



Fairy Godmothers



2016 Annual Report
for Fiscal Year 2015

Women Helping Women

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Letter from the Head Fairy

February 2016 will mark the ninth anniversary of the Fairy Godmothers, which has grown from 50 members to almost 700 with an endowment fund of more than \$410,000. Our goals for 2015 were to reach \$500,000 in the endowment and 1,000 Fairy Godmothers. Although short of the goals, members of the Fairy Godmothers share a strong commitment to increase the endowment, and I am confident we can achieve these goals in 2016 to commemorate our 10th anniversary.

Assisting women in need is the purpose of our organization, and the grants committee works hard all year long as we continue to see an increase in applications every year. More than 130 grants have been awarded this year totaling nearly \$56,000 with the average grant being \$450. Car repairs, dental work, beds and insurance seem to be the most frequent needs.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of all our members, corporate sponsors for our fundraising events and the entire community. At the Grow Green Match Day sponsored by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, the Fairy Godmothers was the organization with the highest number of gifts and amount raised. We received \$21,822 in donations plus a \$10,000 match from Phil Howe for a total of \$31,822.

The 9th Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Community 1st National Bank, raised a record \$34,868. We are grateful to all the business sponsors who donated silent auction items and golf tournament participants who contributed to the success of the tournament which is our main fundraising event.

New Boston Creative Group and Linda Weis Realty co-sponsored our annual Lingerie Luncheon to cover the expenses associated with the event. The clothing items donated were distributed to Big Lakes Development Center, The Crisis Center, Manhattan Emergency Shelter Inc. and Homestead Ministry.

A special thank you goes to all the social agencies that screen our grant applications. This begins the entire process of helping women. Thanks also to The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation for going above and beyond to assist with numerous tasks throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to thank the ladies on the Advisory Board for their time, dedication and guidance this past year in making wishes come true for so many women in the community.

Theresa Westphal

Chair, Fairy Godmothers Advisory Board



Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee continued to work with JNT Company to keep the Fairy Godmothers' website up to date. Since the 8th Annual Celebration, the committee has posted photos and captions of the Feb. 10, 2015, Annual Celebration, the Sept. 14, 2015, Fairy Godmothers' Charity Golf Tournament and the Nov 18, 2015, Lingerie Luncheon. The committee also reported grants given and archived past events on the website. Talk bubbles on the website alerted members to upcoming events.

Deb Skidmore joined the committee and will serve as co-chair following the Annual Celebration.

The committee also prepared and proofed the 2015 brochure and annual report.

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



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for all the latest news & events!



Do We Have Your CURRENT Contact Information?

With more than 650 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. **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!

We Have Been Fairy Busy!

Fairy Godmothers 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Special Thanks to Community 1st Bank for Sponsoring the Event

The 2015 Fairy Godmothers Charity Golf Tournament was a huge success with \$34,868 raised to support women in our community who need a helping hand.

Community 1st Bank once again was the title sponsor. Rob Stitt and his staff were wonderful to work with and generous with their support of this annual golf tournament.

The Manhattan business community once again got behind the tournament with 10 corporate sponsors, seven flight sponsors, three beverage sponsors, 10 hole sponsors, numerous proximity- prize and boxed-lunch sponsors and donations from more than 45 individuals and businesses for the silent auction.

The addition to the drawing of a beautiful amethyst and diamond ring, generously donated by Bobbi French with G. Thomas Jewelers, and a cocktail hour with jazz music enhanced the evening festivities.

A special thank you to the 15 women who served on the 2015 Golf Tournament committee whose hard work ensured the success of this year's tournament.

It was decided the 2016 Golf Tournament will see the Fairy Godmothers joining forces with their male counterparts, The Guardian Angels, for their first combined fund-raising effort.

Angie Schultz, Chair, Events Committee

Lingerie Luncheon

Special Thanks to New Boston Creative Group & Weis Realty For Sponsoring this Event!

The 9th Annual Lingerie Luncheon, sponsored by Weis Realty and New Boston Creative Group, was held Nov. 18, 2015, at the Manhattan Arts Center. More than 80 Fairy Godmothers attended the luncheon and brought items valued in excess of \$4,250. Items donated included pajamas, undergarments, scarfs, slippers, socks and fleece blankets. Representatives from Homestead Ministry, Crisis Center, Big Lakes Developmental Center and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter Inc. were present to accept the donations from the Fairy Godmothers.

In addition to bringing us together, the Lingerie Luncheon provided a visible and tangible way for Fairy Godmothers to see how our donations benefit women in our community. Deb Klutz from Homestead Ministry shared with attendees the goal and mission of Homestead Ministry. Several examples of how grant funds made a difference in the lives of women in our community were shared. Appreciation was expressed to the sponsors for providing financial assistance for the event.

New Fairy Godmothers were recognized and presented with their Fairy Godmother pins. Attendees were asked to think of someone they know who is not yet a Fairy Godmother and invite them to join us at the next Wonderful Wednesday event.

Judy Hughey and Ann Knackendoffel, co-chairs of the Connections Committee, gave remarks at the luncheon and shared information regarding The Guardian Angels, a newly formed men's version of the Fairy Godmother organization. For more information on the Guardians, contact the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation office.

The co-chairs thanked committee members for coordinating the Lingerie Luncheon. 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, Connections Committee



Financial Report

	2013	2014	2015
Fairy Godmother's Endowment			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 16,254	\$ 75,183	\$ 22,806
Investment Income	\$ 50,130	\$ 24,859	\$ (10,221)
Distribution Fees	\$ (4,122)	\$ (89,027)	\$ (5,072)
Net Change	\$ 62,262	\$ 11,015	\$ 7,513
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 385,619	\$ 396,634	\$ 404,147
Fairy Godmother's Operating Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 73,704	\$ 73,327	\$ 39,869
Investment Income	\$ 60	\$ 145	\$ 135
Expenses and Transfer	\$ (50,612)	\$ (46,589)	\$ (44,633)
Net Change	\$ 23,152	\$ 26,883	\$ (4,629)
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 39,768	\$ 66,651	\$ 62,022
Fairy Godmother's Grant Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 22,909	\$ 52,465	\$ 58,165
Investment Income	\$ 22	\$ 95	\$ 121
Grants/Fees	\$ (31,238)	\$ (47,527)	\$ (54,398)
Net change	\$ (8,307)	\$ 5,033	\$ 3,888
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 996	\$ 6,029	\$ 9,917
Fairy Grateful Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200
Investment Income	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -
Grants/Fees	\$ (25)	\$ (68)	\$ (54)
Net change	\$ 176	\$ (67)	\$ 146
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 176	\$ 109	\$ 255
Total Fairy Godmother Assets	\$ 426,559	\$ 469,423	\$ 476,341



*Dee Johnson, Treasurer
Jo Lyle and Brenda Schaffer, Co-Chairs, Finance Committee*

GOAL: \$500,000 in Fairy Godmothers' Endowment Fund by 2016!

In 2015, Fairy Godmothers Grants Committee...

Gave out 130 grants • Grants Total \$55,601.38
Average size of grants \$446.64 • Maximum grant we give \$600

Monies received totaled \$58,352.73 and came from the following sources...

- Allocated by Fairy Godmothers Board from endowment proceeds and Golf Tournament \$46,800
- Grow Green 2015 match \$10,000
- Grow Green 2014 match \$3,725
- Gifts designated for grants
- Interest on grants account

Social Agencies sending applicants to the Grants Committee in 2015 were...

- Shepherd's Crossing 78 grants
- Salvation Army 34
- North Central - Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging 11
- Boys and Girls Club 4
- Manhattan Emergency Shelter 2
- Homecare and Hospice 1

Most commonly requested ...

- Automotive repair, registration and insurance
- Dental and health related expenses including dentures and eyeglasses
- Beds

Real stories of women receiving Fairy Godmothers Grants!

- One of our grant recipients is a single mother of two preschool children. She works 30 hours a week, but her low hourly rate and food stamps total just over \$1,000 a month. She gets no child support money. Her expenses are more than her income. Her older model car needed repair. With Burnett's discount, we got her car running so she could get to work.
- A woman who escaped domestic abuse was having to walk to work. She plans to return to school to complete a nursing program. Fairy Godmothers purchased a bicycle for her to get to work more easily.
- A mother had a disabled child who needed supervision, but she still managed to work two part-time-jobs. She knew she could make more money if her front teeth looked better. Even with her job income, son's disability check and food stamps, money was tight. Fairy Godmothers approved a grant for upper dentures for her.
- A couple relocated to Manhattan from the East Coast because they had family here. They moved into the Manhattan Emergency Shelter Inc. briefly until the husband acquired employment. They now live in a two-bedroom apartment but did not have a bed. The woman was due for delivery in several months and was experiencing pregnancy pains. It hurt her lower back to sleep on their couch. They needed a mattress for a good night's rest. Fairy Godmothers purchased one for them.
- A young woman with a debilitating disease was trying to work and attend college courses. Her fiance worked, but only made enough to pay for necessities. The woman owned an old car, but it had been overheating. Fairy Godmothers paid to get the car repaired so she could look for a second job.
- A 22-year-old, who is five months pregnant, has a part-time job and lives with her mother. Fairy Godmothers helped pay the registration renewal for her car. This allowed her to get to her current job and to look for additional employment.
- A single woman has multiple disabilities which prevent her from working. She has a therapy dog to help her go outside the home. Grant funding made it possible to get the dog's shots up to date so they will not have to leave public housing.
- A woman who works 30 hours a week also takes care of her 90-year-old mother in their home. She has little money left after payments for house mortgage, health and home insurance. The Fairy Godmothers Grant fund assisted her with car repairs which allowed her to get to her job as well as to take her mother to doctor appointments.
- The Fairy Godmothers paid for the purchase of a clothes dryer for a young mother who has a limited income for any extras.
- A young woman fleeing a domestic abuse situation had to leave her belongings behind when she came to live here with family. Fairy Godmothers Grant Fund made it possible for her to purchase mattresses and bed frames.
- Transportation for kidney dialysis three times a week and the care of two young children led a mother to apply for help with her car repairs. Fairy Godmothers fulfilled her request. She is currently on a kidney transplant list. Having a reliable car will also help her attend transplant team meetings in Kansas City.

Judy Regehr and Kay Weigel, Co-Chairs, Grants Committee

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