Godmothers attended the luncheon and brought items valued at more than \$3,120.00. Items donated included pajamas, undergarments, socks and fleece blankets. Administrators from the Crisis Center, Big Lakes Developmental Center and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter were present to accept the donations from the Fairy Godmothers.

Vern Henricks, President of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, gave opening remarks at the luncheon. His remarks were followed with general examples of grants funded by Fairy Godmother donations. The luncheon concluded with the awarding of door prizes.

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

Judy Hughey and Ann Knackendoffel, Co-Chairs of the Connections Committee



Financial Report

	2013	2012
<u>Fairy Godmothers' Endowment</u>		
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 16,254	\$ 57,407
Investment Income	\$ 50,130	\$ 8,869
Distributions/Fees	\$ (4,122)	\$ (2,948)
Net Change	\$ 62,262	\$ 63,328
End of Year Total Assets	\$385,619	\$323,357
<u>Fairy Godmothers' Operating Fund</u>		
Revenues and Contributions	\$ 73,704	\$ 55,013
Investment Income	\$ 60	\$ 45
Expenses and Transfer	\$(50,612)	\$(50,015)
Net Change	\$ 23,152	\$ 5,043
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 39,768	\$ 16,616
<u>Fairy Godmothers' Grant Fund</u>		
Revenues and Contributions	\$ 22,909	\$ 18,884
Investment Income	\$ 22	\$ 34
Grants/Fees	\$(31,238)	\$(27,361)
Net Change	\$ (8,306)	\$ (8,443)
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 996	\$ 9,303
<u>Fairy Grateful Fund</u>		
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 200	\$ 0
Investment Income	\$ 1	\$ 0
Distributions/Fees	\$ (25)	\$ 0
Net Change	\$ 176	\$ 0
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 176	\$ 0
Total Fairy Godmother Assets	\$426,559	\$349,276

Donna Erpelding and Dee Johnson
Co-Chairs of Finance Committee

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

Wishes Granted!

Struggling to live on disability an older woman does not have money for unexpected expense. Her furnace went out and had to be replaced. She used the money that she had set aside for her car insurance to pay for it. Her car insurance was past due and she received a grant to make it current and for one more month.

Squeezing by on Social Security income, an elderly woman also supports her middle aged son because he is mentally disabled. She owns her own home but her well pump was broken and she did not have any running water. The grant covered the cost to repair and replace the well pump.

A young mother of six children is currently attending classes to get her GED in order to get a job. She asked the Fairies for help in repairing her car so that she could get to class, school and doctor's appointments.

Due to her low income an older woman was unable to afford ATA bus tickets and she does not drive. She requested a supply of ATA tickets so that she could get to and from her doctor appointments.

A single mother with no health insurance was concerned about her eyesight because she had a significant commute to work. A grant provided her with an eye exam and contact lenses.

Health issues caused a woman to have her hours cut at her job. She lost her apartment and is living at the Emergency Shelter. Her health has improved and she can now work full-time but needed to have repairs to her car so that she could get to work.

Due to diabetes a woman was prescribed the use of diabetic shoes and inserts. The cost for those was significantly more than what the patient was able to pay. A grant for them supported the woman's efforts to gain employment and function on a daily level.

The furnace in a woman's trailer home needed to be replaced as the cold days set in. She lives on a disability income. The heating company gave her a special price so that she could pay for the furnace with our help.

A local dentist agreed to rebase a woman's lower dentures. Without our help, she would have run into possible health issues because she could not chew.

We were able to help a woman get a Protection from Abuse order by paying part of her legal fees for the hearings. The legal firm capped their fee because of Fairy Godmothers willingness to help. They were able to work out a payment schedule for the woman to pay the remainder.

Without a washer and dryer, a mother of three children was spending a lot of money at the laundromat. An agency was able to locate a used washer and dryer set and the Fairies were able to purchase the machines for her.

A young woman has two children. She and her husband both work, but have fallen behind because the woman hurt her ankle and could not work for several weeks. At that point, their water heater failed. After getting financial counseling from an agency in town, Fairy Godmothers were able to replace their water heater. The plumbing company lowered their price so that we could pay the entire bill.

Fairy Godmothers paid a young woman's tuition bill for her Business Administration Certificate at MATC so that she could get a better job to support her family.

A woman who was born with a severe handicap had surgery and needed a Homecare and Hospice Healthcare Attendant to come to her home and assist her with bathing, housekeeping, and meal preparation. She lives in an apartment connected to her mother's house, but her mother was out of town. Fairy Godmothers were able to provide her this much needed assistance.

Total Grants in 2013 - 82

Total monies given out in 2013 - \$32,416

Average grant \$395

Our grants have been primarily for car related items. It is rewarding to be able to help get these women on the road again. We want to extend a special thanks to Burnett Automotive for giving the Fairy Godmothers a generous discount on automotive services. We have added CASA to our list of cooperating agencies allowing us to help more women in new ways. When you consider the women we help and the impact we have made on the community in the six 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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