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### **TR SITE RECEIVES \$38,000+ IN GRANT FUNDING**

BUFFALO, NY— The TR Site has been awarded more than \$38,000 in grants to support a variety of important and exciting initiatives.

During a press conference attended by Congressman Brian Higgins and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, representatives from the [Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor](#) presented the TR Site with an oversized check in the amount of \$5,000. Some of the funds were used to bring Sarah Pharaon, Program Director at the [International Coalition of Sites of Conscience](#), to the TR Site this past March. She spent several days training our staff in the art of facilitated dialogue. The remainder of the money is being used to develop public programming relating to the theme of immigration.

An ongoing project, “Refining the Collection to Support the Mission,” has received a second year of funding from the [New York State Council on the Arts \(NYSCA\)](#). The \$7,998 grant is enabling the TR Site to tackle the complex categories of “undocumented” or “unclaimed” objects in its collection. In some cases, this means untangling forty years’ worth of records; in other instances, it means going through the process outlined by New York State law to acquire title to these items. The end result, however, will be a collection of artifacts that truly reflects the TR Site’s mission and is better able to support museum activities. NYSCA is a state funding agency that supports the activities of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in New York.

Thanks to a \$750 travel grant, Executive Director Stanton Hudson and Curator Lenora Henson attended the Museum Association of New York’s annual conference in Albany. The three-day [Museums in Action conference](#) is the largest gathering of museum professionals in New York State. Go!Grants are one of a series of grants offered by NYSCA to help museums strengthen and develop their institutions. Administered by the Museum Association of New York,

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Go!Grants make it easier for organizations to access professional assistance and improve their institutions by defraying travel and registration expenses.

The TR Site is also participating in a project that will virtually reunite many of the objects that once belonged to well-known Lockport collector Charles Rand Penney. After Penney's death in 2010, portions of his vast collection found new homes among various Western New York institutions; the TR Site was fortunate to acquire a number of artifacts from his Pan-American Exposition collection. The "Penney Trail" project has been awarded funding from the [Western New York Library Resources Council \(WNYLRC\)](#) as well as the [Institute for Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#). As one of the institutions participating in this ambitious endeavor, the TR Site will receive \$23,500 over the next three years.

Most recently, the [Greater Hudson Heritage Network](#) announced that the TR Site is one of twenty-four organizations to receive a [Conservation Treatment Grant](#). The \$1,180 grant will be used to conserve and reframe a color poster from the campaign promoting Buffalo's 1901 Pan-American Exposition. "The Spirit of Niagara," by Evelyn Rumsey Cary, features a female figure with her arms outstretched and Niagara Falls in the background. The TR Site's copy of this iconic image is stained, torn and too fragile for display. Thanks to this grant, however, the poster will be stabilized and can be used in future exhibits. The Conservation Treatment Grant Program is made possible with public funds from NYSCA.

The Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, Western New York's only National Park Service facility, preserves the home in Buffalo, NY where Theodore Roosevelt became the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Opened to the public on September 14, 1971 and managed by a volunteer board of trustees who comprise the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation, the Site provides opportunities for the public to understand the historic events surrounding the inauguration and conveys the lasting significance of Theodore Roosevelt's presidency.

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