

Director's Statement

I am happy to report that the Cincinnati Fire Museum has been successfully serving our mission even through the trials and restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, the Cincinnati Fire Museum celebrated a lot of firsts. We had a very successful first ever music series, organized our first firefighter cook-off event, enjoyed a beer made in our honor at Northern Row Brewery and Distillery dubbed *The Hoser*, completed the installation of our first fine arts exhibit featuring paintings by Ned Stern, installed a photography exhibit curated to honor local heroes and commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, and also accessioned the uniform of fallen Cincinnati Firefighter, Daryl Gordon, into our collection, to memorialize his legacy and augment our Line of Duty Death exhibition.

I have the utmost confidence that our momentum will continue in 2022. As I type this, paint is drying in our basement gallery exhibition area, and new carpet is slated to be installed early March. We are gearing up for a new immersive exhibit in our existing theater that will add an exciting element to our museum.

With so much loss and uncertainty in the world right now as we traverse a pandemic, I am committed to staying grateful. I am most certainly grateful that the City of Cincinnati has such an incredible Fire Department with a rich history to preserve. I am also grateful that I have the privilege to be the executive director of our important museum, managing the operations, programming, and historic preservation of a Fire Department with such an extraordinary past. I am grateful that in the new year, we have a wonderful community who supports us and sees the value in the work we do - stewarding one of the nation's most important fire related collections and teaching fire safety education to the community, with an emphasis on youth.



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Sarah Strickland

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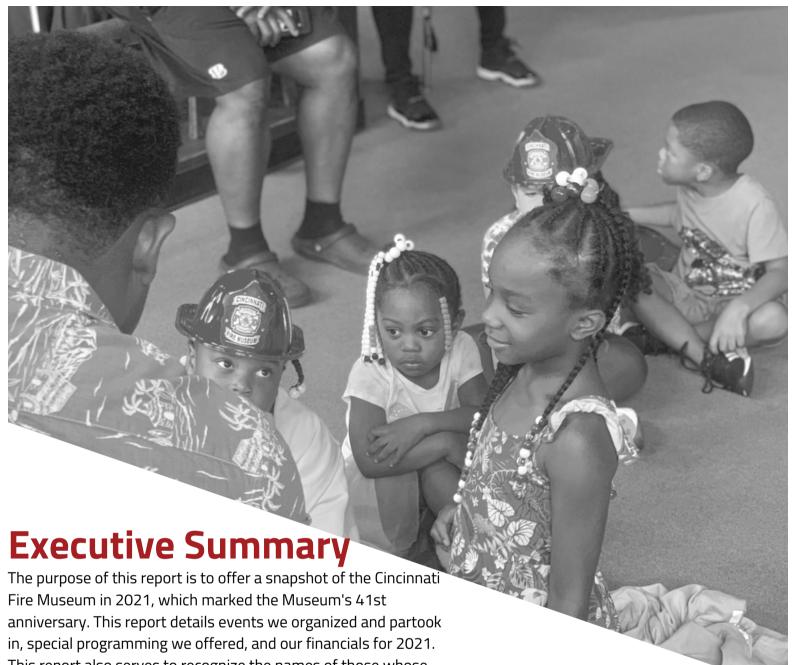
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This report also serves to recognize the names of those whose generous donations, enabled us to continue serving our mission

and honoring our vision.



Cincinnati Fire Department Lt. Justin Peter presents the history of the CFD to the latest recruit class in the CFM 2nd floor event space.



Our Mission

To share and celebrate the history of firefighting in Cincinnati, while providing a unique firesafety experience.

Our Vision

To bring the traditions of firefighting to life in a museum that helps save lives.

The CFM Collection

one of the nation's most important fire related collections



The Cincinnati Fire Museum's Collection is comprised of over 700 items plus a sizeable archive of photos, documents, and records. It represents the firefighting history of Cincinnati from the very first volunteer fire company formed in 1808. The fire alarm drum and brass key to the first fire house in 1808, along with parade hats, impressive hand pumped engines, and wooden water pipes have been displayed to illustrate the exciting bucket brigade years of the Cincinnati Fire Volunteers.

In 1852, Shawk and Latta of Cincinnati built the nation's first steam fire pumper. This invention paved the way for Cincinnati to establish the first professional fire department in the United States in 1853.

The exhibits highlighting this important period feature an impressive horse-drawn steam pumper, ladder wagons, helmets, badges, and many more fascinating items.

In 1917, Cincinnati became one of the nation's first fully-motorized fire companies, and the Ahrens-Fox Company of Cincinnati emerged as a leading builder of fire equipment. Two fullsize Ahrens-Fox Engines in all their glory, are featured along with many other pieces of equipment. The outstanding collection of artifacts and graphics are the nucleus of the

Cincinnati Fire Museum, making it a unique and prominent national

attraction.

In 2021 the Cincinnati Fire Museum accessioned the uniform of fallen Cincinnati Firefighter Daryl Gordon into our collection. The uniform is displayed in a case and honors the life and legacy of firefighter Gordon, a 30 year veteran of the Cincinnati Fire Department who gave his life in the line of duty on March 26, 2015 while battling a Madisonville fire. This exhibit was created in partnership with the Cincinnati African American Firefighters Association (CAFA).



Fire Safety Education

saving lives through fire prevention



The Cincinnati Fire Museum, in conjunction with the Cincinnati Fire Department, operates a world-class fire safety education program designed to teach participants how to prevent fires within the home and how to protect themselves and escape should a fire occur. The Museum presents information about fire safety in a mock home environment. Docents, all active duty firefighters who volunteer their time at the Museum, lead a tour and discussion through several rooms of the home. In each room, various fire and burn hazards are demonstrated and



explanations are offered as to how each can cause a fire and what can be done to prevent it.

In order to ensure schools and families can participate in our program, we keep the group rate at a minimum cost - only \$3 per student. We depend on gifts from donors and foundations to keep this cost affordable to the community. The Cincinnati Fire Museum is currently the only museum in Cincinnati that saves lives through fire prevention. This is a vital role that the Museum plays and a significant part of our mission. Our program endeavors to make fire prevention everyone's responsibility and to reduce the number of fires and fire related deaths to help our city have a healthier and safer future.

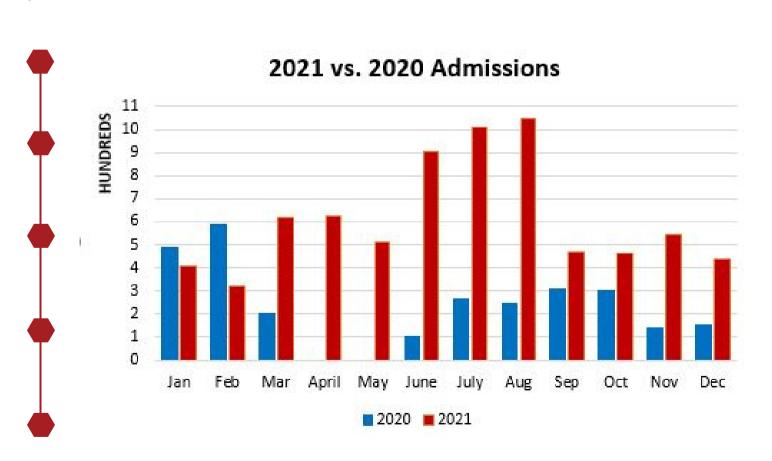


Visitorship

who we serve

The Cincinnati Fire Museum

saw a **70%** increase in visitors over the past year. This drastic surge was due in part to the restrictive mandates put in place in 2020 due to COVID-19.



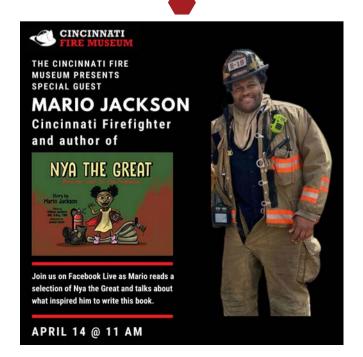
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Online Series

CFM 2021 ONLINE SERIES

CINCYFIREMUSEUM. COM/2021 In 2021, we continued our popular online series, inviting in acclaimed members of our community to partake in storytelling and talk about fire safety, free to the public via Facebook Live.







CFM Virtual Music Series

In celebration of the fiery musical talent in Cincinnati, the CFM hosted a variety of performers in our 1907 Renaissance Revival firehouse.

The performances were Facebook events, free to the public. The first performance was by Mike Oberst from the widely acclaimed band, The Tillers, which took place on Friday, May 7 at 8:00 p.m. Our second event included musicians of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO) performing beautiful movements from Beethoven and Mozart that that took place on Friday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m. Our last performance showcased the powerful music of hip-hop artists, Sons of Silverton, and occurred on Friday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. All performances were viewed from the Cincinnati Fire Museum's Facebook page.

The Fire Museum makes an excellent concert venue and what better way to showcase our city's abundance of talent than inviting musicians to perform in our fire house," Sarah Strickland, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Fire Museum contributed. She added, "I love the idea of marrying music with firefighting and allowing the community to hear such gifted performers in the comfort of their homes for free.













2021 CFM Happenings



In 2021, the CFM was invited to participate in various activities around Cincinnati.



Andrea Gutmann Fuentes speaks about a New York City Fire Department photograph by Neal Slavin that is in the CAM's collection, with Sarah Strickland, Executive Director of The Cincinnati Fire Museum.



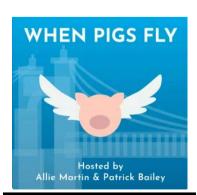
CFM Volunteer and Retired CFD firefighter, Jim Brown helps Santa arrive in style at the Cincinnati Museum Center

Participation in the Cincinnati Art Museum Museum's CAM Connect

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Participation in the Cincinnati Museum
Center's STEM Girls Virtual Series



CFM Executive Director interviewed for When Pigs Fly podcast #20: Operating a Museum (feat. Sarah Strickland, Cincinnati Fire Museum) When Pigs Fly





CFM Volunteer and CFD Firefighter Gerald Belle teaches about holiday fire safety on Chanel 12

Santa Rescue

spreading holiday cheer





The Cincinnati Fire Museum was excited to continue the popular holiday event, the Santa Rescue, on Saturday, November 27th at 12 p.m. This was the third annual event of its kind, in which Santa was rescued from atop the Museum roof by the brave firefighters of the Cincinnati Fire Department.

While watching the Santa Rescue at noon sharp was free, guests were also invited inside for hot chocolate and snacks, the opportunity to meet Santa, and receive fire safety and history tours for the cost of admission. Children under six are always FREE.





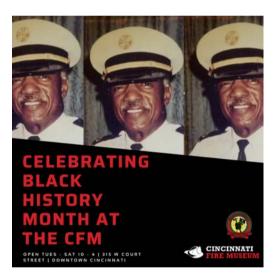
While the Museum's priority is always to uphold our mission of teaching life-saving fire safety education and ensuring the rich history of the City's fire department is preserved, we also host events that engage and excite community members about everything the Fire Museum has to offer,



Programs

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SCAVENGER
HUNT

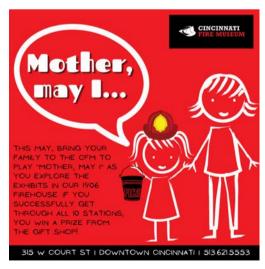
CHALLENGE YOUR FAMILY TO
FIND ALL 12 ITEMS TO WIN A
SPECIAL WINTRY PRIZE!





In 2021, we created seasonal programming to engage our visitors and provide fun ways to explore our exhibits.









Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

WE WILL NEVER FORGET
9.11

preserving history

The CFM planned multiple events to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center in which 343 New York City firefighters made the Ultimate Sacrifice.





THE CFM
hosted three
showings of
the play,
The Guys,
presented by
Cincinnati
Ensemble
Theatre.



Above: The CFM presented the pohotographic exhibit, "Everyday Heroes" in the second floor event space.





LEFT: Members
of Fire & Iron
congregate at
the CFM for the
start of their
annual 9/11
Memorial
Ride.The group
donated \$750
to the CFM.

Fundraising

funding our mission

Every year, the CFM hosts a super bowl party and fundraiser to celebrate America's favorite sport and bring supporters together in an effort to raise operating funds.



Northern Row
Brewery and
Distillery created a
beer in the CFM's
honor, the Hoser. A
portion of the
proceeds benefited
the CFM and we
graciously
accepted a
donation of
\$1.677.

CALLING ALL FIREFIGHTERS!



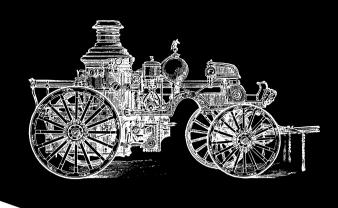


BEER TASTING

We want your input! Join us for an evening of craft beer and small bites. This is your opportunity to weigh in on a new firefighter themed beer at Northern Row.

FEBRUARY 22 & 23 | 4-7 PM 111 W MCMICKEN AVE









@CincyFireMuseum







ON DECK

HOSER Steam Beer 6.4% 31 ibu \$7.00

Tip of the helmet to our devoted Fire fighters! This is one of the few indigenous American beer styles. Clean dry crispness and log hop finish. Created to help our friends at the Cincinnati Fire Museum.

Our summer fundraiser was a raffle of many wonderful baskets and prizes. The CFM Summer Raffle raised \$8,515.

CFM Firefighter Cook-Off

funding our mission

In 2021, the CFM celebrated

the culinary talent of local firefighters, and raised funds for our non-profit, by hosting a firefighter cook-off fundraiser. The event was held on November 13 at 7 p.m. at the CFM and six local fire departments were represented. The firefighter dishes were judged by a panel of local food experts that included Chef Jean-Robert de Cavel, Chef Crystal Render of

Magnificent Morsels, and founder of Chowdown Cincinnati, Travis Setter.
Attendees had the opportunity to taste the firefighters' dishes and vote for their favorite. Additionally, guests enjoyed a bar of beer and wine, cupcakes by Gigi's, charcuterie from Urban Stead, live music by the talented Aprina Johnson, and raffle prizes from popular Cincinnati institutions such as Nation Kitchen and Bar, Goodfellas Pizzeria, Taste of Belgium, Cincinnati Food Tours, and many more!



FIRE & SECURITY









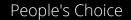




















COMPETING FIREFIGHTER CHEFS

Financial Year in Review

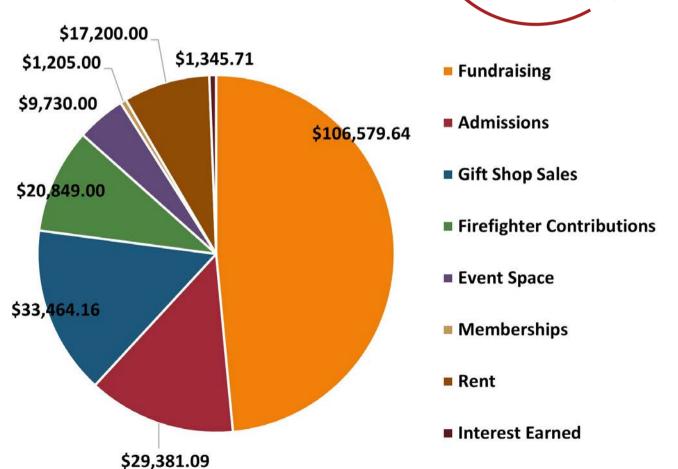
demonstrating fiscal responsibility and transparency

INCOME

The Cincinnati Fire Museum relies heavily on donations for operating support. These donations come in the form of gifts from individual donors, foundations, grant awards, memorial gifts, and corporate support. We also receive support from the Cincinnati Fire Department members who opt into the payroll deduction program in which contributions are deducted automatically from their salaries.

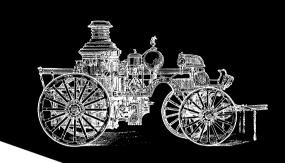


In 2021, income increased by 20%.



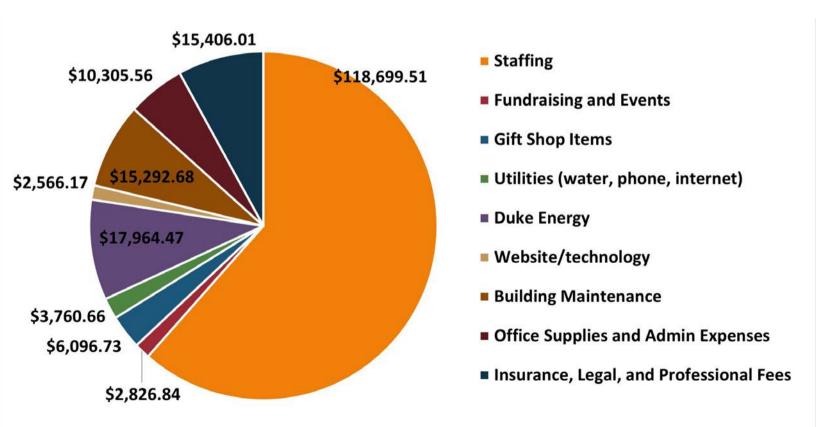
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EXPENSES

As demonstrated at the bottom, the largest expense to the Museum is staffing followed by energy costs.



recognizing the generosity that makes the CFM possible

The Cincinnati Fire Museum could not fulfill its mission without the generosity of the support it receives from donors and foundations. It is with enormous gratitude that we present the following list of 2021 supporters.

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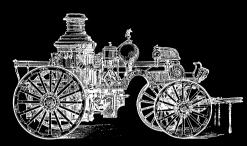
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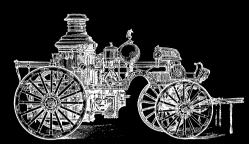
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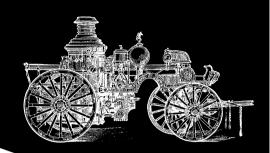
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This club is comprised of members of the Cincinnati Fire Department who are enrolled as sustaining donors in the payroll deduction continuous plan. This year, we had a record amount of firefighters participate in the program, and received \$15,879 of donations by Club 1853.

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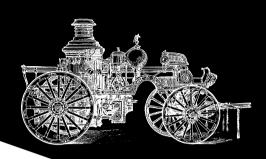
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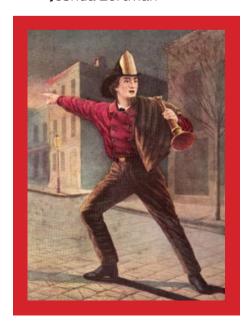
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