

# The BARNUM MUSEUM



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## **The Barnum Museum receives \$25,000 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation**

*January 28, 2013* - The Barnum Museum in Bridgeport has been awarded \$25,000 from the Fairfield County Community Foundation (FCCF) to augment the museum's general operating funds. The grant will allow the museum, dedicated to the life and times of P.T. Barnum, to concentrate on the future for the historic landmark building which has been closed since 2010 due to damage sustained in a tornado.

"We are anxious to focus on a new and vibrant vision for the museum. The nationally significant building and collection is owned by the City of Bridgeport, and is an American treasure," explained Kathy Maher, Executive Director and Curator of The Barnum Museum. "This funding will help us continue the critical historic restoration of the landmark building while we envision and plan a dynamic and innovative museum experience that will serve our modern, technological world. We are dedicated to P.T. Barnum's 'instructive entertainment' philosophy, and we are working tirelessly to ensure his educational legacy continues for the future. The FCCF support is enabling our efforts to move forward."

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 \$151 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit [www.fccfoundation.org](http://www.fccfoundation.org).

The Barnum Museum is open Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. until further notice. For information on upcoming programs visit: [barnum-museum.org](http://barnum-museum.org) or call 203-331-1104. You can also visit the museum on Facebook, view past programs at [www.barnummuseumexhibitions.org](http://www.barnummuseumexhibitions.org) or communicate on Twitter @BarnumMuseum.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is also a supporter of The Barnum Museum's restoration and recovery projects.