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**Grants**

**LMDC Phase II - $80,000**

In 2014, the Fire Museum’s performance period for phase II, which began in July 2012, ended for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation grant. All of the objectives were met, which included cataloging, photographing, and creating Past Perfect entries for 1,600 items; cataloging and digitizing 30% of our archival collection; providing safe, adequate, museum grade storage for the objects and archives; and restoring several objects of significant historical value for permanent exhibition.

Through our grant with the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, two rare steam engine crowns were restored. The manufacturers are unknown, but they were likely made by the apparatus maker due to the quality of decoration. The crown sat on the steam engine boiler and was used to close the top of the boiler, retaining heat and stopping air circulation while the steamer was hooked up to an in-house boiler. The crown was suspended on a rope so the firefighters could lift it off before leaving quarters.

The crowns were repainted and stabilized by Hand in Hand Restoration.
The Fire Museum was awarded a grant for conservation treatment of “33 Shaking Hands with 15,” a mixed media oil painting with silk embroidery on fine linen. The 1846 piece by Catharine Z. Conner depicts the foremen of two volunteer engine companies shaking hands in a sign of friendship. This piece was treated for minor water damage by Applebaum and Himmelstein.

Other Grant Applications

The museum applied for additional grants that were not awarded. These include a grant to the Museum Association of New York for the conceptual design phase for the fire safety mock apartment and a grant to the Manhattan Borough President’s Office to cover marketing and advertising costs for the 150th Anniversary Block Party.
INCOME

Grants - $32,118

- The New York Community Trust - $15,000 12/30/2015, By the suggestion of Board Vice President, Dorothy Marks
- Kushner Properties - $5,000 3/21/2015
- The George Link, Jr. Foundation, Inc. - $5,000 11/20/2014, with support of Board Trustee, William Norden
- Lower Manhattan Development Corporation - $7,118

Special Events Admissions - $19,655

- Educational Tours - $34,029
- Membership - $6,015
- Miscellaneous Donations - $6,545
- Event Space Rentals - $71,348
- Children’s Birthday Parties - $53,791
- Store Sales - $146,464
- Admissions - $127,226
**EXPENSES**

**Administrative Expenses** - $314,636

**Program Services** - $117,936

**Gift Shop Purchases and Sales Tax** - $59,060

**Fundraiser Expenses** - $2,332
### September 11th Wreath Laying Ceremony

The New York City Fire Museum marked the thirteenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center with a memorial service commemorating the supreme sacrifice made by 343 members of the FDNY. Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, the FDNY Ceremonial Unit, FDNY Chaplain Father Chris Keenan, and many active and retired FDNY members attended the annual event.

**Commissioner Daniel Nigro, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and FDNY Ceremonial Unit stand for the singing of the National Anthem at the Museum, September 11, 2014**

### Firefighter Cook-Off and Fundraiser

In November of 2014, the Museum revived its popular fundraiser, the Firefighter Cook-off and Tasting. Eleven firefighter chefs competed and were judged by a panel of experts, including Food Network’s Ted Allen, FDNY Firefighter, chef and author, Keith Young, and City Winery’s Executive Chef Andres Barrera. The Museum estimates that 200 people were in attendance. A total of $10,944 was raised.

**The contending FDNY chefs at the conclusion of the NYCFM Firefighter Cook-Off Fundraiser, November 6th, 2014**

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Museum hosted its first annual Easter Egg Hunt in April of 2014 and it was a huge success. Museum staff hid 1000 plastic eggs filled with candy on the 1st and 2nd floors, offered a coloring station on the 3rd floor along with a fire safety video, and gave guests plastic fire helmets and fire safety coloring books. FDNY’s popular mascot, Hot Dog, also entertained guests. The event raised $3,094.

### NYCFM Kid’s Halloween Party

Another new annual event that the museum incorporated in 2014 was the NYCFM Kids’ Halloween Party. Guests were encouraged to come in costume for a party on the third floor, complete with a coloring station, tattoo station, musical chairs, sack races, Monster Mash dance let by an instructor, a scavenger hunt, and a costume contest. The event raised $390.
Santa Rescue

On Sunday, December 7, the museum held its annual Santa Rescue event in which an FDNY ladder truck bravely rescued Santa from the Museum’s roof. Once inside, guests were able to visit with Santa to make gift requests and pose for photos. Hot dogs and hot chocolate were available for purchase on the Museum’s third floor and Christmas carols were performed live by John Clacher’s Fire House Band. The event raised $4,181.

Retired Commissioner Salvatore Cassano kicked off the first lecture of the series, March 11, 2015

FDNY 150th Anniversary Block Party

The Museum hosted an FDNY organized and staffed block party on Saturday, June 27th directly in front of the museum on Spring Street between Varick and Hudson streets. The event was part of a series of celebrations that the FDNY organized in communities across New York City. Attendees enjoyed a day full of family-friendly activities, fire safety education, carnival games, BBQ fare, entertainment by a DJ, FDNY demonstrations, hands-on CPR lessons, and much more. The museum was free of charge during the event from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Hudson Square residents enjoy all that the NYCFM/FDNY Block Party had to offer, June 27, 2015

Lecture Series

In the spirit of the FDNY’s 150th anniversary, the Museum proudly presented a five-part lecture series that included the following presenters and topics: The new New York Fire Department, Salvatore J. Cassano, Fire Commissioner, FDNY (retired); The History of Emergency Medical Services in New York City, James P. Martin, Division Chief, FDNY Emergency Medical Services Academy (retired); They Didn’t Start the Fire: Black Joke Engine 33 and the 1863 Draft Riots, Glenn P. Corbett, Associate Professor of Fire Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Our Forgotten Brothers: The Firemen of Greenwood Cemetery, Gary R. Urbanowicz, FDNY Honorary Deputy Chief; The History of Rescue Operations in the FDNY, Paul Hashagen, FDNY Firefighter (retired).

The FDNY Ceremonial Unit supplied a large backdrop for the lectures and the FDNY Audio/Visual Unit recorded each presentation. The series raised $1,006.
FDNY personnel teach families how to administer chest compressions at the NYCFM/FDNY Block Party

The Museum engaged children in the FDNY’s 150th anniversary by holding a coloring contest to decorate a commemorative patch. We had over one hundred entries and enjoyed all of the creativity and thought it provoked on the sacrifice and devoted service required of firefighters.

SPECIAL EVENTS ATTENDED BY NYC FIRE MUSEUM STAFF

In addition to hosting several special events at the Museum, Museum staff also attended significant historical and FDNY hosted events during fiscal year 2015. These events included:

- FDNY Weekend at the Intrepid Museum – July 20, 2014
- FDNY Memorial Day – October 8, 2014
- Commissioner Nigro’s Holiday Party – December 11, 2014
- Marine 1 tour on the Hudson River – May 12, 2015
- Greenpoint History Expo – May 29, 2015
- FDNY Medal Day – June 3, 2015

Left to Right: Captain Mark Guerra, Lt. Angela Jones, Commissioner Daniel Nigro, Captain Elizabeth Cascio, Museum Director, Sarah Strickland, Museum Asst. Director Noemi Bourdier, UFA President Stephen Cassidy at the Commissioner’s Holiday Party, December 11, 2014

Winning design of “Decorate an FDNY Commemorative Patch”

Museum Staff and Volunteers aboard Marine 1, Three-forty-three, May 11, 2015
Other Events at the NYCFM

In addition to events organized and hosted by the Museum, we also hosted several income generating events.

The New York City Fire Museum partnered with HIT Entertainment to create Ultimate Hero’s Day, a free event with fire safety demonstrations and Fireman Sam giveaways.

Research

Research and Collections

In 2014, the Collections Manager, Amanda Pietrzykowski, began partnering with Chelsea Technical High School and hosting student interns with a specific focus in photography and image software. In fiscal year 2015, 1 intern participated in the program and served 280 hours at the museum, scanning and editing 2,000 photographs. Amanda is continuing this program through the summer and school year with a second student. An additional intern, who graduated from a Master’s program in Library Science, also participates in Ms. Pietrzykowski’s program by cataloging and researching artifacts.

Through the generosity of the LMDC grant, the Museum was able to hire a Catalog Assistant to work full time in the collections area through the end of the project performance period in December 2014. With her help, we were able to catalog and properly store 3100 artifacts and archival materials during the first half of FY2015. LMDC funds were used to purchase the storage materials, such as shelving units, archival grade packing material and shelf liners, and photo and document enclosures. With LMDC funds we also purchased computer and scanning equipment, notably a large format document and book scanner that enabled us to digitize the majority of our archival materials (certificates, large format photographs, log books, annual reports, etc.), making them accessible through our online catalog and diminishing the need to handle these fragile pieces.

A total of 4400 archival items and objects were cataloged in FY2015.
**TEMP EXHIBITS**

**Longhouse Projects, Artadia’s 15th Anniversary exhibition**

09/2014 through 10/2014

Artadia’s 15th Anniversary exhibition expanded into the Fire Museum from the Longhouse Projects gallery directly across the street. Artist Weston T Teruya interviewed exponents of the firefighting community and recreated archival and everyday objects as a way of highlighting the community’s relationship to the city’s other residents. Black and white photographs by Vaughn Elaine Sills portrayed people through their gardens in Southern states and by contrast, Stephen Tourlentes photographs of prisons at night hung in the Museum’s 3rd floor gallery space.

**FDNY Celebrates 150 Years**

In celebration of the FDNY’s 150 year anniversary, Collections Manager Amanda Pietrzykowski, created a temporary exhibit that chronologically highlights the historical milestones, major fires and operational developments that helped the FDNY evolve into the world-class department it is today. The exhibit will remain on display through the duration of 2015.

**PUBLICATIONS**

The Museum produced three print publications in fiscal year 2014; three editions of *The Housewatch* newsletter.

Through the generosity of Lunch Productions, the Museum also created a promotional video to showcase the work accomplished in collections stewardship and fire safety education, as well as to encourage viewers to support the museum’s fundraising campaign. Commissioner Nigro, retired firefighter museum volunteers, and our fire safety officers were featured in the video.
**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

The Museum, in partnership with the FDNY Buildings Unit, replaced all of the halogen track lighting with LED bulbs slated to last for 8 – 10 years. This is a significant savings to the Museum.

A major painting project occurred in June at the end of the fiscal year. Through support of the FDNY Buildings Unit, the non-profit organization Heart 9/11 and the District Council 9 Painters Union, the Museum was able to repaint the apparatus floor, store and entrance lobby, service hallway, both stairwells, third floor walls and ceiling, kitchen, furniture storage area, and the mezzanine between the first and second floors. The majority of the paint was donated by Janovic on Spring Street.

FDNY Buildings Unit repaired a leak that occurred in the fire safety apartment when a sprinkler head burst in the winter. To prevent future instances, the Unit placed heat-trace coil around the sprinkler pipes and inserted heat panels in the drop ceiling to help regulate the temperature above.

Additionally, the Buildings Unit installed seven new air conditioning units in the windows of the third floor loft and administrative office on the second floor.