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For Immediate Release

The Capital Campaign for the Staten Island Museum received a major boost with a \$450,000 grant from the Richmond County Savings Foundation in support of two major exhibitions

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Today, Cesar Claro, Executive Director, announced at a press conference in the Staten Island Museum's History Center in Building H at Snug Harbor that the Richmond County Savings Foundation's board of directors approved a \$450,000 grant.

Mr. Claro stated, "Richmond County Savings Foundation is proud to announce our support for the new facility which reflects the Staten Island Museum's commitment to integrating art and design with education and exploration across disciplines. To launch the 2014 opening at Snug Harbor, we are sponsoring two exciting projects: *LOST | FOUND: Return of the Mastodon*, the Museum's signature exhibition and *From Farm to City*, the local legacy exhibit inspired by the Museum of the City of New York's current exhibition, *From Farm to City: Staten Island 1661-2012*."

Receiving the check on behalf of the Staten Island Museum were Elizabeth Egbert, President & CEO, and Ralph Branca, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Branca noted: "The Museum is thrilled to receive this very generous support from the Richmond County Savings Foundation helping us to open a fabulous new museum for our entire community to experience and enjoy."

Please review the attached descriptions for details about both exhibitions and the Campaign for the Staten Island Museum for additional information. This information can also be found on the Museum's web site [www.statenislandmuseum.org](http://www.statenislandmuseum.org).

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### About the Richmond County Savings Foundation

The Richmond County Savings Foundation was established in 1998 as part of the conversion of the Richmond County Savings Bank to a public company. Richmond County Savings Bank is now a division of New York Community Bank. To date, the Foundation has provided more than \$48 million in funding to not-for-profit organizations serving the communities in which the Bank operates.

### About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 131st year, **the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only** general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum welcomes about 80,000 adults and school children to a comprehensive array of programs every year. Located two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, visitors can embark on a voyage through time in the Staten Island Ferry exhibit; see rocks glow in the dark in the Hall of Natural Sciences; and experience the lives of Staten Island's first inhabitants. In Building H on the Snug Harbor Campus, visitors can explore the latest exhibitions in the History Center Gallery, or make a research appointment for the History Archives & Library. Staten Island Museum is owned by the City of New York and benefits from public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. For current exhibitions, visit [Statenislandmuseum.org](http://Statenislandmuseum.org)

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## Visitor Information

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### Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Place

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Universal Accessibility

Recommended Admission

Adults \$3.

Students & Seniors \$2.

Members & Children under 12 FREE

### History Center & Archives

1000 Richmond Terrace, Snug Harbor, Bldg H

Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

By appointment only.

Contact Cara Dellatte at 718.483.7122

History Gallery Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

FREE