

Despite pandemic challenges, Main Street Community Foundation distributes record \$2.2 million to benefit area residents

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BRISTOL – The Main Street Community Foundation elected new officers and celebrated the accomplishments of the past year at their recent annual meeting.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer at the Main Street Community Foundation, said the organization saw 2021 was a "year of resilience."

"The covid-19 pandemic challenged MSCF and the community in ways no one could have imagined, yet we all persevered and MSCF continued to respond with flexible and responsive grant-making," she said.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, a record \$2.2 million was distributed to improve the quality of life and benefit the residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

In addition, in 2021, the Main Street Community Foundation received \$2.1 million in contributions and 12 new funds were established by local residents to support causes they care about to better their communities.

"Now more than ever, the impact of local charitable giving is making a difference every day in our communities," said Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation.

Grants are distributed from component funds, most of which are endowments established by individuals, families, businesses and other organizations. The grants are used to support a variety of programs and community leadership initiatives. More than \$23.4 million has now been distributed since the Foundation's establishment in 1995.

The meeting also saw new leadership elected to the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consists of community leaders charged with ensuring donors' intentions are fulfilled in perpetuity.

Scott F. Fournier was elected as Board Chair and Daniel J. Daigle as Vice Chair. Moving into the role of Secretary is Kathryn C. Reinhard and the Treasurer will be William R. Micari.

In addition, two new members of the Board of Directors were welcomed: John-David Scarritt, vice president and senior commercial loan officer at Thomaston Savings Bank, and Michael F. Sweeney, vice president and commercial loan officer at Torrington Savings Bank.



Main Street Community Foundation President & CEO Susan Sadecki - FILE PHOTO

“The Board plays an essential role in guiding the Foundation’s work in the region,” Sadecki said. “These individuals are ambassadors of the communities they represent. We are grateful for their generous commitment of time and the valuable expertise each brings to the Foundation.”

For more information on the Main Street Community Foundation, visit mainstreetfoundation.org or call 860-583-6363.

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