

\$14K in grants awarded to nonprofits improving the lives of Plainville residents

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A majority of grantees at a small ceremony held at Plainville Funeral Home.

Samantha Rajotte



PLAINVILLE — The Main Street Community Foundation has awarded nine grants for more than \$14,000 to improve the lives of Plainville residents.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officers with the Main Street Community Foundation, said the \$14,114 in grants was awarded through the Plainville Community Fund.

“The Plainville Community Fund is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and was established by Plainville residents to improve the quality of life of their neighbors,” she said.

The Plainville Community Fund was established in 2006 as a community endowment by local community leaders. Through this Fund, a permanent resource for charitable programs and projects that benefit the town was created. Since its establishment, \$175,000 has been distributed to support local nonprofits and the programs they operate.

“Every dollar donated to the Fund and every dollar granted through the Fund benefits local nonprofits that help the residents of Plainville and raises the town’s quality of life,” said Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation. “For 20 years the Plainville Community Fund has supported positive change in the community in a variety of ways.”

The following are this year’s grantees:

Chrysalis Center Inc. — \$1,500 for promoting independent living for homeless older adults in Plainville residing in the HEARRT House, a permanent supportive housing program for those living with mental illness and/or substance use disorders, to support recreation and wellness supplies.

Pequabuck River Watershed Association — \$2,000 for the Kern Park North Culvert Planting program for Plainville High School AP Environmental Science students to partake in a hands-on project focused on stormwater remediation and planting. An additional \$1,030 grant from the Merriman Family Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation also supported this project.

Plainville Community Food Pantry — \$1,000 for the Intervention, Outreach and Referral Program providing food and other basic needs for Plainville residents.

Plainville Community Schools — \$1,500 for the Nourish to Flourish Parent and Child (K-5) Nutrition Classes teaching families how to prepare healthy, budget-friendly meals using fresh, local ingredients while providing recipes and resources to support nutritious eating at home.

Plainville Early Learning Center — \$1,875 for its Summer Enrichment Program, which serves 80 preschoolers, to support its in-school presentation and activities providing safe, engaging opportunities that promote continued learning and social-emotional development.

Plainville Public Library — \$1,250 for the Discovery @ Your Library program to purchase children's citizen science kits available to lend, enabling patrons to participate in real-world research to extend STEM learning, foster environmental awareness and strengthen science literacy.

Plainville Senior Center — \$1,714 for the Healthy Harvest Initiative to launch a community garden program designed to promote social connection, nutrition and overall wellness among older adults.

Plainville Wind Ensemble — \$1,775 for the 2026-2027 Concert Series to support a single performance during the 2026-2027 year.

The Congregational Church of Plainville — \$1,500 for the CCP Presents... concert series featuring a variety of music and creative arts performances open to the public.

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