



YOUR VIEW: Endowment is my hope for year ahead

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To The Editor:

On January 1, 2019 an article entitled "A Year of Hope to Come" made the front page headline.

As the School Readiness Grant manager for the City of Bristol, I focused on the "hope ... that we need to invest more in our future ... resources for educating our children at every age from preschool to post graduate."

A year ago this month, I started an endowment called Early Learning-A PET Project, which is housed and supported by the Main Street Community Foundation.

This endowment will be used to support the two Non-Profit School Readiness Programs in Bristol, Bristol Preschool Child Care Center and Imagine Nation-A Museum of Early Learning. It is through my work with these quality programs, I realized their greatest need is to be more financially secure.

I have pledged \$10,000 of my own money to support this endowment named in memory of my brother, John R. Petrucelli.

I am hoping Bristol residents that have used the services of the programs, or those that firmly believe that quality early care and education on a sliding fee scale is worthwhile for our community, would be willing to support and build something that has "lasting value for generations to come" This is my hope.

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