



2020–2021 ANNUAL REPORT

75 Years

**DIAMOND
ANNIVERSARY
DINNER**

Alfred E. Smith

THE ALFRED E. SMITH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



A WORD FROM Cardinal Dolan

Dear Friends,

Last year, the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation* celebrated its Diamond Anniversary Dinner. As we gathered for the first time since October of 2019 at the Javits Center, our joy combined with the sober reality of what the pandemic had meant to New York, the country, and the world.

It is a testament to the resolve and commitment of the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation* Board, Vice Chair Mary Erdoes, former Executive Director Bettina Alonso, and the entire staff that they not only produced a dinner worthy of this historic milestone but produced one which also highlighted the tremendous work of the *Foundation* in responding to the pandemic crisis. Esteemed keynote speaker the Honorable Condoleezza Rice, 66th United States Secretary of State, and “Happy Warrior” Award Recipient Frank Bennack Jr., Chairman of Hearst, did not disappoint as they delivered thoughtful, humorous, and insightful remarks. You, our loyal donors, rose to the occasion, helping raise over \$7 million, making this our highest-grossing dinner to date.

The Diamond Anniversary commemoration must begin with our namesake, Governor Alfred Emmanuel Smith, whose life and public service define the essence of the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation*. He made history in New York State—and our country—by passing

legislation that protected women and children in the workplace, passing laws that advanced education, and formally designating natural public spaces for the recreation and enjoyment of the people. Al Smith was ahead of his time, and his example is as relevant today as ever.

Al Smith’s ability to work across the aisle, to fight for the “little guy,” was always done with a smile and an attitude that earned him the moniker of “Happy Warrior.” His good nature, collegiality, and civility in the face of conflict remain exemplary of all that is good and noble in public service. As former President George W. Bush noted when referring to Al Smith in his recorded remarks, “none stands so tall as when stooping to help a child.” Those words encapsulate the spirit of the *Dinner* these 75 years and the mission of the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation*. Thank you all for your loyalty and support of that mission. Here’s to 75 more!

Faithfully, in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York
Chair, Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation



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A LETTER FROM THE Vice Chair

The work of the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation* came into sharp relief these past two years. What started with \$8 million in COVID relief in March of 2020 and the disbursement of grants that made possible the education of so many children, the support of families without resources, and the life-saving measures that health organizations like ArchCare and Elizabeth Seton Children's provide culminated in the record-breaking Diamond Anniversary Dinner, which raised well over \$7 million last year.

In times of peace and prosperity, the mission of the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation* has a profound but perhaps idealized resonance for many. These past two years, however, the public came to understand how critical it was for all of us to be working together to build a world that is more equitable and life-sustaining for everyone. That means ensuring that those in need have the resources required to not only live, but to thrive. I am humbled by my fellow board members and our exceptionally generous donors, who continue to rise to the call to give, to support the children of New York, and to join us every year at the annual *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner* as we honor those who sacrifice day in and day out for a chance at a better life, especially the children. The story of the past two years is the story of the past seven and a half decades, is it not? The difference is really one of magnitude.



We have come to understand the concept of crisis in very clear and tangible ways these past couple of years, but the reality is that crisis has been a fact of life for many children in New York over the course of these seven and a half decades. The values enshrined in the *Dinner* attest to that fact and the importance of responding to those needs. We have learned to not only raise funds and address the immediate needs of our vulnerable communities but also to reserve funds for times like these, when crisis strikes more pervasively.

The *Foundation* raised more money last year than we have at any one of our prior presidential dinners, and this communicates so much about the hearts and minds of our board members and donors. There is very clearly a unanimous understanding that true greatness lies in the choices we make every day to help others, especially our children.

Mary Callahan Erdoes
Vice Chair, Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation

A LETTER FROM THE Executive Director

In trying times, we often look for comfort and support from our family, our community, and our faith.

These past years have been nothing if not trying, and the Smith family, the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation*, and the Archdiocese of New York have strived to provide that comfort and support.

I am honored to have been named Executive Director of the *Foundation* in 2022. Having a deep and abiding respect for Catholic Social Teaching and experience in the nonprofit sector spanning my entire professional career, I can only vow to do my very best to continue to uphold the tradition and the values that our luminous namesake embodied.

Since 2010, the *Foundation* has allocated more than \$30 million in grants to organizations providing education, health, family support, social services, and other vital assistance to New York's most vulnerable children and families. This year, we were especially grateful to you, our friends and supporters, for the extraordinary generosity that made possible additional grants to meet the overwhelming needs our grantees faced during the pandemic. We have weathered a storm, and together, we are revitalizing our work in the community to serve those who are most in need.



As you read about our partner organizations and their great work in the coming pages, I hope you will feel the lifeblood of the *Foundation*. In a city that he loved with the causes he held dear, I hope you also remember our Happy Warrior!

Thank you for sharing in our community, our family, and our faith.

Kathleen McGowan
Executive Director, Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation



Turkey Day 2021



Inner-City Scholarship Fund—
Christ The King Students



Elizabeth Seton Children's Center

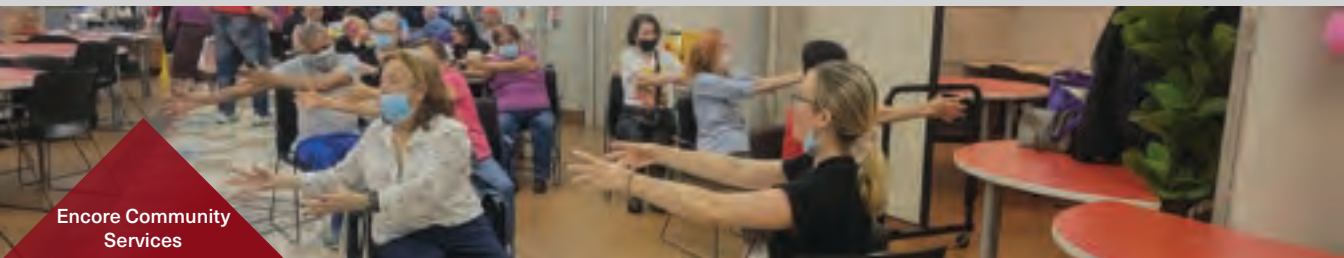
Bringing Hope

For 76 years, the *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation* has provided yearly financial support to not-for-profit organizations working with children who are impoverished, neglected, abused, emotionally troubled, and physically handicapped.

This past year, the *Foundation* distributed more than \$3.5 million to organizations serving New York's most vulnerable citizens. While their missions are diverse, these grantee organizations share a common commitment to uphold the dignity and value of every human

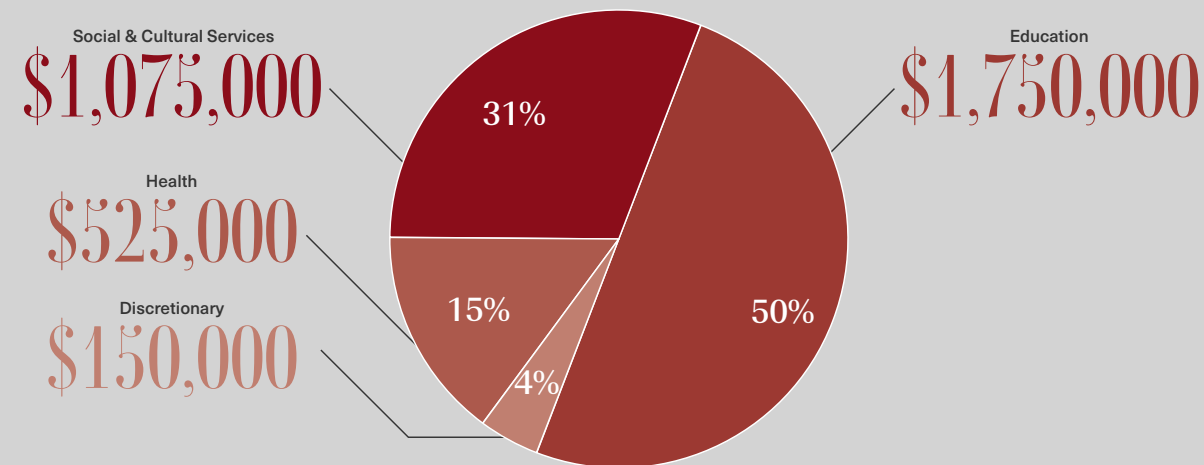
life. From an infant palliative care program to education initiatives in Harlem and the South Bronx, the works of these organizations consistently demonstrate their passion for and dedication to the communities they serve.

We are honored to partner with our grantees in their efforts to bring hope to fellow New Yorkers, and in 2020–2021, we were proud to be able to offer support to 31 organizations. Thank you for your invaluable role in funding their work.



Encore Community Services

2020–2021 Foundation Grants Breakdown



1 Education Grants



Mural Painting at Casita Maria

Saint Dominic's Family Services

The Archdiocese of New York Office of Youth Faith Formation supports parish, school, and church leaders in their mission to build young disciples of Jesus Christ. It does this through trainings, the formation of leaders, networking, support, consultation, and events for youth and youth ministers.

Camp Veritas is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of New York and organized exclusively for the purpose of providing spiritual development for teens through three-day retreats and week-long summer camp sessions. Open to teens going into 7th through 12th grade (ages 12–18), the recipe is play-and-pray, with full immersion in the Catholic faith through sacraments and activities.

The Inner-City Scholarship Fund changes lives for the better by providing families in demonstrable financial need with the opportunity to give their children a quality, values-based K–12 Catholic education within the Archdiocese of New York. Inner-City exists to ensure that the gift of an excellent Catholic school education continues to be a viable option for students of all faiths, today and for future generations to come.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York seeks to uphold the dignity of each person as made in the image of God by serving the basic needs of the poor, troubled, frail, and oppressed of all religions. They collaborate with parishes as well as non-Catholic and Catholic partners to build a compassionate and just society. Through a network of administered, sponsored, and affiliated agencies, Catholic Charities delivers quality human services and programs touching on almost every human need. Affiliated agencies supported by funding for Catholic Charities in the area of education include the following:

- Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring
- Casita Maria
- Mercy Center
- Saint Dominic's Family Services



Mercy Center

763 Students attended a week-long camp pilgrimage experience hosted by Camp Veritas



137 Youth received targeted support services in conjunction with one-to-one mentoring to ensure their academic success through Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring

175 Students from low-income backgrounds were provided the opportunity to attend a high-quality Catholic elementary school through the Cardinal's Scholarship Fund



175 Special needs children received tailored services at three schools in Rockland County through the introduction of an enhanced special education curriculum

98 Children in Mott Haven participated in the After School Program at Mercy Center

2 Health Grants



Elizabeth Seton Children's Center



Astor Services for Children and Families



Calvary Hospital


Calvary Hospital offers free bereavement services to children and teens in New York who have lost loved ones. It serves approximately 300 children each year in the Bronx, Manhattan, and lower Westchester, offering counseling, support groups, and a week-long bereavement camp to young people dealing with grief. Everyone is met with the compassion that underlies the hospital's mission, and no one is turned away. Calvary's core principles are compassion, non-abandonment, dignity, and love. Calvary's mission today is the same as when it started nearly 120 years ago. A family-centric approach to patient care is key to relieving the stress and concerns of family members as well.

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- Astor Services for Children and Families
- LSA Family Health Service

The Columbia Neonatal Comfort Care Program honors the lives of babies with life-limiting conditions by creating a safe and loving space for bonding, attachment, comfort, and joy for them and their families. The Program cares for families from diagnosis through birth and beyond, offering them guidance and support and providing a unique medical plan that follows the natural course of each baby's life. The Program provides the most comfortable and loving environment for babies with life-limiting conditions to help their families manage and navigate the immense practical and emotional burdens that arise from their babies' conditions and to offer an option of care that families find safe, supportive, and in line with their personal beliefs and desires.

 **105**
High-risk mothers

and their infants were provided in-home nursing visits via the Maternity Outreach Program run by the LSA Family Health Service

 **2,845**
Clients served

by Astor Services for Children and Families at their Hudson Valley and Bronx Clinics

 **315**
Patients supported

on their quest to become pregnant through the services of The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility

Elizabeth Seton Children's (ESC) has demonstrated an extraordinary record of delivering medical care for the most medically complex children with compassion and dignity for more than 30 years. ESC pursues leadership and excellence by advancing innovative, loving care with transformational outcomes for these children and their families.

The Center for Discovery is a national and international specialty center for the advanced treatment and care of children and adults with significant developmental disabilities, complex medical needs, and behavioral conditions, including autism. The Center was designated a Center of Excellence by the New York State Department of Health for the care of children with complex conditions.

The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility Named in honor of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla (1922–1962), the Milanese pediatrician whom Pope John Paul II canonized for her heroic pro-life witness, The Gianna Center is dedicated to giving women and families of all faiths natural, restorative, and ethical alternatives for the management of their health and fertility. The Center strives to prevent complications from premature births caused by in vitro fertilization (IVF) by offering couples comprehensive medical care that addresses the underlying causes of infertility.

Social & Cultural Services Grants



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- **Cardinal McCloskey Community Services**
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- **Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, & Ulster Counties**
- **Catholic Guardian Services**
- **Encore Community Services**
- **Good Counsel, Inc.**
- **Good Shepherd Services**
- **The New York Foundling**
- **Part of the Solution Services**

The Sisters of Life are a contemplative/active Roman Catholic community of women religious who profess the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. With Sisters in missions in New York; Connecticut; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; Denver; and Toronto, their mission is to serve women facing crisis pregnancies as well as their newborn babies while providing them with spiritual, emotional, and financial assistance.

St. Patrick's Cathedral The renovations of St. Patrick's Cathedral are complete. The *Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation* supported the renovation by purchasing a naming opportunity on a geothermal well cap for the sum of \$250,000, payable over five years. This is the second payment toward the \$250,000 pledge.



His Eminence Cardinal Dolan Helps Hand Out Thanksgiving Turkeys in Harlem With New York Governor Kathy Hochul



4,960,229 Meals served

in Staten Island, Manhattan, and the Bronx, as well as Westchester, Putnam, and Ulster Counties, by the Feeding Our Neighbors Program in 2021



1,046

Households were provided

with baby essentials—including diapers, clothing, and formula—through the kids' pantries run by Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, & Ulster Counties



165

Children in foster care

from Pre-K to 12th grade served as part of the Strategies for Success Program via Cardinal McCloskey Community Services



360

Expectant mothers or new parents

benefited from educational programming and counseling delivered by Catholic Guardian Services

STATEMENTS

Financial Position

Assets	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,984,365	\$2,351,684
Investments	11,596,113	9,587,701
Contributions receivable	—	25,000
Prepaid expenses	66,073	95,319
Total Assets	\$14,646,551	\$12,059,704
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,889	191,295
Due to Archdiocese of New York	104,934	123,760
Deferred revenue	2,108,264	2,433,412
Grants payable, net	100,000	80,000
Total Liabilities	\$2,335,087	\$2,828,467
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	12,311,464	9,231,237
Total net assets	12,311,464	9,231,237
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$14,646,551	\$12,059,704

Fiscal Year 2020–2021,
ending August 31

STATEMENTS

Activities

Revenues	2021	2020
Contributions from annual dinner*	\$5,934,015	\$5,167,887
Dinner expenses	(791,939)	(889,626)
Net Proceeds From Annual Dinner	\$5,142,076	\$4,278,261
Investment return, net	2,008,413	1,376,813
Total Revenues	\$7,150,489	\$5,655,074
Expenses		
Program services — grants	3,350,000	7,740,000
Supporting Services		
General and administrative	418,070	359,813
Fundraising	302,192	313,388
Total supporting services	720,262	673,201
Total Expenses	\$4,070,262	\$8,413,201
Net Assets		
Increase/(decrease) in net assets	3,080,227	(2,758,127)
Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year	9,231,237	11,989,364
Total Net Assets	\$12,311,464	\$9,231,237

*Contributions from the annual dinner include board gifts that cover the actual cost of dinner expenses



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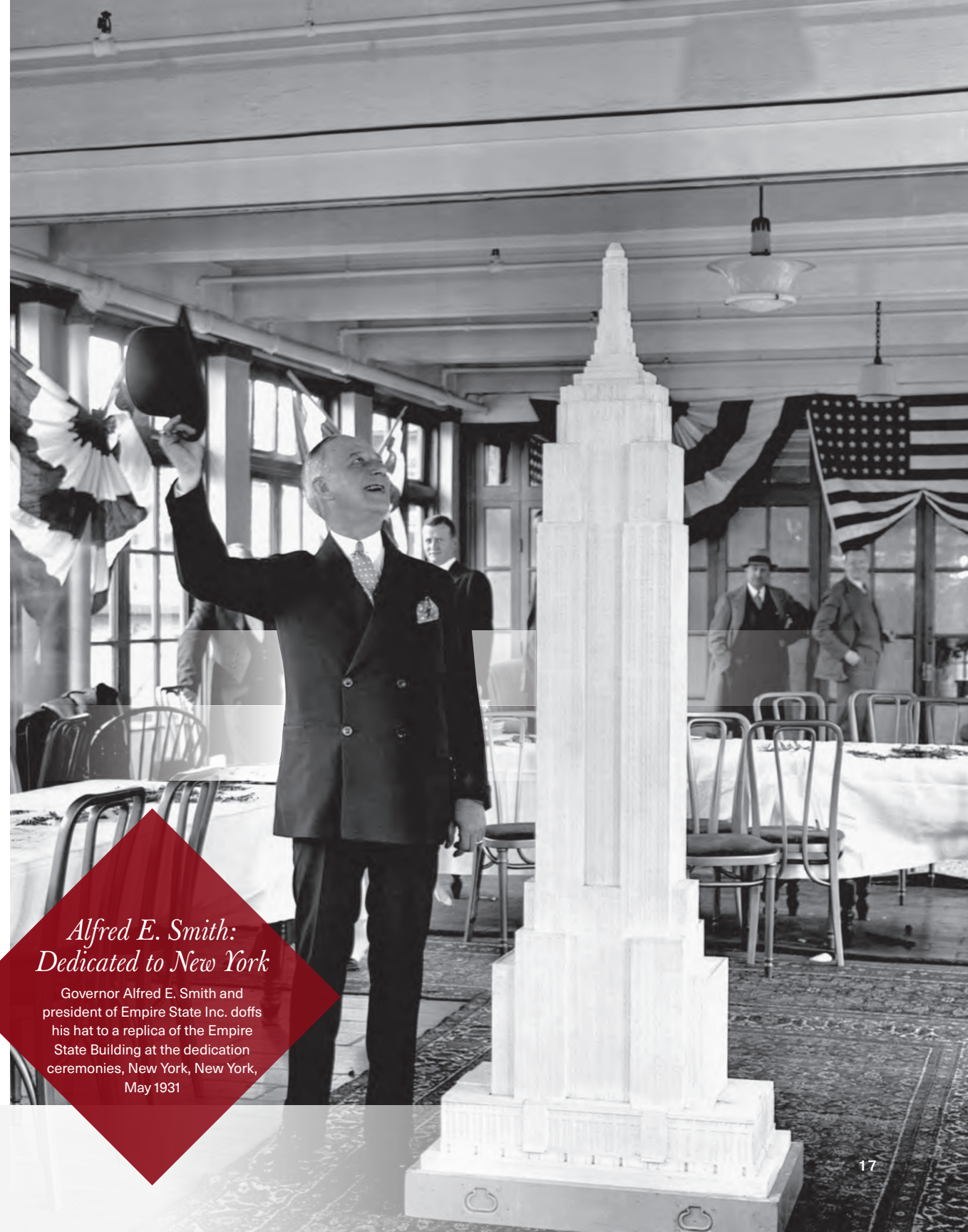
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*Alfred E. Smith:
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Governor Alfred E. Smith and
president of Empire State Inc. doffs
his hat to a replica of the Empire
State Building at the dedication
ceremonies, New York, New York,
May 1931



76 Years of Hope and Service

11th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner



October 21, 1954
President Dwight D. Eisenhower with His Eminence Cardinal Spellman

You take care of you and your family first. Then you go to your neighborhood, and then you spread it on out within the community.

ALFRED E. SMITH



October 19, 1960
Future President John F. Kennedy began the tradition in 1960 for candidates to speak at the *Dinner*, with future President Richard Nixon

17th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner



October 20, 1976
President Gerald Ford greets His Eminence Cardinal Cooke

33rd Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner



October 19, 2000
Future President George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore sit beside His Eminence Cardinal Egan

57th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner



October 18, 2012
President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney share laughs with His Eminence Cardinal Dolan

67th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner



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