



Celebrating P.T. Barnum's 200th Birthday!

The Barnum Museum receives a \$1,500 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation

(Bridgeport CT – July 16, 2010)— The Barnum Museum announced today that they have been awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation's Financial Management Assistance Fund to assist with the financial and operational management at the museum.

"This funding will assist us greatly in purchasing new and updated accounting software," explained Kathy Maher, Executive Director, "it will also allow us to train our staff in the proper use of this new system. Having updated software will help us use our time more efficiently as the museum becomes a greater resource in the region," continued Maher.

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 also 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 \$110 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.

Celebrating the 200th birthday of Phineas Taylor Barnum, born July 5, 1810 in Bethel CT, during 2010 The Barnum Museum will chronicle the life and times of this extraordinary showman and the history of Bridgeport where Barnum served as Mayor. For a complete listing of anniversary year events celebrating this amazing – and sometimes outrageous – showman, civic leader and politician, visit www.barnum-museum.org. The original museum building, owned by the City of Bridgeport is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.