Fundraising

The Museum secured a prestigious $400,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge grant with the goal of raising an additional $1.2 million by June 2018. The Staten Island Foundation accepted the challenge, providing a $450,000 grant. In addition, individuals and other foundations donated or pledged $409,000. Now, we just need someone – or a group of people - with $341,000 to spare for the humanities. All told, we have raised over half of the $6 million Capital & Endowment Campaign goal.

Celebrations

Our Preview Gala in May 2014 offered guests the opportunity to see the Museum’s gorgeous Building A at Snug Harbor. In July, the Museum Guild hosted Fantastique, a celebration of French wine, food, and music. Held at the home of board member Nancy D. Myers Benbow, funds raised from the event benefited the Museum’s collections acquisitions fund. In November, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Verrazano Bridge with a cocktail reception and pop-up exhibit.

Legacies

The Edith and Alfred Susskind Porcelain Collection was gifted to the Museum by the late Edith Susskind. It will be displayed in the hyphen connecting Buildings A and B beginning in the second year of operation. A fund has been set up to care for the collection over time. Longtime Museum member Louise Colavito bequeathed $50,000 and will be permanently recognized in the first floor Hallway Gallery in Building A. Funds are currently being raised to name the second floor Hallway Gallery for Elizabeth Egbert, the Museum’s visionary leader for twelve years.

Memorial

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Collections

We conserved art objects in preparation for our inaugural exhibits in Building A. Starting in late 2014, we will add over 33,000 Lenape artifacts that were discovered 7 to 10 feet below the surface near the Goethals Bridge during the construction of a natural gas pipeline by Spectra Energy. Even without the addition, the Museum is home to the most comprehensive collection of the local Native American tribe in the NYC area.

Served

219,352

People

Memorabilia

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Dedication

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12,028 kids!

Robert Bands by Taylor Jones, Open Archives and Gooru from images

Education

The Museum was proud to be selected by the NYC Department of Education to take part in Teen Thursdays, a new afterschool initiative enabling middle school students to take advantage of the rich learning opportunities available at local cultural institutions.

We partnered with IS 61 and The Marsh Avenue School of Expeditionary Learning and provided after-school sessions about the Civil War. A new Cultural Adventures After School (CASA) program will be implemented at PS 46, thanks to funding from City Council Member Steven Matteo, along with Council Member Deb Rose and State Assemblymember Matthew Titone who also support our free/discounted school program for underserved students. In addition, Deutsche Bank provided support to align our new arts lessons with the Common Core standards.

Growth

While we are excited to open Building A in the fall of 2015, we have an eye toward the future and are working with the City of New York to renovate the adjacent Building B, which will become our Natural Science Center and potential home of the Archives.

To date, the City allocated a total of $6,196,000 for Building B’s geothermal well field, and ground floor and first floor renovations. Mayor Bill de Blasio contributed $3.7 million, while City Council Member Deb Rose allocated $1,168,000 with the Council adding $750,000, and Borough President James Oddo donated $578,000.