



Fairy Godmothers

2022 Report, Reporting on Fiscal Year 2021



15 Years and Strong!! "The stars and planets were properly aligned over Manhattan early in 2006 for the beginning of a fairy tale." It was a fairy tale that would evolve into the Fairy Godmothers' Fund, which as of December 2021 is \$674,623 strong and we have over 700 members.

- Thank you to the founding members: Polly Stoecklein, Lori Cross, Joleen Hill, Sue Maes, Lee Meigs, Lucy Williams, for your foresight and work to enhance the lives of women in our community!*
- Thank you to each of our 700+ members and your generous donations as we continue to grow our endowment, in an effort to provide funds for over 80 grants and scholarships each year.*

We know there are needs in our community and we appreciate our partnership with Shepherd's Crossing for the distribution of grants. Needs have been greater than normal during the past two years, and we have continued conversation to provide service in a meaningful way. We support car repairs, dental work, and purchase of beds.

Grow Green Match Day, sponsored by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, was very successful this year. The Fairy Godmothers received donations of \$32,711 plus a \$10,000 match from Phil Howe for a total of \$42,711. A special thank you to each of you for your donation!

We had successful events during 2021, including:

- a Wonderful Wednesday time at Colbert Hills, to celebrate our 15 years,*
- the excellent golf tournament (who ordered the beautiful weather), and*
- the Lingerie Alight event where people were so excited to visit with each other, to see the excitement of the recipients of our giving, and to shop at Manhattan Arts Center Wrap It Up.*

A special thank you goes to our committee members; Events, Finance, Connections, Grants and Communications, for their dedication to make the behind-the-scenes operations run smoothly.

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

We are excited to announce that we have nine new fairies this year: Esther Swilley, Ashley Martin, Lottie Yeager, Linda Wertzberger, Kendra Kuhlman, Glenna LeValley (memorial), Susan Grier, Nellie Christine Crenshaw, and Misty Vinduska.

We must share the excitement of our HUG scholarships this year. We have provided scholarships to five women attending Manhattan Area Technical School, Bellus Academy and Global Campus (Business). The total amount for scholarships has been \$7,500.

A special Thank You to the women who served on the Advisory Board in 2021, for their time, dedication and guidance. I am so proud and grateful to be part of this group who will leave a legacy of helping women in our community. Thank you to each of you for the part you played in the success of Fairy Godmothers this year. We wish the best to our 'retiring' members; Cheryl Grice, Vera Hintz and Therese Miller.

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

Grants Committee Report

In 2021, Fairy Godmothers Grants Committee:

- Awarded 101 grants
- Total amount of grants was \$62,258
- Average size of grant was \$616
- 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 2021, we worked in partnership with Shepherd's Crossing for providing assistance to women in the Manhattan area. It has been a year of increased need and we have continued conversations to make sure we are true to our original mission. With this in mind, we have updated our guidelines:

- 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.

**Tara Claycamp & Betty Bachamp
Co-Chairs Grants Committee**

Stories from Women Receiving Fairy Godmothers Grants in 2021:

This Riley County resident works for USD 383 – she has had a few unforeseen situations arise that have made it difficult for her to stay up with her bills. She is trying to get everything straightened out and is using her paycheck carefully to get caught up. She did not have extra money to cover her car repair.

This Manhattan resident has a one-year-old son and came out of a significant domestic abuse situation that has made it difficult for her to get back to work. Her son was born with some medical issues that contributed to her lack of finances. She requested funds to have her car repaired.

This woman was in an extreme abusive situation and she and her eight-year-old son moved to the Women's Crisis Center. She just obtained housing, but she and her son are sleeping on the couch. She requested a FGM grant for two mattresses for \$696.



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The Fairy Godmother Hand Up Grant (HUG) will begin its fifth year in 2022. HUG is a financial assistance award given to area women pursuing a certification program. The \$3,000 award is given directly to the school of the applicant and is distributed in two terms pending satisfactory completion of the previous term. To date 23 area women have applied for HUG scholarships and 14 awards totaling \$34,700 dollars have been distributed. HUG has had a 79% success rate in helping area women complete degrees that will lead to employment or job advancement. For those who are aware of national degree completion rates the Fairy Godmother HUG program is excelling high above those national statistics. The Fairy Godmothers should be thrilled with helping these 14 women complete a major step toward self-sufficiency.

Ten of these women pursued an LPN or RN degree from the Manhattan Area Technical College. To date, six completed those degrees with two to graduate in May. One award was given to a Bellus applicant, and she is to graduate in May. Three individuals have pursued bachelor's degrees from K-State Global Campus. One has completed their degree and one will finish in 2022.

Sue Maes, Chair HUG Committee



Fairy Godmothers & Guardians Annual Charity Golf Tournament Special Thanks to Community First National Bank for Sponsoring the Event

October 4, 2021 was a beautiful fall afternoon for the 15th annual golf tournament with 128 golfers, who enjoyed a great fundraising event. We were pleased to also have seven all women teams and four mixed teams!!

We were able to raise \$33,700 after expenses, thanks to our title sponsor Community First National Bank and eight corporate, six flight, and many hole sponsorships. The Fairy Godmothers and Guardians each received \$16,850 to support their grant programs. This will fund our grants for three months and also allow us to provide Bus Passes to several non-profits for women in need of transportation.

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, Sydney Carlin, 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 3, 2022 at the Manhattan Country Club for next year's tournament. We are planning another wonderful and magical fall afternoon of golf and a 16th year celebration afterwards!

Therese Miller & Angie Plymesser, Fairy Godmothers Co-Chairs Golf Committee

Dick Wertzberger & Jeff Oliphant, Guardian Co-Chairs Golf Committee

Communications Committee Report

In 2021, the Communications Committee took the opportunity to zero in on one of the board's goals for the year: Increase visibility of the organization. The committee has done this through several important avenues:

- **Fairy Godmothers website:** The committee conducted a comprehensive audit and update of the website, reorganizing content to make our events and involvement opportunities more visible and easily found. Check it out at www.fgfund.org!
- **Fairy Godmothers Facebook:** The committee continues to share information about events, opportunities to give and the ways the organization is recognizing our community partners online. As this update is being written, we have increased our page likes year-over-year by nearly 50 likes, and our reach has never been higher!
- **New membership communications:** Late in 2021, the Communications Committee collaborated with the Connections Committee to begin the process of overhauling the online process for new membership. We plan to digitize the membership form on the website and build an automatic email response that shares more about the organization and involvement opportunities. By offering an automatic, direct line to the Connections Committee, our hope is to continue to see increased awareness and engagement.
- **Event Promotion:** In addition to promoting events on the website and through Facebook, the committee has worked with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to send out event invitations and reminders to members to ensure the word is getting out.
- **Event Publicity:** The committee has also supported events with publicity opportunities with local media wherever possible, taking photos at events, often in partnership with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, and sharing them across multiple venues.

The Communications Committee continues to monitor 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, Co-Chairs Communications Committee



Lingerie Alight Event

The 14th Annual Lingerie Event was held at the Manhattan Arts Center on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. This year's hybrid event theme was 'A Lingerie Alight Event'. Donations were made in person, by drive up-drop off or advance delivery to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF). The agencies who received the donations were: Big Lakes Developmental Center, the Crisis Center, Homestead Ministries, and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. The generous donations of under garments and lounge wear shared by hundreds of Fairy Godmothers were greatly appreciated by the agency representatives and respective clients.

Thank you to the supporters of this year's event; Manhattan Arts Center for hosting the event (during 'Wrap it Up ') and Dillon's Grocery for donating cookies for the event.

Thank you to the staff at GMCF for their administrative support and the Connections committee members for their dedication to host this event in the midst of a pandemic.

The Connections committee is eager to work with individuals who want to become Fairies. Please complete the form at www.fgfund.org, reach out to any Fairy Godmother member, or contact the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation.

Cheryl Grice, Chair Connections Committee





Financial Report



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



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HUG Challenge



Fairy Godmothers have an amazing opportunity, thanks to a long-time supporter and past chair of the Fairy Godmother Advisory Board, Sue Maes. A \$10,000 challenge is being announced to establish a GMCF Endowed Fund for Hand Up Grant (HUG) scholarship awards. Your contribution to the Fairy Godmothers, with a notation for the Endowed HUG Fund, will help ensure that this scholarship program endures into the future. Please take a moment and help us meet our match.



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make-a-donation](http://mcfs.org/make-a-donation)

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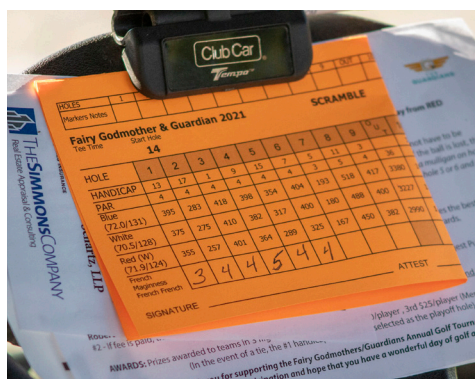
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If we do not have your e-mail address or if it changes, please notify the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation at foundation@mcfks.org. If you find that you are not receiving the electronic communications from us, you may have previously unsubscribed. 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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Monday, October 3, 2022

Manhattan Country Club

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