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HOW IT WORKS

Members of the Guardians and generous corporate donors contribute to the Guardians Fund. Grant expenditures are made from monies available each year from the expendable fund and income from the endowed fund. The endowed fund will grow in perpetuity, providing more and more grant making monies in the years to come.

Grant applications are processed by the following assisting agencies:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
  776-9575
- Boys and Girls Club
  539-1947
- Catholic Charities
  323-0644
- Circles of Manhattan
  477-2563
- Flint Hills Community Clinic
  323-4351
- Homecare and Hospice
  537-0688
- Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc.
  537-3113
- North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging
  776-9294
- Salvation Army
  539-9399
- Shepherd’s Crossing
  776-1470
- Sunflower CASA Project, Inc.
  537-6367
- The Restoration Center
  537-8809

Upon receipt, an application is reviewed by The Guardians’ Grants Committee and funds are typically made available within 48 hours. Funds are paid directly to the vendors of the requested services and needs.

BECOME A GUARDIAN

Through your tax-deductible contribution to the Guardians’ Funds, you can leave a legacy to the men of the greater Manhattan area.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Honor a special man in your life - a son, a brother, a husband or a mentee - by giving him the gift of membership. Or celebrate a man who has been a guardian angel in your life through The Guardians.

PAY IT FORWARD

Grant Recipients are asked to pay it forward: to lend a hand to someone in need in the future, in order to spark a catalyst of positive impacts in our community.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Guardians are kept informed of fundraising progress and upcoming events through email notifications and social media updates.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Complete the attached form and mail it in to become a member and make a difference in the lives of men in your community.

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization - EIN #48-1215574, incorporated in the State of Kansas.

YES! I WANT TO BE A GUARDIAN

to make a difference in the lives of Manhattan men, through The Guardians’ Funds!

Enclosed is my heartfelt donation of:

- Founder $500 plus
- Member $100-$499
- Friend $99 or less
$_________Amount Enclosed

Name:
Address:
City: State:
Zip Code:
Phone Number:
Email:

Please detach and mail this form with your contribution to:

Guardians’ Funds
1215574
555 Poyntz Avenue, Suite 269
P.O. Box 1127
Manhattan, KS 66505-1127

Please make checks payable to GMCF & note GAF in the memo line

785.587.8995 | foundation@mcfks.org

OUR MISSION

To help men with immediate financial needs live with hope and dignity.

OUR VISION

Helping men with limited resources and immediate financial needs within the greater Manhattan area by providing access to funds for the essential services not met by traditional funding sources, so they have the opportunity to live self-sufficiently, with hope, and with dignity.

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