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★ CHAIR'S MESSAGE

I could not be prouder to be the chair of the board of trustees of the Chicago History Museum.

We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and our accomplishments of this past year were only possible due to the excellent work of my predecessors.

We started 2021 by completing our search for a new leader. As head of the search committee, I thank Walter Carlson and Gary Johnson for putting the Museum in the enviable position of attracting an incredible slate of candidates. After a thorough search, we found our next president and CEO, Donald Lassere. Donald came to us after a very successful nine-year tenure leading the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky, which he helped transform from a boxing museum into a cultural center. He is a native Chicagoan, and his education and work experience credentials speak for themselves. Donald received his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of San Francisco, his MBA from Harvard, and his law degree from Georgetown. I personally visited the Ali Center during the search process to gain a first-hand sense of Donald and his leadership style. I arrived unannounced on a Saturday to tour the museum and spotted Donald, stopping by in his sweatsuit and gym shoes before heading to his daughter's swim meet. My only question before heading to the Ali Center was whether Donald could relate to the rank and file. Seeing him interact with his team in workout clothes taught me all I needed to know. He has an incredible EQ to go along with his obviously gifted IQ. We are so fortunate to have him at the helm.

My fellow trustees and I are so pleased with the many ways CHM staff were able to deliver on our mission during fiscal year 2021, which continued to bring pandemic-related disruptions. *Democracy Limited: Chicago Women and the Vote*, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment, pivoted from an on-site exhibition to an interactive online experience, delivering rich content to people in their homes and to educators teaching remotely. Our Chicago History at Home digital series received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue bringing bite-size Chicago stories to a global audience. In the spring of 2021, following a second COVID-driven closure, we drew visitors back on-site with *Vivian Maier: In Color*, showcasing CHM's newly acquired images from the legendary street photographer. Behind the scenes, staff continued to care for collections, manage renovation projects, build partnerships, and plan for the future.

We are grateful to our many stakeholders who supported our hard-working Museum in fiscal year 2021. Every membership renewed, ticket purchased, and virtual event attended kept CHM strong and relevant during a challenging time. Because of you, the future of history is bright.



Daniel S. Jaffee

Chair

Chicago History Museum Board of Trustees

★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on my time as the new president of the Chicago History Museum (CHM), I want to express my sincere appreciation for the welcoming spirit of the staff, volunteers, donors, trustees, and the entire community. Everyone has been extremely helpful as I moved my family from Louisville, Kentucky, to Chicago, from recommending the best restaurants and schools to helping me find a home. I especially want to thank my predecessor, Gary Johnson, who provided me with a helping hand. The 16 years of knowledge he acquired as president of this great institution was invaluable to me as I humbly stepped into his role. So many wonderful things have occurred during my first few months as president and CEO of CHM; words cannot fully express how truly grateful I am.

It was important for me to meet with every team member in my first 60 days to hear from each individual making good on the Museum's mission to share Chicago stories. Learning from and listening to our incredible team was inspiring. I learned that CHM has a talented, knowledgeable, and dedicated team whose passion for our mission makes our future bright.

Many people have said that in life, timing is everything; and for me, that statement rings true. While we remain in a global pandemic, I could not have joined CHM in a more exciting season. CHM has a demonstrated commitment to education and reaching into our communities to meet people where they are. This past year, we celebrated the opening of the *City on Fire: Chicago 1871* exhibition on October 8, the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, and the completion of the Richard M. and Shirley H. Jaffee History Trail. Both events have been years in the making, and I am thrilled to have them open for visitors to experience. I could not be prouder of or more grateful for our talented team who has spent countless hours preparing for these important moments. In addition, I had the honor of jumping into the Making History Awards in early June and was so impressed with the magnitude of this annual fundraising event and the remarkable Chicagoans we have honored over the past 27 years.

Our Museum is a center of activity and learning for the city that prioritizes education, diverse and inclusive programs, events, and immersive exhibitions. We will continue to serve Chicago and the world as the most inclusive and trusted historical institution. The future is bright for CHM, and I am truly honored to be its president and CEO.



Donald E. Lassere

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★ INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Dressing Barbie

August 15, 2020

The Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum hosted a virtual presentation by Carol Spencer as she shared about her storied career at Mattel dressing America’s favorite doll for 36 years. She was the first designer to have her signature on the doll, the first to go on a signing tour, the first to design a limited-edition Barbie Doll for collectors, and the designer of the best-selling Barbie of all time. Spencer’s book, *Dressing Barbie: A Celebration of the Clothes That Made America’s Favorite Doll and the Incredible Woman Behind Them* (2019), has gained international press coverage as publishers make their way to her living room to interview Spencer and photograph her amazing private archive.



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Launch of Democracy Limited: Chicago Women and the Vote

August 26, 2020

A century after ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, the Chicago History Museum launched an online experience that invites visitors to explore women’s activism in Chicago to secure the right to vote—and beyond.

On *Democracy Limited: Chicago Women and the Vote*, discover the ways women organized to challenge the status quo and how these different paths led to a mass movement for suffrage. Find out what the vote did and did not accomplish, and for whom. Connect themes of the past with the present, which remind us that while injustice and inequality persist, so do activist women. Learn more at democracylimited.com

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Chicago Men's Fashion Awards

September 14-20, 2020

Since 2015, the Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum has hosted the Chicago Men's Fashion Awards (CMFA), which honors the city's best dressed men and raises awareness and support for the Museum's costume collection. While we were unable to host an in-person event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we kept the tradition alive by highlighting ten past winners who are giving back to the community in meaningful ways: Lee Allison, Mark Bundra, Rino Burdi, Joshua Blake Carter, Andrew Caruso, Dr. Julius Few, Gary Metzner, David Sanchez, Daryl Sneed, and Kareem Wells. The digital campaign highlighted these stylish and philanthropic men through a series of photos by award-winning photographer Sandro Miller. The editorial was published digitally on the Costume Council's webpage and social media platforms. Viewers got to know them individually and learned how they are giving back to our community during one of the most challenging times in recent history.



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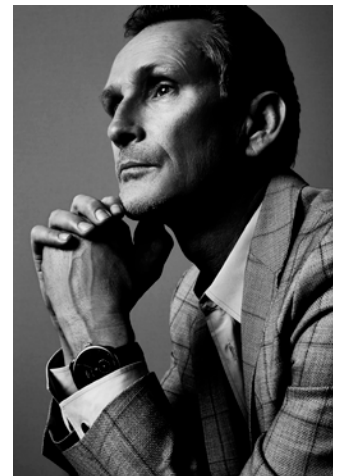
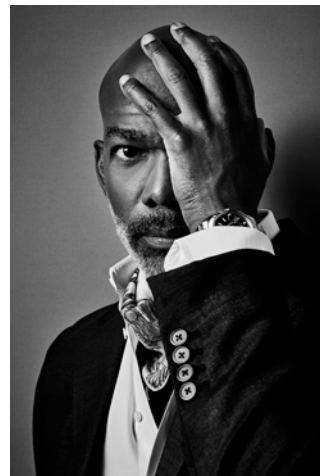
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Start of the East Basement Renovation

September 2020

Last fall, CHM staff packed and prepped collection materials to be transferred from the main Museum building on Clark Street to our offsite storage in Broadview. This work was done in preparation for a two-pronged project—the renovation of the East Basement and the plaza above it, and the construction of the Richard M. and Shirley H. Jaffee History Trail around it. By January 2021, staff began working with Hallett Movers to do the physical move-out. Once the collection materials were out, other above-ground work started as spring arrived.



Ceremonial Groundbreaking of the Jaffee History Trail

September 23, 2020

Last fall, family, friends, and major stakeholders broke ground on the Richard M. and Shirley H. Jaffee History Trail, marking the beginning of construction on this capital project to beautify the landscape around the Museum and create an interpretive path through it. With seven history stops along the path, the Jaffee History Trail incorporates features such as a fire relic from the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and the Couch Tomb, a reminder that the area was once a Chicago city cemetery. Developed in partnership with the Chicago Park District and support of neighborhood groups, the Jaffee History Trail creates a new destination at Lincoln Park's southwestern corner.



Norma Kamali

February 25, 2021

The Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum hosted a Zoom presentation with legendary fashion designer Norma Kamali as she discussed her new book, *Norma Kamali: I Am Invincible*. Kamali's stylish, inspiring, and heartfelt handbook offers readers advice for gliding boldly through each of life's decades with purpose and power. Registrants enjoyed a gift box that included a signed copy of *Norma Kamali: I Am Invincible*, a Normalife Skinline Kit, and more.

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Blood Drives

August 12, 2020, February 18, 2021,
and March 13, 2021

During the COVID-19 pandemic, blood donation became more crucial than ever. The Chicago History Museum was honored to partner with our friends at the American Red Cross three times this past fiscal year to help this vital cause. As a result, 194 units of blood were collected, saving up to 582 lives.



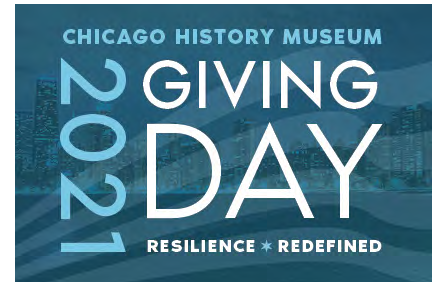
Giving Day: Resilience, Redefined

March 4, 2021

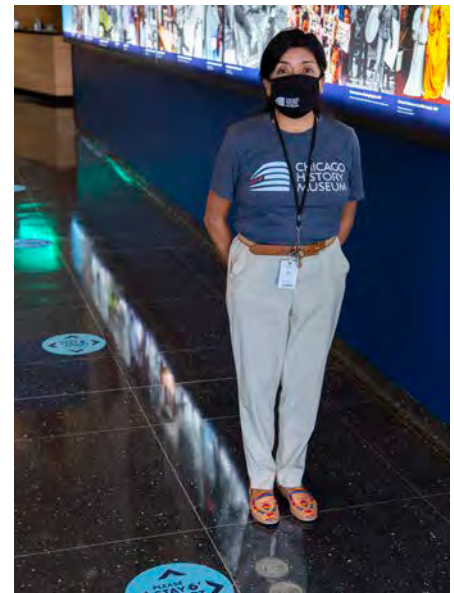
On March 4, 2021, the Chicago History Museum reopened its doors to the public after months of closure due to the pandemic. This date was significant for two reasons. First, it is the date of Chicago’s incorporation as a city, and second, it has recently become an important day of philanthropy for the Museum as its own annual Giving Day.

This year’s theme was “Resilience, Redefined,” a nod to the Museum’s standing as Chicago’s oldest cultural institution, which continues to endure adversity, from the Great Chicago Fire through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Museum raised over \$65,000 from more than 340 supporters, surpassing its goal of \$50,000 in 24 hours! Every dollar raised helped us serve our city by creating eye-opening exhibitions, caring for a world-renowned collection, and offering hands-on learning experiences for students and visitors.

The day was celebrated with free admission to the Museum, a special virtual program centered on rebuilding Chicago landscapes, and Vienna Beef hot dogs and Crockett Cookies at the North & Clark Café!



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Donald E. Lassere Begins as President

April 12, 2021

In February 2021, Donald E. Lassere was named the ninth President of the Chicago History Museum. He began his tenure on April 12, 2021. Born in Chicago, Lassere and his family moved several times during his youth before returning to the city, where he graduated from Percy L. Julian High School. Motivated by his love for history and experiences in nonprofits, cultural spaces, and the private sector, Lassere plans to leverage his diverse background by honing CHM’s audiences and providing valuable experiences for all visitors. Learn more about him at chicagohistory.org/about-the-president



Opening of Vivian Maier: In Color

May 8, 2021

In 2020, CHM acquired nearly 1,800 Vivian Maier color slides, negatives, and transparencies from Chicago-based artist and art collector Jeffrey Goldstein and worked closely with him and Vivian Maier’s estate to preserve them for public use. The collection primarily depicts people and scenes in Chicago.

For the exhibition, guest curator Frances Dorenbaum selected 65 color images from art collectors Jeffrey Goldstein, John Maloof, and Ron Slattery. It is the first time work from these three collections has been featured together in one exhibition. The exhibition also includes clips from films made by Maier and a series of sound bites and quotes featuring Maier’s voice. To learn more, visit chicagohistory.org/vivian

Processing of the Vivian Maier collection is generously supported by



Established in part by the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust and the Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust, the Exhibition Innovation Fund has provided funding for *Vivian Maier: In Color*.



Retirement Celebration and Chief Historian Chair Dedication

June 23, 2021

In the summer, we celebrated the retirement of former CHM president Gary T. Johnson (top). Named the eighth president of the Chicago History Museum in 2005, Johnson applied his distinctive creative and managerial skills to enhance the Museum’s exhibitions, programs, and services, while simultaneously strengthening its collections, community profile, and fiscal integrity. Major achievements during his career include completing two capital campaigns raising more than \$77 million, managing the successful installation of numerous exhibitions, and implementing the Museum’s 2006 reinvention and name change to the Chicago History Museum. The Museum celebrated Johnson’s achievements by dedicating the Gary T. Johnson Chief Historian Chair in honor of his legacy. The Chief Historian Chair role is reserved for a senior staff person who serves as the lead scholar and Museum spokesperson on matters related to history. This role was first established and held by Russell L. Lewis Jr. in 2005 until 2019. It is now held by Peter T. Alter (bottom), who is also the Director of the Studs Terkel Center for Oral History.



★ PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Virtual Event | Lovecraft Chicago: History, Horror, & Afrofutures

October 31, 2020

Our Lovecraft Chicago event centered Black horror, both real and otherworldly, through an examination of HBO's new series, *Lovecraft Country*. Participants first Zoomed across the city for a virtual tour showcasing CHM's collected materials in an exploration of Chicago's geography and history featured on the series, such as the impact of Chicago's public housing system and the Trumbull Park race riot of 1953, the story of Emmett Till, segregation and sun-down neighborhoods, and the history of Chicago's iconic Bronzeville neighborhood. Next, Chicago-based cultural anthropologist Dr. Stanford Carpenter moderated talks that dove deeper into the convergent impacts of Chicago's African American past, present, and Afrofutures.



OUT AT CHM BEGINS NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ALMA

December 17, 2020, May 12, 2021

This year, the OUT at CHM committee partnered with the Association of Latinos/as/x Motivating Action (ALMA) for a program of community-centered stories focusing on the intersection of Chicago's Latinx/ Queer/Immigrant community during the COVID-19 pandemic. This joint venture embodies the Museum's mission of sharing Chicago stories and our work to bolster diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.



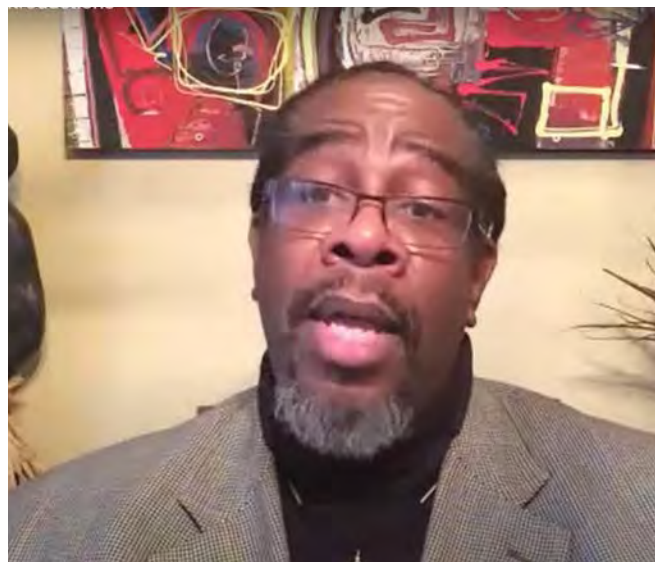
On December 17, Kim L. Hunt, executive director of Pride Action Tank, moderated a free discussion about the partnership. Audiences heard from Julio Rodriguez, ALMA board president; Emmanuel Garcia, ALMA member; and Nancy Villafranca-Guzmán, CHM vice president for education and engagement.

On May 12, CHM hosted the world premiere of *Seguimos Aquí: Pride, Pandemic, and Perseverance*, a film created in collaboration with ALMA and OUT at CHM. The documentary follows four LGBTQIA+ identifying Latinx Chicagoans as they navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, interpersonal struggles, and community triumphs. A panel discussion and reception followed the screening, which was also streamed for remote audiences.

Virtual Event | MLK Day: King in Chicago

January 18, 2021

A Baptist minister and champion of nonviolent activism, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most influential figures of the civil rights movement. He spent considerable time in Chicago protesting racial discrimination, particularly in housing and education. Through our virtual family-friendly event, we explored ways the Chicago History Museum continues to preserve and amplify King's legacy of action and activism. Participants logged on for a virtual tour of the Chicago places Dr. King frequented, such as the North Lawndale neighborhood and places of worship, participated in virtual storytelling, and created art highlighting Dr. King's messages of justice, peace, and change.



Virtual Members' Open House

May 26 & 27, 2021

CHM members and Historical Alliance joined us for our second Virtual Members' Open House. More than 30 Museum staff members took part, including curators, librarians, archivists, historians, and collection managers. Attendees went behind-the-scenes and explored topics such as the Great Chicago Fire, new acquisitions to the collection, current oral history projects, virtual collection tours, and tested their Chicago trivia knowledge. We had record attendance for this event, with more than 500 participants signing on to view 12 sessions over two days.



Virtual Event | AAPI Heritage Month Family Day

May 29, 2021

To celebrate Chicago's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, CHM partnered with AAPI heritage groups from across the city to present a day of cultural celebration. This virtual family-focused day included storytelling with Alton Chung, performances from Ho Etsu Taiko, a paper cutting workshop with Chinese American Museum of Chicago artist-in-residence Lucy P. Liu, a Kitchen Table Talk and food demo with Perilla restaurant staff and WBEZ's Esther Kang, and a performance of *Journey for Justice!* by CIRCA-Pintig.



Virtual Event | Resounding Liberty: Remembering Juneteenth

June 19, 2021

CHM hosted a free virtual Juneteenth celebration that included two panel talks and an interactive performance. The civic talk, "Chicago Perspectives on the National Impact of Juneteenth," focused on the history of Juneteenth, and the Kitchen Table Talk, "Celebrating African American Foodways," discussed the significance behind special Juneteenth dishes and contemporary community advocates who work to amplify African American cuisine. The program closed out with an interactive performance filled with poetry and song by actor Cynthia Maddox exploring the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman.



★ EDUCATION INITIATIVES

CHICAGO LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

The Chicago Learning Collaborative is a K-12 Museum education initiative that provides students meaningful learning experiences that are centered around Chicago history and incorporate diverse narratives and perspectives. The CLC programs are classroom-based and free to schools that participate. They are designed to be relevant, accessible, and culturally responsive to their audiences, who are provided a choice of stories and workshops that fit their learning goals. Program content highlights the value in local communities and connects history with the present, demonstrating the students' power to shape their future. Participants are active learners who use the inquiry process, collaborate to interpret history, and innovate with different forms of self-expression to connect with the past. Each program culminates in a family event at the Museum where parents, students, and the public have an opportunity to view a temporary exhibition of the students' work and celebrate their achievements.



CHICAGO LITERACIES

GRADES 3-5

Chicago Literacies has partnered with 10 schools with a majority student population of English-language learners and 21 educators across the South and lower West Sides of the city, benefiting more than 600 students since 2017. The program provides customized nonfiction texts on local history relevant to the students' communities. All articles come with fully developed lesson plans for educators. The program also offers teacher professional development, Museum visits, and student and parent workshops.



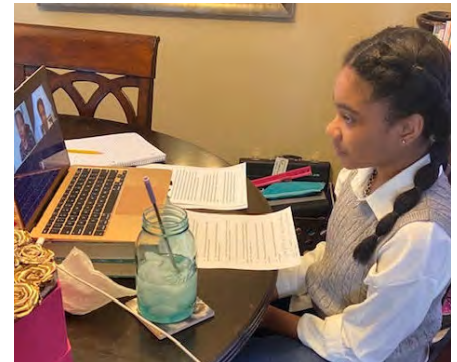
GRADES 9-12

Chicago Artivism began at the start of the 2019-20 school year. The program supports educators in teaching Chicago history through artivism (art + activism) as a catalyst for inspiration and discussion. Chicago Artivism has partnered with 8 educators in 10 high schools, reaching a total of 700 students across the city. The program offers educators a fully developed curriculum with accompanying lesson plans and two teacher professional development workshop. Students engage in artist workshops and receive materials to create an arts-based history project.



Chicago Metro History Fair

The Chicago Metro History Fair is a project-based inquiry program that asks students in grades 6–12 to conduct historical research and craft historical arguments. Despite the challenges of doing history in a remote learning environment, students from 48 schools rose to the challenge in 2020–21. Teacher professional development, student research support services, and judge orientations were all virtual in 2021. More than 150 community volunteers stepped up to judge students’ documentaries, performances, exhibits, websites, and papers in CMHF’s virtual contests. To celebrate the resilience of our scholars who made history under the most difficult circumstances, a new “Student of the Week” series featured student historians in action. CMHF advanced 33 projects to the national contest in June, with five of these projects qualifying for national finals and several other projects honored with opportunities to present at the Smithsonian museums. Kara Tao, Brent Pennington, and Sandra Mordí’s documentary, “Say It Loud, I’m Black and I’m Proud”: The Media’s Misrepresentation of the Black Panther Party, won a silver medal at nationals.

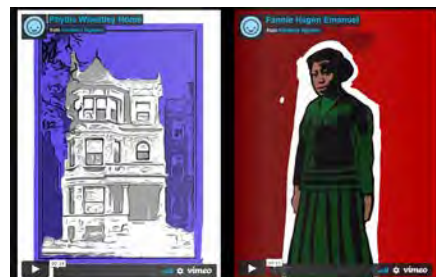


The Voids Project

When considering the American suffrage story in Chicago, spaces of African American female activism and action in support of the vote for women and their simultaneous fight for community betterment are often left out of the conversation. The historical silence around their contributions and the destruction and neglect of the physical spaces they worked in has impacted public memory, making their contributions void.

In spring 2021, a group of teens from across Chicagoland were given the opportunity to research the history of the women, their work, and the people and places they supported to amplify their legacies and speculate new futures inspired by their work.

This project is in support of Chicago History Museum’s *Democracy Limited: Chicago Women and the Vote* exhibition and is dedicated to Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, Ida B. Wells, Fannie Hagen Emmanuel, and Melissia Ann Elam. Learn more at democracylimited.com/the-voids-project



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We are pleased to close fiscal year 2021 on solid financial ground despite the ongoing impact on the Museum from the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the beginning of the pandemic in fiscal year 2020, we have continually developed and refined financial plans based on multiple scenarios to effectively manage through the challenges and uncertainties of the pandemic. Significant revenue losses were successfully mitigated through securing available federal support from the Paycheck Protection Program, CARES Act, Employee Retention Tax Credits, and Shuttered Venues Grant. The pace of the Museum's revenue recovery remains uncertain and will likely be uneven; however, the decisive steps taken early in the pandemic will ensure that we can effectively manage through lingering pressures from a strong financial position.

Our goal for the coming year will be to identify the financial needs of the organization to fully recover and build for the future. We are grateful and extremely proud of our Museum team that consistently went above and beyond to find new and innovative ways of connecting with visitors—at home, on-site, and online. Notwithstanding the challenges of COVID-19, the Museum was able to continue to offer impactful opportunities to our members, visitors, and the community.

We are also thankful for our donors for their unwavering belief in our mission. And no expression of gratitude would be complete without thanking our Board of Trustees who provided expertise, optimism, and support to help us navigate through uncertain times.

The financial position and results for fiscal year 2021 are summarized in the charts on the following page.

The *Statements of Financial Position* section of the report includes balance sheet assets and liabilities, reflecting the financial position of the Chicago Historical Society.

Fiscal year 2021 net assets totaled \$72,045,731, an increase of \$25,663,910 from fiscal year 2020. The increase was primarily due to positive net operating results, the net return on

investments, and a positive change in the year-end mark-to-market value of the interest rate swap agreement liability. Cash and cash equivalents of \$7,060,143 provides adequate liquidity to fund operations and meet debt obligations. The market value of the Museum's endowment was \$93,356,127 at year-end. Long-Term Debt outstanding was \$50,436,460. A liability of \$17,736,771 is carried on its books representing the current market value of an interest rate swap agreement that would only be realized if the agreement was cancelled.

The *Statements of Activities* is the income statement of the Chicago Historical Society and reports summarized transactions that occurred during the fiscal year.

Fiscal year 2021 ended with positive operating results of \$5,771,768. Support and revenue totaled \$15,446,591, which included earned revenue losses against budget of \$2,397,351 from the decline in admissions, membership, and auxiliary services. Other revenue includes Chicago Park District tax revenue and investment income. Total expenses of \$9,674,823 included program-related costs of operating the Museum, fundraising, and general administrative costs.

The financial statements have been audited by Grant Thornton LLP, independent Certified Public Accountants, and their audit report includes an unmodified opinion as to the financial position and results of operations presented. You may request a copy of the full audit report from the Finance Office at the Chicago History Museum.



Mark Trembacki

Treasurer

Chicago History Museum Board of Trustees

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

June 30, 2021

Support and Revenue	2021
Contributions and grants	\$10,347,309
Chicago Park District	1,757,928
Investment income for operations	2,095,597
Membership dues and admissions	755,940
Auxiliary services and other	489,817
Total Support and Revenue	\$15,446,591

Expenditures	2021
Collections and research	\$1,791,135
Exhibitions, education, and visitor services	2,875,879
Building operations and security	1,790,465
Auxiliary services	569,950
Fundraising	938,997
General and administrative	1,708,397
Total Expenses	\$9,674,823

Non-Operating Items	2021
Investment return, non-operating	\$18,886,937
Interest rate swap agreement	4,512,651
Split-interest agreement	861,388
Depreciation	(1,925,702)
Debt service	(2,443,132)
Total Non-Operating Items	\$19,892,142

Change in Net Assets	\$25,663,910
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2021

Total Assets	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,060,143
Pledges, loans, and accounts receivable	8,095,775
Land, buildings, and equipment	27,894,882
Investments	93,356,127
Perpetual trusts	6,322,385
Other	41,581
Total Assets	\$142,770,893

Liabilities and Net Assets	2021
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$2,016,980
Deferred revenue	534,951
Interest rate swap liability	17,736,771
Long term debt	50,436,460
Net Assets	
Without donor restrictions	44,268,307
With donor restrictions	27,777,424
Total Net Assets	72,045,731
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$142,770,893

VOLUNTEERS

We greatly appreciate our volunteers who support the Museum through their time and expertise in Collections, Curatorial Affairs, Exhibitions, Research and Access, Marketing, and Visitor and Member Services. We could not do this without you. Thank you!

INTERPRETATION & EDUCATION

Gallery Interpreters

Vera Antoniadis*
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Administrative

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 Katie Tingle

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 Bianca Milligan
 Jean Schwartz**
 Lorie Westerman**
 Edward Winslow

*Over 5 years of service

** Over 10 years of service

***Over 15 years of service

**** Over 20 years of service

*****Over 25 years of service

Those who volunteered six or more months between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 are listed above.

★ STAFF LIST

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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MUSEUM

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Ema Pinto, Chicago Learning Collaborative Elementary School Coordinator

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Brandon Thompson, Maintenance Technician
John Vlna, Broadview Custodian
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Lauren Wissbaum, Individual Giving and Annual Fund Manager

The Chicago History Museum thanks all of its staff members. This list reflects the staff on June 30, 2021.