

People of Vision

A Family Tradition of Giving The Formagioni-Lodovico Family Fund

Feeling a deep sense of family connection, roots, loyalty, and commitment to Bristol, Tony and Judie Lodovico, lifelong residents, believe in the city that has been their home and community for more than 65 years. To carry on the tradition of giving — *time, energy, and financial commitment* to the city of Bristol, they chose to establish a fund to honor their parents, family members and extended family. The Formagioni-Lodovico Family Fund is an unrestricted fund, established in late 2009 and honors the memory of Mike and Kate Formagioni, Carl and Laura Formagioni, and Carmen “Nucci” and Jennie Lodovico.

Judie and Tony are now retired. Judie was employed for 28 years at the Northwest Village School of The Wheeler Clinic in Plainville. It was here, Judie admits, that she developed a “soft spot” for private, non-profit organizations, and the good that they do. Tony retired from St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol where he spent 30 years serving as a teacher, Athletic Director, and Boy’s Soccer Coach. The couple fondly remembers the days when they walked Bristol’s



“Main Street” circa 1962.

Photo courtesy of the Bristol History Room at the Bristol Public Library.

Main Street — the “Good Old Days.” It was this nostalgia that led them to the Main Street Community Foundation as the perfect place to honor the memories of their family.

In keeping within their family history and philosophies of charitable giving, they chose to establish an unrestricted community fund because they firmly believe in the mission of the Main Street Community Foundation. Coupled with that conviction, they realize that this type of fund will allow the foundation to be flexible, diverse and responsive to the community’s emerging and changing needs over time. When combined with the foundation’s other undesignated funds, their gift will continue to make an impact in our community — *forever*.

A New Kind of Fund, A Broader Scope, A Step Up in Life Douglas Roland Aid for the Trades Scholarship Fund

When Doug Roland died in September of 2005 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, his parents, Ralph and Linda Roland, wanted to establish a scholarship fund in his memory that would provide financial assistance for a student, like their son, to achieve a specific occupational career training goal. Remembering a conversation with Doug inspired them to explore the possibilities of a fund for those who sought out the “bread ‘n butter occupations”.

Ralph Roland describes his late son as a “self made man”, whose heart was in the city of Bristol where he grew up. A plumber by trade, he went through trade school on his own after having recognized that he could actually create his own life. Like many non-traditional students, his direction did not come to him until much later when he completed his GED and returned home from the military. Looking back, he wished he had gone to school earlier.

After Linda and Ralph researched different organizations to administer a scholarship fund, they chose to work with the Main Street Community Foundation because of the foundation’s experience and flexibility. They also felt the warmth and commitment to the local community displayed by the foundation staff. Here they could create a -- *New Kind of Fund*, to give a student a

-- *Step up in Life*. They also wanted to reach out to more applicants interested in a trade oriented career training program with a -- *Broader Scope*. Creating this fund was very exciting for Linda and “it makes my heart expand” she said.

The scholarship fund criteria was tailored to provide assistance to applicants interested in certification or skilled trade programs that would be completed in two years or less. In addition to skilled trades, an applicant could be seeking training in a line of work such as automotive, cosmetology, education or health care, just to name a few.

This scholarship fund is open annually to any resident in the foundation’s six-town service area. Scholarship applications and criteria are posted annually on the foundation’s web site at or around January 15.



Douglas Roland

What's New?

A New Way of Giving Foundation Launches Redesigned Website

In April, the Main Street Community Foundation launched a redesigned and expanded website with new content and the ability to donate directly online. Visitors to the site can obtain a wealth of information on community philanthropy including sections on About Us, Giving, Grants, Latest News & Resources, and a special section with resources for Professional Advisors.

Donating online is easy by clicking on the Donate Now icon located on each page of the web site. Donors will be linked to the Donate Now page and can contribute to any of the

foundation's more than 150 funds including funds that support the Foundation's work, administrative endowment funds, unrestricted community funds, designated funds, field of interest funds, immediate response funds, project funds, donor advised funds or



scholarship funds. Visitors can also make gifts in honor or memory of a special person.

To learn more about your community foundation, the towns we serve, and how we build a better community, we invite you to come and experience *A New Way of Giving* at www.mainstreetfoundation.org

This website was made possible with support from the FSB Foundation and Walker Systems Support.

Learning Opportunities for Non Profits

In partnership with the CT Chapter of AFP, The Main Street Community Foundation will be offering two more Web/Audio conferences this summer and fall. These are the last two in a series of four. The first two sessions provided nonprofit leaders with advice and guidance on board development and helpful and challenging outcomes of capital campaigns. The up coming sessions are designed to enhance the development of local nonprofit professionals, by providing advice and guidance on legacy giving enhancements and fundraising issues in annual campaigns. The sessions are being offered at no charge to local nonprofits.

The webinars are scheduled to take place from 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the Bristol Campus of Tunxis Community College located at 430 North Main Street in Bristol CT on the following dates: **Wednesday July 14, 2010, Legacy Giving Building Blocks: A Simple Approach to Attracting Long-Term Support** Presented by: Caleb Rick, AFP, JD and **Thursday October 7, 2010, Annual Campaign – Raising More Money with Fewer Resources** Presented by: Erik Daubert, AFP, MBA, ACFRE.

For more information and to pre-register, please contact Marie Johndro, Donor Communications Coordinator at marie@mainstreetfoundation.org or call 860-583-6363 ext. 200. Seating is limited – early registration is encouraged.

SAVE THE DATE

“THE MAIN EVENT”

Join us for Main Street Community Foundation's 15th Anniversary Celebration!

Friday, September 24, 2010

Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

6:00 p.m.

More details to follow soon!



Sponsorship opportunities available...
Call the Foundation office at 860-583-6363

New Directors Elected at Foundation's Annual Meeting

Patricia B. Dunn and Anita Hamzy have joined the Main Street Community Foundation board of directors. The newest members were elected at the annual meeting of the foundation on February 12.

Patricia B. Dunn has a long history with the foundation serving on both the scholarship and distribution committees. Pattie currently serves as the chair of the Women & Girls' Fund advisory board, where for over seven years she has promoted the fund's mission to improve the quality of life for women and girls of all ages in the communities served by the foundation. She is a member of the board of directors for Bread for Life in Southington, a committee member and founder of Leading Ladies of Southington, a committee member of the Dorothy Hamill Women Fore Women Golf Tournament benefiting St. Mary's Hospital and a volunteer at Jane Doe No More in Waterbury. Prior to her commitment as full-time community volunteer, Pattie was Director of Development at the Southington Community YMCA and



Patricia B. Dunn

the Finance Director for the Connecticut Republicans. Pattie resides in Southington with her husband Bill and has two children Kevin of Bristol, Karlyn of Southington and two stepsons Bill of Plainville and Chris of Jackson Hole, WY.

Anita Hamzy is a lifelong resident of Terryville and works as a paralegal at the Hamzy Law Firm, LLC in Bristol. Anita currently serves as Co-Chair of the foundation's Distribution Committee and a member of the 15th Anniversary Event Committee. Anita is a dedicated volunteer and makes time to serve as a member of the advisory board of the Imagination Museum in Bristol, secretary of the Plymouth Center School PTA and an assistant teacher for the Immaculate Conception Church religious education program. She is a past member of the Terryville Public Library Board of Directors. Anita resides in Terryville with her husband, State Representative Bill Hamzy and children Zachary and Gabriella.



Anita Hamzy

A Q&A With The Foundation's Distribution Committee

The Distribution Committee is a standing committee comprised of board members and other volunteers appointed for their knowledge of the communities served by the Foundation and related needs. Participating in this interview were Attorney William J. Tracy, Jr. of Furey, Donovan, Tracy & Daly, P.C., Chair of the Committee and Board Member and Five-Year Committee Member Janet Schwartz of Burlington .

What does the Foundation's Distribution Committee do?

The mission of the Distribution Committee is to provide leadership to the Board of Directors in overall grant distribution. The specific duties include program recommendations, grant application review, and participation in grant making educational opportunities. We have the wonderful job of reviewing all of the grant applications from the various nonprofit groups in our assigned teams. The Committee works to match the funds made available through the generosity of donors with pressing community needs. Once these interviews are completed, the Committee meets again to present and discuss each application and make a final recommendation to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Tell me something special about your committee?

What is most special is the diversity of people serving on the Committee. We come from different towns, have different jobs, are of different ages and come from different life experiences. As a result, we bring to the distribution process a variety of viewpoints. This assures every grant applicant that each proposal will be considered fully by the committee.

How do nonprofit organizations apply for a grant from the Foundation?

Application forms are available on the Foundation's website at www.mainstreetfoundation.org or from the Foundation office. Interested organizations should first contact the Foundation office to discuss any proposal ideas and the application process for each of the grant programs available.

What makes a "winning" grant proposal?

A winning grant proposal has followed all of the application instructions, demonstrates a genuine need in the community and addresses one of the following categories: responds to changing or emerging needs of the community; leverages or generates other funding or resources; promotes collaboration among nonprofit agencies

without duplication of efforts and/or enhances an existing program to encourage sustainability. Since the grant proposal is a presentation, it must be clear, direct, and compelling enough to engage the reviewers to recommend the project for funding.

Why volunteer your time and effort to this committee?

For a volunteer, it can be a very satisfying and educational time spent in learning about the needs of the communities, learning about the various organizations which are committed to making those communities better and working with dedicated people in each community to meet those community needs. Being a part of the Distribution Committee has been another way to support those people who do heroic jobs within the community: the people who run the soup kitchens, those who bring disabled children to work with horses, and those who wish to bring nature closer to all people. These people are unsung heroes in our communities. These programs make our communities strong and connect people within the community. By volunteering, we make a commitment to our community, and say thank you to so many who make the towns served by the Main Street Community Foundation great places to live and be!



Board Member, Dwight Harris and President, Susan Sadecki share information with visitors at the Region 10 Health Fair held on May 5th at Lewis S. Mills High School in Burlington.

Who We Are

Main Street Community Foundation, Inc., is a public charity committed to partnering with individuals, families and businesses who wish to build permanent charitable connections, now and for generations to come, to support and better the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott, Connecticut. Since 1995, the foundation has helped donors feel confident about supporting the causes they believe in. Furthering their desire to give back and improve their community.

Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities we serve. We accomplish our mission by encouraging and promoting:

- ◆ Gift Planning
- ◆ Prudent Stewardship of Assets
- ◆ Effective Grantmaking
- ◆ Community Leadership

Help make your community a better place in which to live, work and play. Contact us at office@mainstreetfoundation.org



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