



Fairy Godmothers



2015 Annual Report
for Fiscal Year 2014

Women Helping Women

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Letter from the Head Fairy by Donna Erpelding

Just a few short years ago in early 2006 several women had a dream to begin an endowment fund to assist women in need in the Manhattan community. Today, eight years later, that dream has become a reality. The Fairy Godmothers membership has grown from 50 to more than 650.

Numerous women in this area have been helped with needs not provided by other Manhattan agencies. More than 100 grants have been awarded this year with the average grant being \$440. Single women, mothers, the elderly and the disabled have benefitted. Car repairs, beds, dental work, furnace repairs, plumbing repairs, auto insurance, and tuition for educational opportunities are some of the grants awarded by the Fairy Godmothers.

Who helped us grow and expand our giving potential? You, the Fairy Godmothers members, as well as the generosity of this entire community have been the generating factors in the growth of this organization. At GROW Green Match Day, sponsored by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, the Fairy Godmothers received \$13,700 in donations plus 50% matching funds (provided by Phil and Margaret Howe) for a total of \$20,550. Our annual golf tournament was a phenomenal success raising \$31,500 thanks to the generosity of numerous donors, golf tournament participants, donated silent auction items and the gift from our title sponsor, Community First Bank. Annual giving and memorial contributions provided additional funding to help us build our endowment, maintain our grant giving and provide for our general operating expenses. A number of local businesses also gave us discounts when providing goods and services for our grantees. That, too, helps us stretch our grant monies and give more assistance where and when needed. A special thank you goes to our Events Committee, the Finance Committee and our Grants Committee for their dedication in making the behind-the-scenes operations run smoothly.

The Connections Committee helped organize and implement our annual Lingerie Luncheon, sponsored by the New Boston Creative Group. This fun activity attracted nearly 100 women. Pajamas, underwear, socks, nightgowns, and robes were donated for women, men and children in need. The items are distributed to the Crisis Center, the Emergency Shelter and Big Lakes Development Center. The recently established The Homestead, a transitional home to women exiting the sex industry and reintegrating into society, also received items from this year's Lingerie Luncheon.

Our website www.fgfund.org, was maintained by the Communications Committee. The site is kept up to date and provides valuable information about the Fairy Godmothers organization, its events, committees and membership applications.

I am very proud and grateful to be a part of this group that will leave a living legacy in helping women in need in this community. Thanks to each of you for the part you played in the success of this organization this past year.

Donna Erpelding

2014 Chair, Fairy Godmothers Advisory Board



Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee continued to work with JNT to keep the Fairy Godmothers website up to date. Since the 7th Annual Celebration, the committee has posted photos and captions of the 2014 Annual Celebration, the Oct. 6, 2014, Fairy Godmothers Charity Golf Tournament and the Nov. 19, 2014, Lingerie Luncheon. The committee has also reported grants given and promoted upcoming events, keeping the website timely with talk balloons.

The committee did handwritten thank you notes to those who donated to the Fairy Godmothers at Grow Green Day, and assisted the GMCF intern with updating the Fairy Godmother mailing list. The committee contacted about 150 members to get e-mail addresses, enabling significant savings in postage costs.

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

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www.fgfund.org
for all the latest news & events!*



Carol Oukrop and Cheryl Grice at 2014 Annual Celebration

Do We Have Your **CURRENT** Contact Information?

With more than 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. **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 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Special Thanks to Community 1st Bank for Sponsoring the Event

The Fairy Godmothers 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was another great success, raising \$31,500 to continue supporting the organization's efforts to assist women in need throughout the Manhattan community.

The Oct. 6, 2014, tournament at Colbert Hills Golf Course featured fairies and community members participating by golfing, sponsoring, attending the dinner after golf and joining in the fun of the silent auction.

This tournament would not have happened without the support of special businesses and individuals in our community who stepped up and supported our efforts through corporate sponsorships, flight sponsorships, hole sponsorships, beverage cart sponsorships, proximity prize sponsorships and lunch sponsorships. We offer a special thank you to each of them. Community 1st Bank continues to lead with their Title Sponsorship for which we offer our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. The generosity and the philanthropic climate of this community are truly overwhelming.

Another huge component to our success was the players — a special thank you to all those individuals who formed teams or joined teams to make this tournament possible.

The Fairy Godmothers thank the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation for the administrative support during this charity fundraising event.

Christine Benne and Angela Schultz, Co-Chairs, Events Committee



Lana Oleen at 2014
Lingerie Luncheon



Lingerie Luncheon

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



Christine Benne helping at 2014
Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual Lingerie Luncheon, sponsored by New Boston Creative Group, was held Nov. 19, 2014, at the Manhattan Arts Center. More than 85 Fairy Godmothers attended the luncheon and brought items valued at more than \$5,850. Items donated included pajamas, undergarments, scarves, slippers, socks and fleece blankets. Representatives from Crisis Center, Big Lakes Developmental Center and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter 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 donations benefit women in the community.

Judy Hughey and Ann Knackendoffel, Co-Chairs of the Connections Committee, encouraged all Fairy Godmothers to bring a potential Fairy Godmother to one of the Wonderful Wednesday events. It is a fun social event, held about every four months, to get together and let others learn about our group. Members were also encouraged to spread the word about the newly formed Guardian Angels group — the men's version of the Fairy Godmothers organization.

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

	2012	2013	2014
Fairy Godmother's Endowment			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 57,407.00	\$ 16,254.00	\$ 75,183.00
Investment Income	\$ 8,869.00	\$ 50,130.00	\$ 24,859.00
Distribution Fees	\$ (2,948.00)	\$ (4,122.00)	\$ (89,027.00)
Net Change	\$ 63,328.00	\$ 62,262.00	\$ 11,015.00
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 323,357.00	\$ 385,619.00	\$ 396,634.00
Fairy Godmother's Operating Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 55,013.00	\$ 73,704.00	\$ 73,327.00
Investment Income	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 145.19
Expenses and Transfer	\$ 50,015.00	\$ (50,612.00)	\$ (46,589.00)
Net Change	\$ 5,043.00	\$ 23,152.00	\$ 26,883.00
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 16,616.00	\$ 39,768.00	\$ 66,651.00
Fairy Godmother's Grant Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 18,884.00	\$ 22,909.00	\$ 51,464.00
Investment Income	\$ 34.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 98.26
Grants/Fees	\$ (27,361.00)	\$ (31,238.00)	\$ (47,698.00)
Net change	\$ (8,443.00)	\$ (8,306.00)	\$ 4,860.22
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 9,303.00	\$ 996.00	\$ 5,856.22
Fairy Grateful Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Investment Income	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.97
Grants/Fees	\$ -	\$ (25.00)	\$ (67.97)
Net change	\$ -	\$ 176.00	\$ (67.00)
End of Year Total Assets	\$ -	\$ 176.00	\$ 109.00
Total Fairy Godmother Assets	\$ 349,276.00	\$ 426,559.00	\$ 469,250.22



Dee Johnson, Treasurer
Marcia Hornung and Theresa Westphal, Co-Chairs, Finance Committee

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

Wishes Granted!

- A woman who is raising her deceased sister's children has a job, but her total income is so low that she barely balances each month on her rent, car payment, car insurance, utility bills, food, phone, gas, laundry, etc. She needed car tires and the auto repair shop people noticed that her brakes were bad, too. We were able to help her get both fixed.
- A woman lost all of her belongings because she could not pay for the storage. She and her three children moved into supported housing and were all sharing a bed. The Fairy Godmothers provided each of the children a bed.
- A woman receiving only disability income each month has trouble handling her own finances. She has mental illness disorders that present her with challenges and impact her daily life. This woman is being counseled by one of our agencies. She recently fell and broke a front tooth so the Fairy Godmothers paid to get it repaired by a local dentist.
- An elderly woman living on less than \$1,000 a month lives in a mobile home that had a water leak damaging her floors. The Fairies paid for the supplies and the labor to do the repair work.
- A woman recently moved here from another state because she got approved for Section 8 housing here. When she moved here, she quickly found a job as a housekeeper. Unfortunately, her hours were cut dramatically, and she ended up being laid off due to lack of work. She is still looking for work. She has been sleeping on her floor with sheets and comforter. Fairy Godmothers bought her a bed.
- After graduating from nursing school a woman needed her nursing license in order to find work in her field. A grant was approved to cover the costs.
- A single mother living in public housing works as a housekeeper, but her hours and pay are not great considering most of her hours come from the football games. When she is working, her little son is taken care of by her neighbor. As of late, she has been walking to work because she does not have car insurance and does not want to get pulled over with no insurance. Fairy Godmothers paid the six-month policy premium for her.
- A new mom was living in an apartment with her first child without a washer and dryer. Her grant provided her with a used washer and dryer.
- A woman on disability and her son live in a mobile home. The son works in a fast-food establishment for less than \$8 an hour. The furnace needed a new motor in anticipation of the coming cold weather. She worked diligently to find a company to do the work on her furnace for a reasonable amount. Although her car also needs work, she decided that the furnace is a higher priority. Fairy Godmothers paid for the furnace repair before the cold weather set in.
- Working and taking some college classes, a woman needed day care for her son. He was in Head Start last year and needs to go this year. However, he could not be enrolled until the remainder of last year's bill was paid. This grant helps with education for both the woman and her son and provides day care for the son.

Total Grants in 2014 — 113

Total monies given out in 2014 — \$49,731

Average grant — \$440

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. When you consider the women we help and the impact we have made on the community in the seven 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, Grants Committee

Our Wand-erful Committee Members!

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Please contact the co-chairs if you are interested in serving.

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Enjoying a meal after a wonderful day of golf!

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Best dressed golfer - Kevin Fately



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Downton Abbey Auction Item Donated by Grants Committee



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