

Main Street Community Foundation announces Women & Girls Fund's 21st Annual Wonder of Women event

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BRISTOL – The Main Street Community Foundation has announced the Women & Girls Fund's 21st Annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event.

Tickets are available for the annual event, which will be held Tuesday, May 3 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Aqua Turf Club at 556 Mulberry St. in Plantsville.

Proceeds from the event will support the Women & Girls Fund, which supports grants for programs to improve conditions and opportunities for women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

By September, the Women & Girls Fund had awarded a record \$65,000 in grants in 2021, which was the fund's 20th anniversary year. The fund has provided more than \$665,000 in grants since its inception.

"The fund has grown tremendously thanks to the generosity of the many donors who believe in its mission," said Catherine Cassin, chair of the Women & Girls Fund's Advisory Board.

This year's Wonder of Women event will begin with a social hour from 5:30 to 7 p.m., which will include a silent auction, food stations and a cash bar and networking opportunities. This will be followed by the program from 7 to 8 p.m., with tap dancer and choreographer Ayodele Casel as a guest speaker. Dessert and coffee will be served during the program.

According to ayodelecasel.com, Casel, who was born in The Bronx and raised in Puerto Rico, began her professional training at New York University's Tish School of the Arts. Her origins in theater and love of tap-dance have contributed to the narrative nature of her work, which is rooted in an expression of identity, culture, language and communication.

Casel was featured on a 2021 US Postal Service Forever Stamp which honored the art of tap-dancing.

Tickets are \$65 per person. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by April 15 by calling 860-583-6363.



Ayodele Casel will be the guest speaker at the Women & Girls Fund's annual Wonder of Women event. -The Main Street Community Foundation

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