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New Scholarships Available; Applications Due on May 1

Bristol, CT – April 6, 2009 - The Main Street Community Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships from the recently established Sid Bernard Memorial Art Scholarship Fund as well as the Bowerman Scholarship Fund, the Louise DiMeo Scholarship, the Leger Initiative for Education (L.I.F.E.), the Scott Organ Student-Athletic Scholarship Fund and the Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The **Sid Bernard Memorial Art Scholarship Fund** was recently established by family and friends to honor the memory of Sid Bernard who taught art in the Bristol Public School system from 1984-2009. It is open to a graduating senior from Bristol Central or Bristol Eastern High School who is pursuing a major in visual arts or art education. The **Bowerman Scholarship** is open to a graduating senior from Bristol Eastern High School who will be attending the University of Connecticut School of Business. The **Louise DiMeo Scholarship** is open to a graduating Bristol Eastern High School senior or graduate who will be or is currently attending college to pursue studies in English, journalism and/or communications. The **Leger Initiative for Education** is available to assist women from Bristol who are returning to higher education at least 10 years after graduating from high school. The **Scott W. Organ Student-Athletic Scholarship** is available to a high school senior from one of the three Bristol high schools who is a student-athlete that is living in a single parent household. The **Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship** is open to children of employees of Yarde Metals, Inc.

The specific requirements and the common application form for the scholarships are available on the Foundation's website at www.mainstreetfoundation.org. Applications are due May 1, 2009 and must be sent to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06011-2702.

The Main Street Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, serving donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. The Foundation's mission is to help assure the long-term well-being of the communities it serves by encouraging and promoting planned giving, prudent management of assets and responsible distribution of funds.