



Annual Report

for fiscal year

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Message from Our President and Executive Director



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to provide our annual report to the community for 2007. You may have noticed a recent change in our name to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Recognizing that a corporation's name should be distinctive and descriptive the Board of Trustees voted earlier this year to include the word "greater" to more accurately reflect our mission and commitment to the area.

For the GMCF, 2007 was another productive year. Much was accomplished including initiatives to help make charitable giving through the Foundation more appealing and easy for donors, connecting with and working in partnership with other grant-making and charitable organizations in the community, and growing community endowments.

We recognize the importance of growing community endowment now more than ever. Did you know that in the next twenty years there will be an intergenerational transfer of wealth such as we've never seen before? As our estates change hands, most will go to our heirs and taxes. Recognizing that for many of us, our children are moving out of our community, there is a sense of urgency to ensure that a portion is preserved and invested in our community.

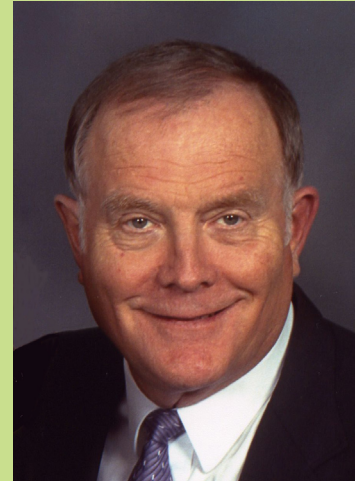
The future of our community lies in the hands of not just a few, but of many individuals, families, and businesses. As you plan for your future charitable giving and as you plan your estate, we invite you to consider how you best might be able to build an endowment for those charitable causes you are most passionate about.

By working with the GMCF for your charitable giving, you will benefit from our personalized service, local expertise and community leadership. We help individuals, families, businesses and organizations attain their charitable giving goals by providing tools and resources that make giving easy, flexible and effective.

We thank you for all you do to make the greater Manhattan area a better place to live and work. Each year, we are awed and inspired by the enthusiastic generosity of our community. Particularly in these difficult times, the willingness of so many individuals to respond to needs of others gives us great hope. Thank you for allowing the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation help you make a difference both today and in the future.

Tom Fryer
Board President

Sarah Saueressig
Executive Director



Foundation At a Glance



*"The true meaning of life is to plant a tree under
whose shade you do not expect to sit."*

~Nelson Henderson

Our Mission:

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation enhances the quality of life, both today and in the future by:

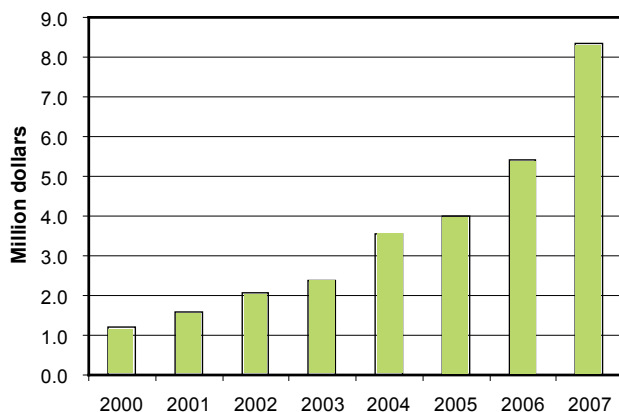
- enabling donors to fulfill their charitable desires
- building a permanent endowment
- facilitating prudent management and care of funds
- meeting needs through grants, awards, and scholarships

Total Assets as of December 31, 2007 \$8,235,894

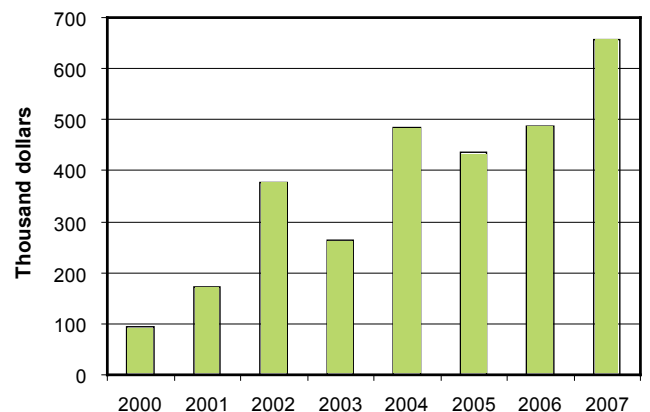
Total Number of Funds 91

Total Grants Made During Fiscal Year 2007 \$658,940

Historic Asset Growth



Historic Grant Distribution



Foundation Services And Types of Funds

Foundation Services

As the community's trusted expert for philanthropy, The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is committed to delivering a wide range of services beyond traditional grantmaking activities to help our donors, not-for-profit partners, and other stakeholders achieve their charitable objectives and advance the spirit of giving throughout the Manhattan area.

For Donors:

Our professional staff strives to provide each donor with the highest level of efficiency, flexibility, personal service, local expertise, accountability, anonymity if desired, permanence and maximum tax benefits for all gifts contributed. The minimum amount necessary to establish a named endowment fund is \$10,000; however, the Foundation welcomes and encourages gifts of any size given for the benefit of the community.

For Professional Advisors:

Whether you are an accountant, attorney, financial advisor, life underwriter or trust officer, the Foundation is here to support you in arranging the charitable objectives of your clients. From offering back-office support and in-person meetings to providing educational seminars and site visits to local charities, we are happy to assist you in any way we can to facilitate the giving process and help your clients fulfill their charitable goals.

For Not-For-Profits:

By setting up an endowed fund through the Community Foundation you don't have to worry about the administrative hassle of investing, managing and administering your organizational endowment; you can access major money managers and services that, due to economies of scale, might not otherwise be available to you; and you can rest assured that your organizational endowment will remain in place perpetually. The Foundation also makes grants annually for not-for-profit organizations serving residents of the greater Manhattan area.

Types of Funds

General Endowment and Other

Unrestricted Funds: Allow donors to pool gifts of all sizes into a permanent endowment designed to provide the Foundation maximum flexibility in meeting the most pressing needs within our community today and in the future.

Donor Advised Funds: Allow donors the ability to remain an integral part of the giving process by recommending grants to the agencies and programs they wish to support.

"Giving is easy and it makes us feel good. Through the Community Foundation I can give to what touches my heart and I can be very specific about how I want my gift to be used. By establishing a donor advised fund, donors have the control they need while not having to worry about the administrative maintenance."

~Polly Stoecklein, Donor & Trustee

Field of Interest Funds: Allow donors to pool gifts into a common fund that will generate perpetual support for a shared area of interest. Income from these funds is then distributed to agencies and programs working within each fund's scope of interest (e.g. children and youth, the environment, the arts or the elderly).

Agency Endowment and Designated Funds:

Provide perpetual support for a specific not-for-profit agency in the form of annual income. These funds can be established either by the agencies themselves or by a committed donor. Anyone may contribute to any of these funds.

Operating Funds:

These funds are used to support the general operations of the Foundation.

Anyone can make a gift to the Foundation. Donors to the Foundation come from a variety of backgrounds with a common commitment to the community's well being. Whether creating a named fund, contributing to an existing fund, making a gift in memory of a friend or loved one, or making an unrestricted gift to the Fund for Greater Manhattan, every person in the community can make a difference!

Ways To Give

One of the most appealing advantages for donors who give through The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is flexibility. To this end, we offer our donors a variety of tax-effective ways to make gifts and achieve their charitable goals.

Cash: Cash is the easiest way to contribute to the Foundation and will qualify for the maximum allowable income tax deductions.

Marketable or Closely-Held Securities:

Appreciated stocks and bonds may be given to the Foundation allowing the donor to deduct their current market value as a charitable contribution and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation.

Real Estate: May be given to the Foundation at its current market value allowing the donor to receive a full charitable deduction and avoid capital gains taxes.

Life Insurance: Life insurance can be used to create a major gift for the Foundation in one of two ways. First, the donor can transfer ownership of a policy to the Foundation and receive a current income tax deduction in the year the transfer is made. Second, the donor, while retaining ownership of the policy, can simply name the Foundation as beneficiary of the policy effective upon his or her death. At that time, his or her estate will receive a tax deduction.

Retirement Plans: Donors can use IRA or other retirement assets such as a 401(k), Keogh, or 403(b) to establish a new fund or contribute to an existing one.

Bequests: Bequests to the Foundation allow a donor's charitable intentions to be carried out in perpetuity and can significantly reduce the taxes otherwise payable by his or her estate. This ensures that the donor provides a lasting legacy for the causes he or she cares about most.

Transfer from an Existing Private Foundation:

Administering a private foundation under IRS rules can be burdensome and expensive. Transferring the assets of such a foundation to The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation offers a cost-effective alternative for administering these funds well into the future.

Retain Income From a Charitable Gift: *There are many ways to make a charitable gift and still receive income for life or for a specified time. Through these methods donors can retain income for themselves and their spouse while obtaining deductions on current income, estate and gift taxes. The following are two examples:*

- **Charitable Gift Annuities:** The Foundation offers competitive yields to individuals who make current gifts but retain a lifetime income. A portion of these gifts may be tax-deductible, and income is guaranteed.
- **Charitable Remainder Trusts:** This type of deferred gift can be created so that the donor or other beneficiary receives a lifetime income. At the death of the income beneficiary, the remainder of the trust passes to the Foundation to accomplish the charitable purposes specified by the donor. These trusts provide a current income tax deduction if irrevocable or, if revocable, an estate tax deduction upon the donor's death.

Charitable Lead Trusts: Provide income to a fund at the Foundation for such charitable purposes as the donor has specified. Then after a set number of years, the remaining principal of the trust and any accumulated appreciation is distributed to children, grandchildren, or other named beneficiaries, often with significant estate tax savings.

Leave A Legacy

Deferred giving allows people to make charitable gifts beyond those which they might currently give. The Legacy Club of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation provides a meaningful way to recognize individuals now for gifts that will be realized by the community sometime in the future.

Members of The Legacy Club play a significant role in helping to shape the future of the greater Manhattan area and its residents by providing funds through trusts, wills, and other testamentary vehicles that will last forever.

Participation is easy, and such gifts can be provided for in a variety of ways to achieve your charitable goals. The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation encourages you to discuss the various methods of charitable giving with your attorney and/or financial advisor.

For further information about The Legacy Club, or to let us know that you have made provision for the Foundation in your estate plan, please contact the Foundation at (785)587-8995.

The Legacy Club

Members as of 2007

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Mark & Ann Knackendoffel

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Joleen Hill

Mary Vanier

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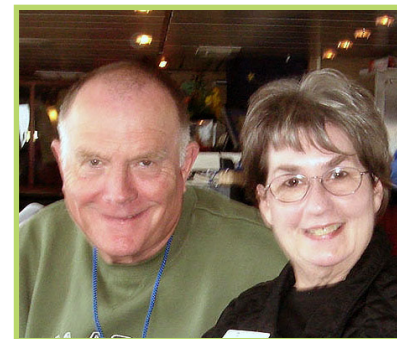
*deceased

When making or updating your will, please consider a gift to The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Consult your estate planning attorney who can assist you in adding one of the following paragraphs to your will:

"I hereby give and bequeath \$_____ to The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to be used (for its general purposes) (for [specific purposes])." Or,

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath (the residue) (_____ % of the residue) of my estate to The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to be used (for its general purposes) (for [specific purpose])."

If you are leaving the proceeds of an insurance policy or IRA assets to The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, be sure to indicate this on the insurance or IRA beneficiary forms and not in your will because the insurance proceeds or IRA assets will be disposed of by the terms of the insurance policy or IRA document and not by your will.



Pictured from top to bottom: John & Mary Lee Graham, Tom & Angie Fryer, Jean F. Caul, Mary Vanier, Douglas Beech

Funds of the Foundation



Arts & Humanities

Gene Grosh Endowment for the Arts
MCF Fund for Arts & Humanities
Riley Co Genealogical Society Library
Riley Co Genealogical Society Organization

Basic Human Needs

Crisis Center Fund to Stop Domestic Violence
Dover Community Foundation-Share the Outdoors
Fairy Godmothers Fund
Flint Hills Breadbasket Fund
Habitat for Humanity-Legacy Club Fund
Manhattan Emergency Shelter Building Fund
Manhattan Emergency Shelter Endowed Fund
MCF Fund for the Elderly
RCPD Employee Assistance Fund
Shepherd's Crossing Endowed Fund
Shepherd's Crossing Expendable Fund
United Way of Riley County Endowed Fund
Wareham Family Foundation



Don Dodge

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Boy Scouts of America-Coronado Area Council
David L. Flinchbaugh-Parents As Teachers
Don Dodge Fund for Youth & Aviation
MCF Education & Youth
Flinthills Leadership Children's
Flint Hills Soccer Club
Frankfort Children's Fund
Kansas Health Foundation Children's Fund
K-State Rowing Association Fund
Little Apple Soccer Club
Lois Blackman Endowed Fund
Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Youth Fund
Manhattan Catholic Education
Manhattan Jaycees Community Playground Fund
Manhattan-Ogden Schools Foundation
Raising Riley
Sunflower CASA Endowed Fund
Sunflower CASA Expendable Fund
Instruments for Interested Youth
Youth Impacting Community Endowed Fund

Community Development & Leadership

Frankfort Community Trust-Art & Mildred Neal Fund
Dover Community Foundation Fund
Flinthills Leadership Endowment Fund
League of Women Voters Edith Stunkel Fund
MCF Fund for Community Development & Leadership
UFM Community Learning Center

Healthcare

Flint Hills Community Clinic Expendable Fund
Homecare & Hospice Fund
Jim Reed Flint Hills Community Clinic Endowed Fund
Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund
Mercy Community Health Foundation

Funds of the Foundation

Humane Treatment of Animals

Polly Stoecklein Fund for the Humane
Treatment of Animals

Preservation, Conservation & Beautification

Edna Williams Wolf House Complex Historic
Site
Fitz House Fund
MCF Fund for Preservation, Conservation &
Beautification
Sunset Zoo & Wildlife Conservation Trust
Foundation

Scholarship & Education

Academy of Veterinary Consultants
Bonnie Verbrugge Memorial Scholarship
Fund
Dover Community Foundation - Eldon
Lambotte Scholarship Fund
Greg Davis Building Trades Scholarships
KSU Fund for Excellence
League of Women Voters Stella Harris
Scholarship Fund
Lewis & Ernest BrAun MATC Scholarship
Little Apple Soccer Club-Scholarship Fund
Marge Bernard Allen Fund for Adult
Education
MATC Briggs Auto Mechanic Scholarship
MATC General Scholarship Fund
MATC Teaford Nursing Scholarship
Roger Trenary Tennis Fund



Florence Day

Unrestricted Funds

Florence Day Fund
Fund for Greater Manhattan -Expendable
Fund for Greater Manhattan - Endowed
Jean Caul Fund for the Community
MCF Founders Fund
MCF Benefactors Fund

Donor Advised Community Support

C. Clyde & Margaret S. Jones Fund
Dennis & Rhonda Mullin Advised Fund
Edwin & Kae Olson Charitable Fund
Farm Bureau Foundations Donor Advised
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Henry & Shirley Wassenberg Fund
Henry & Shirley Wassenberg Endowment
for the Saint Gregory Catholic Church
Jack Goldstein Charitable Funds
James & Debra Gordon Advised Fund
John & Karen McCulloh Advised Fund
Kansas State Bank Advised Fund
Lincoln & Dorothy Deihl Advised Fund
Little Apple Toyota Honda Fund
Margaret & Phil Howe Fund
Marvin Robinson Fund
MCF Trustee's Endowed Fund
Reitz Family Fund
The Trust Company of Manhattan Advised
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William L. and Linda K. Richter Endowments

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Grantmaking

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is committed to identifying, promoting, and supporting community programs that raise the quality of life for residents in the Manhattan area.

GRANTS FOR GREATER MANHATTAN:

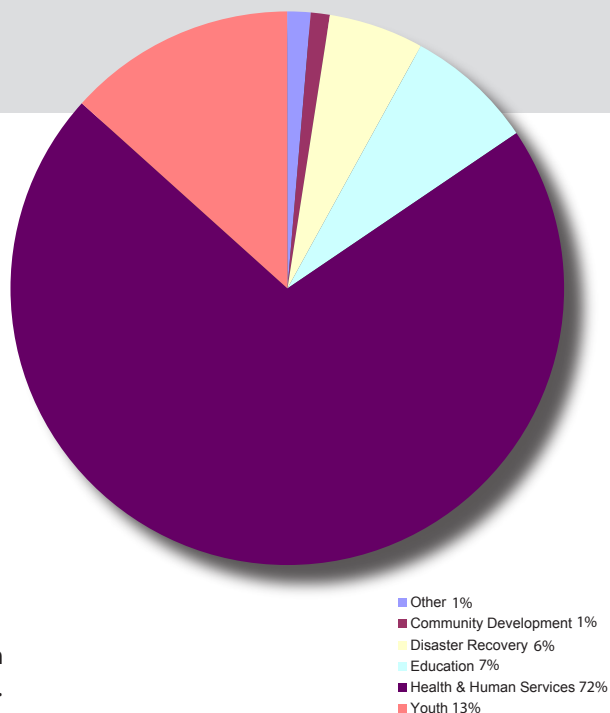
The Foundation annually invites non-profit, tax exempt organizations in the greater Manhattan area to apply for grants for charitable purposes. The Board of Trustees of the Foundation awards grants that will address programs in the following areas:

- Arts and Humanities
- Community Development and Leadership
- Education and Youth
- Health and Human Services
- Environmental Affairs

A request for proposals is mailed to community nonprofit and service organizations the first week in March, with applications due the first part of May. Awards are announced by the middle of June.



Y.I.C. members and area youth work to "Revitalize the Trails" at Warner Park as part of Youth Service Day.



KIDS WHO CARE:

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation established the Kids Who Care program to help 4th through 12th grade students gain a better understanding of how philanthropy works and become more aware of the issues facing their community. A request for proposals is sent to area schools each fall inviting one-page proposals describing class projects that will benefit the community. The proposals are reviewed by a committee of adults and high school students who recommend grants of up to \$350. Awards are generally announced by the first of November.

YOUTH IMPACTING COMMUNITY (YIC):

"Youth Impacting Community" was created in 2002 with a three-year grant from the Ewing Kauffman Foundation. When the grant ran out, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation committed to continue the organization, supporting it financially. YIC provides young people between the ages of 13 and 18 the opportunity to practice philanthropy by actually awarding grants to address perceived needs for young people in the community. RFP's are sent out to youth related non-profit organizations in May. Awards are announced at the end of July.

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2007

	2006	2007
ASSETS		
Cash & Equivalents	\$588,782	\$961,827
Equity	\$3,266,654	\$4,840,715
Fixed	\$1,567,955	\$2,433,352
Total Investments	\$5,423,391	\$8,235,894
Grants Receivable		
Kansas Health Foundation	\$-	\$-
State of Kansas Smart Start	\$89,006	\$98,454
Total Receivable	\$89,006	\$98,454
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,512,397	\$8,334,348
FIXED ASSETS	\$690	\$93
LIABILITIES	\$2,981	\$2,749
NET ASSETS	\$5,516,068	\$8,337,190
FUND BALANCE BY TYPE		
Endowed Advised	\$412,752	\$563,096
Endowed Agency	\$426,251	\$464,448
Endowed Designated	\$409,788	\$1,554,392
Endowed Field of Interest	\$2,123,641	\$2,264,590
Endowed Unrestricted	<u>\$770,925</u>	<u>\$800,641</u>
Total Endowed Funds	\$4,143,357	\$5,647,167
Expendable Advised	\$435,997	\$1,657,640
Expendable Agency	\$187,656	\$261,830
Expendable Designated	\$13,375	\$68,691
Expendable Field of Interest	\$12,332	\$18,681
Expendable Unrestricted	\$630,675	\$581,886
Total Expendable Funds	<u>\$1,280,034</u>	<u>\$2,588,727</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$5,423,391	\$8,235,894

Statement of Activities

As of December 31, 2007

	2006	2007
Revenue and Support		
Contributions from Donors	\$1,281,550	\$3,188,307
Investment Income	\$130,799	\$214,271
Change in Fair Market Value of Investments	\$394,810	\$202,779
Management Fee Income	\$57,706	\$64,066
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$1,864,865	\$3,669,423
Expenditures		
Total Distributions from Charitable Funds	\$(529,419)	\$(722,931)
Administrative Expenses	\$(95,218)	\$(125,608)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$(624,637)	\$(848,539)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,240,228	\$2,820,884

Community Impact

The purpose of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise our children. To make this happen, we must depend on ourselves. We believe that by pooling the resources of local people from all income levels, we can make a big impact! In 2007, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation awarded more than \$658,000 in grants and other distributions to local charities and non-profit groups. These grants helped feed our hungry, make our community safer for local children, enhance learning opportunities for citizens of all ages, and improve the health of our residents.



GMCF helped purchase equipment & furnishings for a new exam room at the Flint Hills Community Clinic



GMCF helped purchase equipment & furnishings for the UFM solar addition



The Wing Nuts received a grant from the Don Dodge Fund to purchase tools and equipment to build a real plane



Play structure at Oak Grove School funded by Youth Impacting Community



New risers at the Manhattan Arts Center funded by GMCF

Ron and Dixie West

Ron and Dixie West have a passion for history. Ron, a paleontologist, and Dixie, an archeologist, have spent much of their life studying historic resources. And so it was only natural for them to involve themselves in the uncovering and preservation of the history of their Manhattan home, the Fitz House, located at 1014 Houston Street.

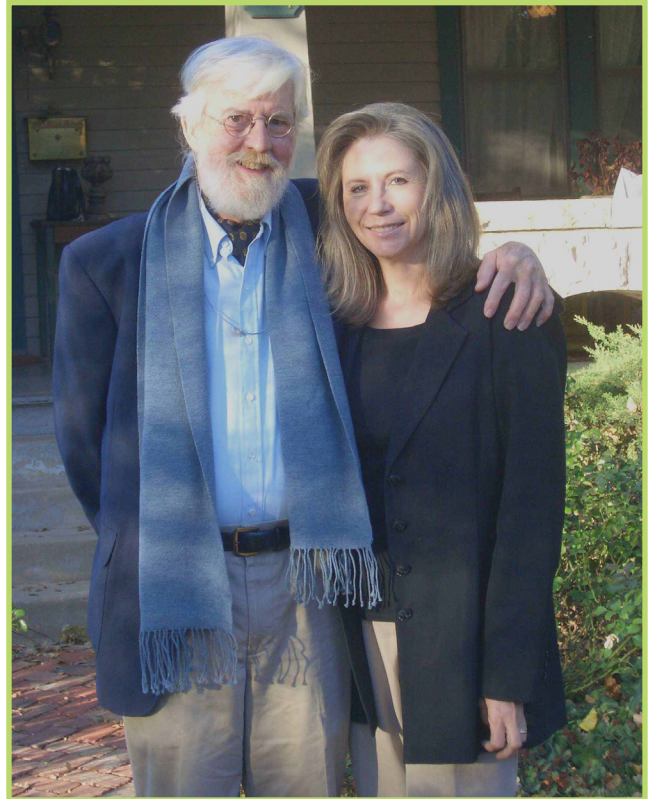
"I was out walking the dogs when I came across this old home on Houston Street that had been for sale for some time," said Ron. "I immediately felt a connection with the building."

He and Dixie purchased the home in 1985 and began restoring it from the three unit apartment complex it had become to its former single family dwelling. Along the way they learned of the home's rich history.

"It is important to us to share (the Fitz House)," said Ron. "We thought it was something really unique when we got it and we want to share its history and restoration."

As determined as they were to restore this piece of Manhattan history, Ron and Dixie are also focused on ensuring its continued preservation long after they are gone.

As part of their estate planning Ron and Dixie had already talked about leaving the Fitz House to the Riley County Historical Society. It was as they were working with the Historical Society that they learned about the Wolf House complex, located at 630 Fremont in Manhattan.



Although the Wolf House had been left to the Historical Society to preserve it for the community, no money had been left to maintain it. Realizing the strain put on the Historical Society to fundraise for the complex, Ron and Dixie were moved to action. They knew they not only wanted to ensure sustainability for the Fitz House, but they also started thinking about how to initiate a community endowment for the Wolf House complex.

"We committed to leave some of our estate to support the Fitz House," said Dixie. "And even more we wanted to create something to which others could contribute."

In 2007, in a review with Ron and Dixie of their financial position, Polly Stoecklein, CFP®, owner of Stoecklein Financial Services, discussed and introduced the idea of an endowment to provide unending support for the two Manhattan historic sites. Polly knew they were charitable by nature, but learned the passion behind their desires. She also learned of their desire to leave the Fitz House to the community and of their wish to ensure that the home would have a mechanism to be maintained after they were gone.

Polly, who is a Trustee of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation and has created her own donor advised fund, knew first hand that the Community Foundation was the best answer to help the Wests meet their goal. Polly invited Ron and Dixie to join her at an upcoming Community Foundation annual meeting so they could learn more. A few weeks later all three met with the Foundation director to establish an endowment for the Fitz House. Several weeks later the Wests created an endowment named for long-time Wolf House complex curator Edna Williams.

"You form relationships with clients and I knew that Ron and Dixie had this charitable desire with no identified outlet," said Polly. "The Community Foundation was exactly the outlet they needed. By establishing a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation they could have the control they needed while not having to worry about the administrative maintenance."

"It just seemed logical to connect Ron and Dixie with the Community Foundation," said Polly. "As I learned about their passion, I realized from my own experience that by using the Community Foundation they could do what touches their heart and they can be specific about it."

"It was important for us to start an endowment in recognition of Edna, who has poured herself into the Wolf House," said Dixie. "We created something that others can add to. It is the pooling of money that will really provide the financial support needed to maintain these important pieces of Manhattan's history."

As historical scientists, the Wests are passionate about history and the preservation of historic Manhattan, but it is their vision for and commitment to the future that truly makes them extraordinary.



Fitz House, located at 1014 Houston Street



Wolf House, located at 630 Freemont

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