

Main Street Community Foundation receives highest accreditation

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BRISTOL – The Main Street Community Foundation has received the highest accreditation from the National Standards with U.S. Community Foundations.

There are 700 community foundations nationwide, and of those, 500 have achieved this accreditation. The Main Street Community Foundation has been continually in compliance with these national standards since the first accreditation in 2006. It will remain accredited until 2025, when it can apply for another renewal.

"This accreditation shows people that our house is in order and we're following best practices," said Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation.

The accreditation program is made by and for community foundations and is peer-driven and self-regulatory. The application process involves the review of documentation that proves how each community foundation meets the standards, including how the foundation honors the charitable intentions of its donors and identifies and addresses community opportunities and needs.

"The application process is not easy," said Sadecki. "Applicants have to show proof that they are meeting their standards for quality assurance for a number of programs and procedures. This accreditation is critically important to our donors and to our grantees. For our donors, when they are establishing a fund or leaving a bequest, it is proof that they can put their trust in us to manage that gift. For our grantees, it shows that we are following a fair and equitable procedure."

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, added that accreditation with the National Standards with U.S. Community Foundations shows that the Main Street Community Foundation "goes above and beyond to demonstrate commitment to excellence and transparency."

The Main Street Community Foundation was established in 1995 and serves the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

For more information on National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, visit cfstandards.org.

To learn more about the Main Street Community Foundation, visit mainstreetfoundation.org or call 860-583-6363.

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Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation -FILE PHOTO