



# Fairy Godmothers

## 2022 Annual Report



**2022 has been an exciting year for Fairy Godmothers!!** We have been able to meet in person to survey our membership as we celebrate who we are, plan for the future, and share stories of our mission to enhance women in our community. As of December 2022, we remain strong with funds near \$600,000, and we continue to build our membership! Thank you to each of you for your part in the success of Fairy Godmothers this year.

We have completed a second year working with Shepherd's Crossing, giving 103 grants. Thank you to Beth Klug and Gretchen Fontanini for your support! It was a difficult decision to tighten our grant requirements, but we found so many needs and continue to give \$5,500 for grants each month. Most grants provide important services to vehicles as women must make it to work or school and take care of family. Thank you to Burnett's Auto for your partnership!! We have also worked with Beds For Less to provide mattresses and protective coverings throughout the year. This is an essential need for women and their families to protect their health and well-being.

The HUG program, with the purpose to grant scholarships for educational opportunities, continues to be important to women in the Manhattan area. This has been a successful function of Fairy Godmothers for five years, since 2018! We received an end-of-year gift in 2021 and, through a challenge, received total donations of \$25,191. We plan to give \$15,000 in scholarships during 2023.

Grow Green Match Day, sponsored by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, continues to be essential to our success. The Fairy Godmothers received donations of \$38,893 plus a \$10,000 match from Phil Howe for a total of \$48,893. A special thank you to each of you for your donation!

We had positive events during 2022, including:

- a Wonderful Wednesday time at Colbert Hills on August 17,
- the excellent golf tournament was enjoyed by over 100 golfers on October 3, and
- the Lingerie Luncheon event on November 15.

A special thank you goes to our committee members; Events, Finance, Connections, Grants, HUG, and Communications, for their dedication to making the behind-the-scenes operations run smoothly. Please talk with a board member if you would like to participate on a committee.

Thank you to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation staff for your support of Fairy Godmothers. Your assistance is critical to our grants process, advisory meetings, communication, oversight of funds, and our many questions.

We are excited to announce that we have 15 new fairies this year: Ellen Brockson, Shelley Carver, Anne Lewis-Smith, Stacy Shaffer, Courtney Hollenbeck, Jenny Brittan, Missy Tener, Joyce Woodford, Kay Scholtzhaus, Vonda Copeland, Ruth Compton, Denise Smith-Clark, Sue Bradley, Gina Platt, and Paula Ripple.

A special *Thank You* to the women who served on the Advisory Board in 2022 for their time, dedication, and guidance. I am so proud and grateful to be part of this group that will leave a living legacy in helping women in our community.

Karen Roberts, Advisory Board Chair

The Fairy Godmothers first met in August 2006 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:

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| • Sue Maes, 2009         | • Linda Puntney, 2016       |
| • Joleen Hill, 2010      | • Therese Miller, 2017      |
| • Polly Stoecklein, 2011 | • Tara Claycamp, 2018       |
| • Shirley DeLano, 2012   | • Victoria Heisler, 2019    |
| • Cheryl Grice, 2013     | • Vera Hintz, 2020          |
| • Donna Erpelding, 2014  | • Karen Roberts, 2021, 2022 |
| • Theresa Westphal, 2015 |                             |

## Grants Committee

### In 2022, Fairy Godmothers Grants Committee:

- Awarded 103 grants
- Total amount of grants was \$64,746.20
- Average size of grant was \$629
- Maximum grant we give is \$800
- Most requested items were car repair, dental health, and mattresses

**Grant monies were allocated by the Fairy Godmother's Advisory Board from endowment proceeds, the Golf Tournament, and ongoing donations to the Grants Fund.**

**During 2022, we worked in partnership with Shepherd's Crossing for providing assistance to women in the Riley County area. After the Covid year there has been an increased need and we have continued conversations to make sure we are true to our original mission.**

- Recipients must be 18 years of age or older
- Recipients must be Manhattan residents for at least one year
- Grants are given for a maximum of \$800
- Only one grant is provided for each recipient
- Grants are provided for needs not addressed by other social service agencies – grants are not provided for food, lodging and utilities, assistance with legal penalties, car registrations or insurance.

**Betty Bachamp, Grants Committee Chair**

### Stories from Women Receiving Fairy Godmothers Grants in 2021:

This woman is divorced with two children and does not receive assistance from her ex-husband. She works part-time cleaning an office and doing some administrative work. She needs complete dentures and reports it is hard to apply for jobs while missing teeth. She and her two children moved in with her father to save on bills. She has a payment plan for the additional cost of the dentures through Konza Dental.

This 52-year-old Manhattan resident left an abusive situation over a year ago and left all her things behind. She has been trying to live within her budget and needs extra money for a new mattress and bedframe.

This grant recipient is a single woman who moved to Manhattan during Covid. She has had difficulty establishing a permanent job because of Covid-reduced hours, and then she can was unreliable. She needs her car fixed so she can return to work more permanently.

A genetic condition is affecting this Manhattan resident's teeth. She needs five crowns (\$2,450) and works part time. She and her mom are saving their money to cover the total cost of the dental work, but the FGM grant helped expedite the dental work.



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The Hand Up Grant scholarship program had a rewarding year. Eight women were the recipients of your generosity. Three young women were awarded scholarships from the Manhattan Area Technical College's LPN program. With the shortage of medical personnel, I am grateful that HUG is making it possible to contribute to our community's health care. Those on the Committee gain a special bond with these students.

Additionally, at MATC, we awarded our first young woman a scholarship to complete a welding certificate. I wish every Fairy could meet her. She will be a rising star in her field, following in her grandfather's footsteps and keeping the trade alive in the family. We are especially proud to have awarded our first grant to a Manhattan Christian College student. At 50, this young woman, who cleans houses, plans on working here in our community with crisis intervention work. HUG also assisted with training two cosmetologists and launched a social worker on her way.

Happy 5-year birthday to the Hand Up Grant scholarship winners, HUG committee members, and all Fairy Godmothers for making this life-changing opportunity possible.

**Sue Maes, HUG Committee Chair**



## **Fairy Godmothers & Guardians Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

### **Special Thanks to Community First National Bank for Sponsoring the Event**

October 3, 2022, was a beautiful fall afternoon for the 16th annual golf tournament with 104 golfers, who enjoyed a great fundraising event!

We were able to raise \$30,915 after expenses, thanks to our title sponsor Community First National Bank, ten corporate, four flight, and many hole sponsorships. The Fairy Godmothers and Guardians each received \$15,457 to support their grant programs. This money will help fund our grants for three months.

Special thanks to our volunteers that were on the course all day helping with games and directions. They are Kim Roth, Donna Davis, Karen Roberts, Vera Hintz, Tom Hintz, Janette Roberts, Angie Plymesser, Arlene Irvine, Lucy Sticily, and Therese Miller. Also, special thanks to Lee Meigs for all her fundraising efforts!!

We would also like to thank all the Fairy Godmothers who came out and played in the tournament and those who were able to join us for dinner!

Mark your calendars for October 2nd at the Manhattan Country Club for next year's tournament. We are planning another wonderful and magical fall afternoon of golf and a 17th year celebration afterwards!

**Therese Miller & Angie Plymesser, Fairy Godmothers Golf Committee Co-Chairs**  
**Dick Wertzberger, Guardian Golf Committee Chair**

## Communications Committee

In 2022, the Communications Committee continued its focus on maintaining visibility and further worked to support the board's goal of membership, including both new membership to the organization and engagement with our committees.

By maintaining the Fairy Godmothers website at [fgfund.org](https://fgfund.org) and working in partnership with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to push out email communications, postcards, and Facebook messages, the Committee works hard to keep members aware of events, as well as opportunities to engage and give.

The work of the Communications Committee is often behind the scenes, supporting various initiatives, including this year's membership survey. The Committee continues using the data from that survey to drive communication practices and efforts.

As always, the Communications Committee monitors the Fairy Godmothers web form and email account as often as possible. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need to update your contact information to stay in the know about all of the great opportunities to engage with the Fairy Godmothers!



**Katie Olsen & Ashley Martin, Communications Committee Co-Chairs**



### Lingerie Luncheon

The 15th Annual Lingerie Luncheon was held at the Manhattan Arts Center on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022. After a few years of necessary changes due to Covid, it was great to revive the luncheon aspect of the event. What didn't change was the incredible generosity of our Fairy Godmothers. Donations were made in person, by drive-up, drop-off, or advance delivery to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF). The agencies that received the donations were Big Lakes Developmental Center, The Crisis Center, Homestead Ministries, and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. The agency representatives and respective clients greatly appreciated the generous contributions of undergarments and loungewear shared by many of our Fairies.

Thank you to the many supporters of this year's event, including our Title Sponsor: The Trust Company, Premier Sponsors: Copeland Insurance Agency & Casie Hartwich from Rockhill Real Estate, and to the handful of Fairies that sponsored anonymously. We also thank the Manhattan Arts Center for hosting, Dillons for donating cookies, and Sharon Reilly for donating the MAC tickets for the raffle. Because of their support, the Fairies raised over \$3,000, including over \$500 for bedbug-resistant mattress covers to accompany mattresses purchased for grantees.

Thank you to the staff at GMCF for their administrative support and the Connections Committee members for their dedication to hosting this event. As this was my first year as chair of the committee, the insight, guidance, and institutional memory the committee provided me were invaluable. I can't thank them enough.

The Connections Committee is eager to work with individuals wanting to become Fairies. Please complete the form at [fgfund.org](https://fgfund.org), contact any Fairy Godmother member, or contact the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation.

**Ellen Knackendoffel, Connections Committee Chair**







## Financial Report



	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fairy Godmothers Endowment				
Revenues & Contributions	\$31,144	\$39,270	\$43,882	\$49,344
Investment Income	\$89,347	\$64,109	\$58,902	-\$92,470
Distribution/Fees	-\$34,978	-\$56,810	-\$72,485	-\$47,107
Net Change	\$85,513	\$46,569	\$30,299	-\$90,233
End of Year Total Assets	\$556,933	\$603,502	\$633,801	\$543,568
Fairy Godmother's Operating Fund				
Revenues & Contributions	\$16,275	\$41,853	\$24,015	\$31,668
Investment Income	\$112	\$14	\$239	-\$2,987
Expenses and Transfer	-\$47,916	-\$24,917	-\$19,040	-\$31,218
Net Change	-\$31,529	\$16,950	\$5,214	-\$2,537
End of Year Total Assets	\$2,372	\$19,322	\$24,536	\$21,999
Fairy Godmothers Grant Fund				
Revenues & Contributions	\$73,600	\$50,452	\$65,850	\$53,120
Investment Income	\$71	\$17	\$1,349	-\$2,395
Grants/Fees	-\$77,964	\$49,075	-\$50,319	-\$66,185
Net change	-\$4,293	\$1,394	\$16,880	-\$15,460
End of Year Total Assets	\$3,300	\$4,694	\$21,574	\$6,114
Fairy Grateful Fund				
Revenues & Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0
Investment Income	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Grants/Fees	-\$1	-\$3	-\$117	-\$70
Net change	\$0	-\$2	-\$16	-\$69
End of Year Total Assets	\$258	\$256	\$240	\$171
<b>Total Fairy Godmother Assets</b>	<b>\$562,863</b>	<b>\$627,774</b>	<b>\$680,151</b>	<b>\$571,852</b>
Hand Up Grant (HUG) Fund				
Revenues & Contributions	\$7,100	\$1,110	\$7,600	\$15,651
Investment Income	\$80	\$25	\$6	\$9
Grants/Fees	-\$10,622	-\$9,203	-\$10,166	-\$14,549
Net change	-\$3,442	-\$8,068	-\$2,560	\$1,111
End of Year Total Assets	\$11,462	\$3,394	\$834	\$1,945
Hand Up Grant (HUG) Endowed Fund				
Revenues & Contributions			\$10,000	\$26,000
Investment Income			\$123	\$3,131
Grants/Fees			-\$1	\$319
Net change			\$10,122	\$22,550
End of Year Total Assets			\$10,122	\$32,672
<b>Total Hand Up Grant (HUG) Assets</b>	<b>\$11,462</b>	<b>\$3,394</b>	<b>\$10,956</b>	<b>\$34,617</b>
<b>End of Year Total Assets with HUG</b>	<b>\$574,324</b>	<b>\$631,168</b>	<b>\$691,107</b>	<b>\$606,469</b>



Kim Roth, Finance Committee Chair



# Committee Members

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## **Tribute to Angie Fryer - Words from Grants Committee Members**

Angie joined the Fairy Godmothers Grants Committee in 2013. In 2018, she joined the Grants Screening Team. By that time, the volume of grants had increased so much that we needed several people to screen the grants to ensure each grantee met our criteria. Angie ‘carried the ball’ of leading this team for almost a year. This was not a full-time job, but we know there were times she spent her day working on the grant process. Angie always had tips for streamlining our processes and updating our technology skills.

We appreciated Angie’s effort and knew she cared deeply about helping women in the community who were in need. She was proud of her work, and we are so thankful that she was such a vital part of the grant process. No one could have worked harder or cared more than Angie.

We hold Angie in high esteem as a Fairy Godmother. Her passion and hard work helped so many women in the Manhattan community. We have supported grants of over \$500,000 during the past 16 years and know Angie’s hand touched over half of these grants.

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

With more than 700 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. E-mail is free, and we aim 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). If you are still waiting to receive our electronic communications, you may have previously unsubscribed. **Please contact GMCF at (785) 587-8995 to check on this. Also, it is important to notify the foundation if you move or change your phone number.** Thank You!

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Friday, April 21, 2023

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### The 10th Annual Community Foundation Awards

Monday, March 20, 2023

**In-Person & Virtual Event**

[www.thecfas.com](http://www.thecfas.com)



### 17th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, October 2, 2023

Manhattan Country Club

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