

New scholarship fund created at Main Street Community Foundation

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BRISTOL - A new scholarship fund has been created at the Main Street Community Foundation in memory of Bristol resident and lifelong teacher Alicia Butler.

Butler was a teacher and school psychologist in the Cromwell public schools and also taught at the Foundation School in Orange. After her death in June 2021, her friends and family established a scholarship fund at the Main Street Community Foundation in her memory.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer at the Main Street Community Foundation, said that Butler was born and raised in Bristol and graduated from St. Paul Catholic High School. In her career as a teacher, she was a "devoted champion" of special needs children.

"The Alicia M. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund will continue her legacy of living a life full of love, compassion, meaning and purpose," said Rajotte. "Alicia was always putting her students first, so it was natural that when she passed away her friends and family established a scholarship to help local students achieve their dreams."

According to her obituary, Butler enjoyed gardening and had a soft spot for abandoned and neglected animals. Outside of helping students, she also volunteered her time at the Greater New Haven Cat Project, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of stray, abandoned, and feral cats.

The Alicia M. Butler Memorial Scholarship will be awarded for the first time this year. The Main Street Community Foundation is accepting applications through March 11. A \$1,000 scholarship is available to students attending high school in Bristol who will pursue a career in education.



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Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Alicia M. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund may donate online at mainstreetfoundation.org or by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

To view all eligibility criteria and requirements, or to apply, visit mainstreetfoundation.org.

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