

The BARNUM MUSEUM



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The Barnum Museum Receives a \$15k Grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation laying the foundation for its new vision.

(June 16, 2014) — The Barnum Museum in Bridgeport is pleased to announce that it has received a \$15,000 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation. The funds will be used to conduct a planning and feasibility study to help the museum respond to the catastrophic storms that have challenged the museum over the past three years and lay the foundation for creating an innovative, living museum that will become a national destination and a fitting tribute to PT Barnum.

“I can’t think of better way to honor P.T. Barnum’s grand legacy than being able to take this important first step toward realizing our exciting vision of our future,” explained Kathleen Maher, The Museum’s Executive Director. “We look forward to building new exhibits that will highlight the museum’s historic past and provide us with new and innovative ways to share Barnum’s stories. This grant will ultimately help The Barnum Museum continue to be one of Connecticut’s most engaging attractions.”

The study will be conducted by the consulting firm Danosky & Associations, LLC, a full service consulting firm located in Connecticut, specializing in building capacity for non-profit organizations.

“We are very excited to work with The Barnum Museum and help it set the stage for its next vibrant chapter,” said Sharon J. Danosky, President & Founder of Danosky & Associates, LLC. “It is an organization that has thrived for more than 120 years and is a critical landmark in the Bridgeport area. It holds great potential for the community and beyond and we look forward to working with the organization to help bring this museum back to its rightful glory.”

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish charitable funds and contribute to existing funds. The Foundation provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations’ national standards for community foundations. The Foundation has awarded over \$168 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.

The original Barnum Institute building is owned by the City of Bridgeport and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. for more information on the Barnum Museum please visit www.barnum-museum.org.