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OLD YORK RECEIVES \$12,299.71 GRANT FROM THE FABULOUS FIND

York, Maine—Old York Historical Society (OYHS) has received a \$12,299.71 grant from The Fabulous Find, a non-profit organization that runs a resale boutique in Kittery. Each month The Fabulous Find partners with a group of local charitable organizations, splitting the profits for the month between the group. Profits from its July 2022 sales were divided evenly between OYHS, Magnolia House, and the Seacoast Science Center.

“It was an amazing month, full of great donations from the public and lots and lots of eager shoppers,” says Marcy Philbrook, president of The Fabulous Find’s board of directors. Indeed, “without the support and generosity of Old York’s members and friends, who enthusiastically shopped, and donated some pretty fabulous things,” says Joel Lefever, executive director of OYHS, “we would not have received such a substantial—and much needed—grant from The Fabulous Find.”

This grant money has been earmarked for renovations to OYHS’s new collections center on Beech Ridge Road. OYHS is currently renovating a former Assemblies of God church building to accommodate its entire archival and library collection, objects collection, a public reading room, and offices for collections staff. Renovations to the interior include the creation of secure storage rooms; fire suppression and security systems; upgraded climate control systems; wiring for an integrated computer system; and new floor coverings. The facility will open in 2023.

This was the third time that OYHS has been chosen as a recipient of a grant from The Fabulous Find. Previous grants were received in 2017 and 2019. “We are deeply grateful to the whole team at The Fabulous Find for their continued support of Old York,” says Lefever, “Their commitment to the greater Seacoast community is exemplary. After two very difficult years of trying to balance the budget while we were either fully—or partially—closed to the public, this grant is nothing short of a miracle.”

ABOUT OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OYHS is a vital part of the York, Maine, community. The organization maintains 16 buildings and 20 properties including the 17-acre Steedman Woods; employs 5 full-time and

25 part-time employees; houses more than 20,000 artifacts and 50,000 archival materials; and serves thousands of people year round through tours, educational programs, and special events. OYHS receives no Federal, State, or Municipal support, and relies on funding provided through private donations, a modest endowment, and a trust established by Elizabeth Perkins, as well as earned income from ticket sales, programs, memberships.

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