

# Historic House Trust of the City of New York

A public-private 501c3 in partnership with the Department of Parks & Recreation that advises 23 historic house museums owned by the city of New York that rest in Parks operating in a \$3 million annual budget.



## Preservation:

- Since 1989 HHT has facilitated over \$80 million dollars in specialized capital restorations on the city-owned 23 Historic House Museums.
  - In construction - \$8.5 million
  - Going into construction - \$2.5 million
  - In design - \$15 million
  - Research - \$775,000
- HHT holds a \$5 million dollar SOLE SOURCE contract, which allows Capital allocations to be channeled through HHT and be used successfully in particularly sensitive preservation projects.

## Education:

- In 2014 over 300,000 New York City schoolchildren visited the historic houses.
- In the last five years, Close to 95 % of all New York City Schools (public, private, special needs) visiting at least one of Parks/HHT's historic house museums.  
(Statistics based upon at least one classroom per school visiting an HHT historic House museum).
- HHT facilitates the Wagner Education Program for Children with Disabilities and Autism with 5 pilot programs starting in 2015. (Bartow Pell Museum, Morris Jumel Mansion, Lefferts House, Historic Richmond Town, Queens County farm Museum)

## Community Engagement:

- Orchestrates the annual, city-wide, award-winning Historic House Festival
- Robust social media in multiple languages (English, Spanish, Mandarin) including an award-winning journal.

## Collections Care:

- Care and advisement of over 90,000 artifacts in three historic society storage facilities and 23 house sites
- Facilitation of 5 Borough, volunteer, award-winning Roof Raisers Curatorial Brigade

## Financial Assistance:

- Since FY 2000, HHT has re-distributed over \$1 million dollars in general operating grants to the operations of the historic house museums in all five boroughs.
- In 2015 HHT distributed \$100,000 in general operating support.

## Management Innovation:

- HHT is a national thought leader on historic house stewardship.
- Since 2012 HHT leadership has lectured at over 30 national conferences and historic sites regarding pilot and research innovation projects