



*Frances Willard*  
**HOUSE MUSEUM and ARCHIVES**  
*at the Center for Women's History and Leadership*

## 2019 Annual Report

### Center for Women's History and Leadership

**Mission: We inspire and equip all women to realize their leadership potential through education and empowerment.**

The CWHL offers education, training, and resources to engage all leaders, especially women and girls, with the enduring ideas and issues of Frances Willard, the WCTU, and other women of the past, such as equality, self-determination, and personal well-being. Building on these traditions, the CWHL will equip and inspire leaders to action, creating stronger and healthier communities for the future.

**Vision: A world where women are leaders in every community.**

### Frances Willard House Museum

#### • **Tours**

- 846 visitors for tours, programs and other events (a 20% increase over 2018)
- Regular tours held every Sunday from 1-4 p.m.
- Thursday afternoon tours held June through October
- Special youth programs in summer and winter
- Six group tours given upon request

#### • **Programs**

- *Truth Telling: Frances Willard and Ida B. Wells* – launch of new online exhibit and program was held in March – in partnership with Loyola University Chicago and Northwestern University
  - Online exhibit nominated for Illinois Association of Museums Award of Best Practice
- *Views: New Work in Women's History* – two programs held in February and October
- *Tour Evanston Women's History Map 2019* – created and distributed
- Bike Day tours and program held in May
- Do Everything Open House held in September

#### • **Operations**

- Three interns served on museum staff in Spring and Summer 2019: two in General Museum Operations and one in Collections
- Collection inventory of Frances Willard's office completed; repacking and inventory of collection room storage completed
- Collection items on loan for *Dry Evanston* exhibit at Evanston History Center
- *Women and Prohibition* exhibit installed

#### • **Outreach and Community Partnerships**

- Evanston History Center – Women's History Month program; International Women's Day breakfast
- Evanston Literary Festival – program in May
- Open House for Local Government Officials – held in July
- Presentations to League of Women Voters of Evanston; YWCA Equity Summit; Southeast Evanston Association
- Participation in Women's Vote 100 planning group for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

## WCTU Archives

- Archives Researchers 2019
  - On-site researchers: 23
  - Total days of on-site research: 57
  - Countries represented by on-site researchers: 6
  - Off-site inquiries answered: 65 (averaging 2 hours of work each) - One-third of the inquiries related to 2020 women's suffrage anniversary
  - Countries represented by off-site researchers: 5
  - Selected publications by researchers:
    - *Equality: An American Dilemma*, by Charles Postel (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019) [2 chapters on WCTU]
    - "The Making of a Hero: Marie LeGrain, a French temperance Apostle," by Victoria Afanasyeva, in *The Social History of Alcohol & Drugs*, Fall 2019
- Archives Highlights 2019
  - Project archivist hired to process Southern California WCTU materials (funded by restricted donation)
  - *Records of the Southern California WCTU* processed (21 linear feet)
  - Archival Assistant hired (20 hrs/month), funded by the Emerging Professionals Fund
  - Four volunteers provided 170 hours of help with organizing, indexing, and research assistance
  - Three class visits by Northwestern University students
  - Willard Correspondence project (ongoing): as of 12/19, 2500 letters indexed
  - Items loaned to Northwestern University Library for exhibit on the history of coeducation

## Gardens and Restoration

- **Gardens**
  - Shaped final Willard House garden beds
  - Began to fill in beds with over 50 new plantings
  - Removed non-historic plants from beds and transplanted appropriate plants as needed
  - Created Rest Cottage wooden walk
- **Restoration**
  - Coal stove replica installed in Frances Willard's bedroom
  - Wax cylinders examined by conservation expert at Yale
  - Prohibition Posters restored for exhibit display
  - Life Safety upgrades made to WCTU Administration Building
  - Carpentry and painting work on Willard House completed

## Grants, Major Gifts, and Pledges

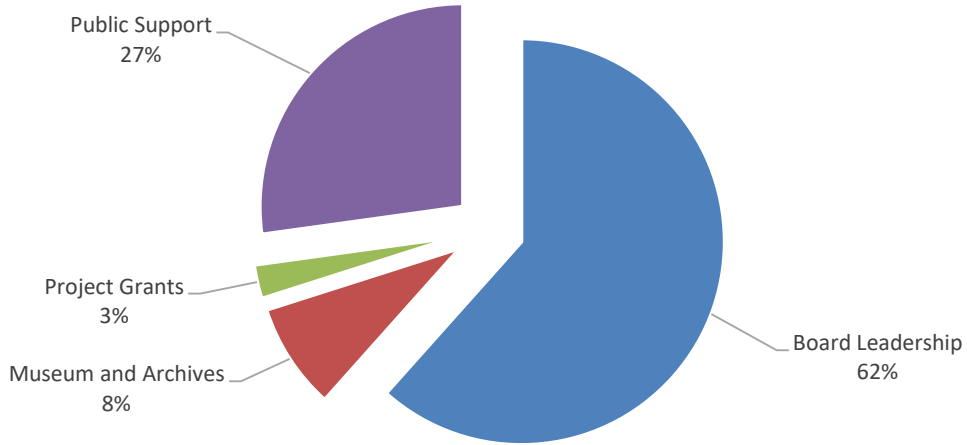
- **Grants**
  - \$5,000 grant from Evanston Community Foundation's Rolling Grant Program for Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion work
  - \$2,500 from Loyola University Chicago to fund Truth Telling Project
  - \$800 grant from Evanston Bicycle Club for new bike rack
  - \$1,500 grant from the Fort Dearborn Chapter DAR to fund summer Collections intern
- **Major Gifts**
  - \$25,000 from the Mammel Foundation for unrestricted use
  - \$6,500 from Sarah Ward to help fund the Archivist salary and an antique coal stove for Willard's Bedroom

# Financial Report

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019

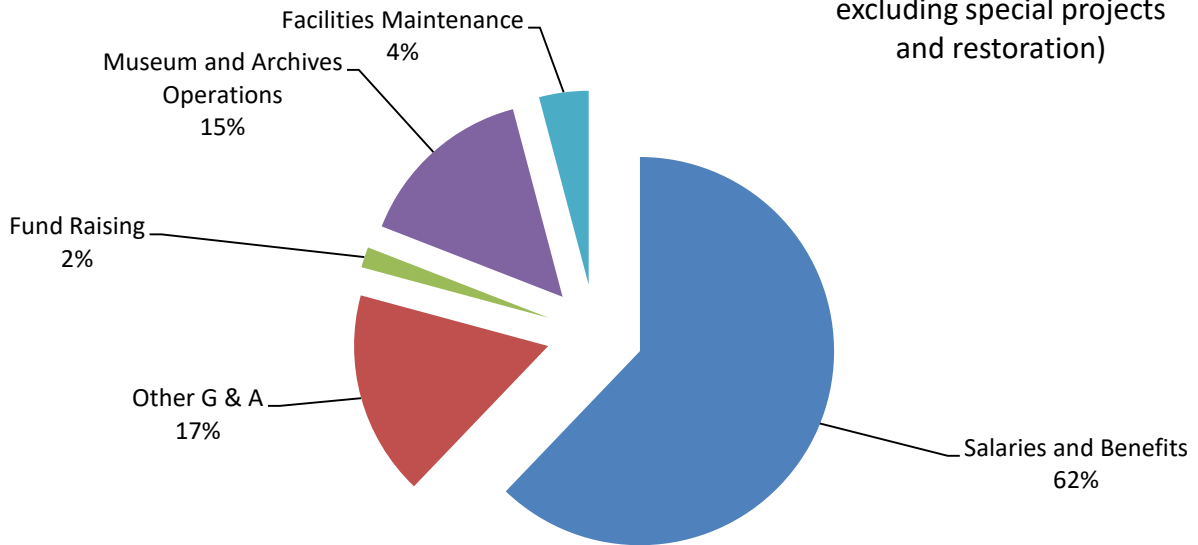
## CWHL Income

(Total \$110,287)



## CWHL Expense

(Total \$51,027 –  
excluding special projects  
and restoration)



## Corporate Sponsors – Thank you!

- Evanston Lumber
- McGuire, Igleski and Associates
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- Berkshire Hathaway Home Services: Koenig Rubloff Realty Group

## Special thanks to these Supporters:

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The Mammel Foundation

### \$5,000 - \$24,999

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National Temperance and Prohibition Council

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Judy Falconer

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Margaret Liu

Pam and Paul Rolfes

Bonnie Wilson

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Carole Bass

Fox River Valley Chapter DAR

Fort Dearborn Chapter DAR

Samuel Lewis

Sarah Ward

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Juliet Bond	Bonnie Wilson

### Center for Women's History and Leadership Staff

Glen Madeja, Executive Director	Emilie Hogan, Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement
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