



# Fairy Godmothers

## 2017 Annual Celebration & Report

for Fiscal Year 2016

***“Once in a while, in the middle of an ordinary life, love gives us a fairy tale.”***

*Those words, first spoken 10 years ago when the Fairy Godmothers was founded, still ring true for the members of an organization which has helped more than 1,000 Manhattan-area women since its inception in 2007.*

*Tonight, we’re recognizing our 10th anniversary with an “Experience This” theme, and we have experiences to celebrate. We’ve grown — from 50 members to more than 600 with an endowment fund of more than \$455,000. Our goal for 2016 was to increase our endowment by five percent and we achieved that. In fact, our endowment increased 11.68 percent. We also helped 132 women experience a life that was a little easier when we provided \$59,888 in grants. Assisting women in need is our mission, and the members of the grants committee work all year long reviewing the applications that seem to increase every year. Car repairs, dental work, beds and insurance are the needs most often cited by applicants. Although we can provide up to \$600, our grants averaged \$446.90 in 2016.*

*None of this growth would be possible without the generosity of 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 experienced the generosity of the community with donations and match totaling \$32,520.*

*The 10th Annual Golf Tournament marked a first for us as we formed a partnership with the Guardians, our male counterparts. Sponsored by Community 1st National Bank, the tournament raised a record \$35,979.91 which we shared with the Guardians. We are grateful to all the business sponsors who donated items and golf tournament participants who contributed to the success of the tournament which is one of our main fundraising events.*

*Linda Weis Realty and Art Craft Printers 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 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.*

*A special thank you to the members of the Advisory Board for their support, time, guidance and dedication to the Fairy Godmothers. Thank you for making wishes come true for so many women in the community.*

*“Once in a while, in the middle of an ordinary life, love gives us a fairy tale.” Experience this and you’ll change lives.*

**Linda Puntney, Chair, Fairy Godmothers Advisory Board**



## **Celebrating 10 Years of Women Helping Women!**



The Fairy Godmothers first met in August 2006 and again on Feb. 27, 2007, to launch the Fairy Godmothers Fund. The initial steering committee of five (Joleen Hill, Sue Maes, Polly Stoecklein, Lee Taylor and Lucy Williams) were unofficial officers until 2009, when Sue Maes became the first ‘head fairy.’ Those serving as head fairy to date include:

- Sue Maes, 2009
- Joleen Hill, 2010
- Polly Stoecklein, 2011
- Shirley DeLano, 2012
- Cheryl Grice, 2013
- Donna Erpelding, 2014
- Theresa Westphal, 2015
- Linda Puntney, 2016



## Fairy Godmothers Grants Committee Report

### **In 2016, Fairy Godmothers Grants Committee:**

- Gave out 132 grants
- Grants Total \$59,888
- Average size of grants \$446
- Maximum grant we give \$600

### **Grants monies came from the following sources:**

- Allocated by Fairy Godmothers Board from endowment proceeds & Golf Tournament \$50,000
- Grow Green 2016 match \$2,500
- Grow Green 2015 match \$5,000
- Gifts designated for grants
- Interest on grants account

### **Social Agencies that sent applicants to the Grants Committee in 2016 were:**

- Shepherd's Crossing 76 grants
- Salvation Army 32 grants
- North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging 11 grants
- Crisis Center 8 grants
- Manhattan Emergency Shelter 4 grants
- CASA 2 grants
- Boys and Girls Club 1 grant

### **Most commonly requested items were:**

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

### **Judy Regehr & Kay Weigel, Co-Chairs, Grants Committee**

Grant applications are processed only through the following assistance agencies:

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| • Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan  | • North Central Flint Hills Agency on Aging |
| • Flint Hills Community Clinic      | • Salvation Army                            |
| • Homecare and Hospice              | • Shepherd's Crossing                       |
| • Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc. | • Sunflower CASA Project, Inc.              |

## The Real Stories of Area Women in 2016...



A single woman raising two pre-school age grandchildren moved back to Manhattan to care for her ill 65-year-old father. He is responsible for the care of his own disabled 13- year-old son. She is working part-time and receives food stamps. The long drive put a toll on her aging Chevy. The grant she received enabled her car to get a front head light, a new drive belt and a set of tires.

A single mother of a 7- year- old boy works in food service for a local school district. She is attending classes to become an X-ray technician. She receives housing assistance. A Fairy Godmothers Grant was able to assist her with supervised care for her young son during her working hours in the summer.

Fairy Godmothers paid \$600 for major dental work including partial dentures discounted at 50 percent at Konza Prairie Community Health and Dental Center. This is the greatest discount they allow because of the lab work. She is trying to get her life back together again after spending some time in jail. She is working and supporting her disabled daughter, but could not afford the entire \$700 bill.

An applicant and her family (disabled husband, two children, and two pets) were living in a motel. They were looking for a place to rent close to her job. The husband was also looking for work that would cater to his severe back and joint injuries. They had a vehicle but the engine blew, and it was totaled. She was asking for a bike so she could get to work on time. Fairy Godmothers were able to work with the Green Apple Bike Project to get a refurbished bicycle for her.

A 70-year-old woman lives alone on a small disability check, a very meager amount of food stamps plus a little pay from a baby-sitting job. We paid for six months of her car insurance because she cannot make her payments.

A Manhattan woman is working two jobs and cares for her middle school daughter and two young grandchildren. Her current employment does not provide her enough income and so she was seeking assistance to better her situation through education. She desired to enroll in a class at Manhattan Area Technical College. Our grant for books, supplies and tuition enabled her to take a course in phlebotomy.

We bought a bed for a couple that just moved to Manhattan. They have three children, one of which is still in diapers. The husband works full time, and they are otherwise supporting themselves financially.

No health insurance to pay for mental health services at Pawnee Mental Health led a lady to our application process. Being the primary caregiver for a disabled husband, she cannot work. She has survived years of child abuse as well as breast and liver cancer. On one of her regular visits to a physician at the Flint Hills Community Clinic, it was highly recommended that she receive treatment at Pawnee Mental Health. Our grant helped pay for long-term weekly treatment plan at Pawnee.

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## **We Have Been Fairy Busy!**

### **Communications Committee Report**

Once again, the Communication Committee worked with JNT Company to keep the Fairy Godmother website up to date. The committee has posted photos and captions of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration on Feb. 16, 2016; the Sept. 19 Fairy Godmother/Guardians Golf Tournament; and the Nov. 16 Lingerie Luncheon. The committee reported grants given, and archived past events on the web. The talk bubbles on our home page furnished totals on grants awarded and alerted members to upcoming events.

During the year the committee purchased the equipment necessary for a portable table display, to be used with presentations about the Fairy Godmothers. The Committee met in August to advise on how best to use the display board, and the Advisory Board helped as well. The board has been used successfully with several presentations.

***Carol Oukrop and Deb Skidmore, Co-Chairs, Communications Committee***



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### **Fairy Godmothers 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

#### **Special Thanks to Community 1st Bank for Sponsoring the Event**

The 2016 Fairy Godmothers Charity Golf Tournament was held at Colbert Hills in cooperation with The Guardians. These two groups joined forces to raise \$35,979.91 which was split between the two groups. The Fairy Godmothers raised \$17,989.96 to support women in the 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 the annual golf tournament.

The Manhattan business community again got behind the tournament with 10 corporate sponsors, 10 flight sponsors, two beverage sponsors, 18 hole sponsors, numerous proximity-prize and box lunch sponsors. We had 96 golfers participate, and the feedback was that everyone had a great time.

A special thank you to the women who served on the 2016 Golf Tournament Committee. Their hard work ensured the success of this year's tournament.

**Dee Johnson, Chair, Golf Committee**



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### **Lingerie Luncheon**

#### **Special Thanks to Weis Realty & Art Craft Printers for their Sponsorship**

The 10th Annual Lingerie Luncheon, a visible and tangible way for Fairy Godmothers to see how our donations benefit women in our community, was held on Nov. 16, 2016, at the Manhattan Arts Center. Weis Realty and Art Craft Printer sponsored the event.

Approximately 100 Fairy Godmothers attended the luncheon and brought items valued at more than \$5,000. Items donated included pajamas, undergarments, scarfs, slippers and socks. Representatives from Homestead Ministry, Crisis Center, Big Lakes Developmental Center and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter were present to accept the donations from the Fairy Godmothers.

Judy Hughey and Cindy Zapletal, co-chairs of the Connections Committee, recognized those who attended the lingerie event for each of the past 10 years. Recognition was also given to the original founding Fairy Godmothers for their foresight in organizing such a group. The event could not be held in the same manner without the support of our sponsors and help from Blue Stem Bistro and Manhattan Arts Center. Appreciation was expressed for the financial assistance and support provided for the event. The Connection Committee was recognized and thanked 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 Cindy Zapletal, Co-Chairs, Connections Committee**



## Financial Report

	2014	2015	2016
Fairy Godmother's Endowment			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 75,183	\$ 22,806	\$ 27,470
Investment Income	\$ 24,859	\$ (10,221)	\$ 29,060
Distribution Fees	\$ (89,027)	\$ (5,072)	\$ (5,231)
Net Change	\$ 11,015	\$ 7,513	\$ 51,299
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 396,634	\$ 404,147	\$ 455,446
Fairy Godmother's Operating Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 73,327	\$ 39,869	\$ 49,149
Investment Income	\$ 145	\$ 135	\$ 91
Expenses and Transfer	\$ (46,589)	\$ (44,633)	\$ (75,554)
Net Change	\$ 26,883	\$ (4,629)	\$ (26,314)
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 66,651	\$ 62,022	\$ 35,708
Fairy Godmother's Grant Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ 52,465	\$ 58,165	\$ 55,525
Investment Income	\$ 95	\$ 121	\$ 128
Grants/Fees	\$ (47,527)	\$ (54,398)	\$ (59,888)
Net change	\$ 5,033	\$ 3,888	\$ (4,235)
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 6,029	\$ 9,917	\$ 5,682
Fairy Grateful Fund			
Revenues & Contributions	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -
Investment Income	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1
Grants/Fees	\$ (68)	\$ (54)	\$ -
Net change	\$ (67)	\$ 146	\$ 1
End of Year Total Assets	\$ 109	\$ 255	\$ 256
Total Fairy Godmother Assets	\$ 469,423	\$ 476,341	\$ 497,092



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

**GOAL: \$550,000 in Fairy Godmothers' Endowment Fund by 2017!**



## Our Wand-erful Committee Members!

### **Advisory Board**

Linda Puntney, Chair (2016)  
Therese Miller, Vice-Chair  
Abby Stitt, Secretary  
Brenda Schaffer, Treasurer  
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Lucy Williams





### 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](mailto:foundation@mcfks.org).** Also, it is important to notify the foundation if you move or change your phone number. Thank You!

## A Fairy Special Thanks to Our 2016 Sponsors!

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**A very special thanks to all of our 2016 event sponsors! We received gifts from many special businesses and individuals throughout the year and we would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who helped promote and build our efforts!**

## Upcoming Events You Won't Want to Miss!



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### **The 4th Annual Community Foundation Awards!**

Coming Monday, March 27, 2017  
Hilton Garden Inn Manhattan Convention Center  
6:15 p.m. Social/7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Program  
**Register to Attend at [thecfas.com](http://thecfas.com)**

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### **The 5th Annual GROW Green Match Day!**

Friday, April 21, 2017  
Colony Square Atrium, 555 Poyntz Avenue  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**[www.growgreenmanhattan.com](http://www.growgreenmanhattan.com)**