

Main Street Community Foundation awards \$12,000 to area organizations

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The Main Street Community Foundation has awarded \$12,000 to area organizations through the Plainville Community Fund.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, said that seven organizations received the grants, which are intended to help improve the lives of Plainville residents.

"The grants are for things such as student enrichment, support services and community programming among other things," she said.

Both the New Britain Museum of American Art and Imagine Nation, a Museum Early Learning Center have been awarded \$1,500 for their child outreach programs.

A \$2,300 grant has been awarded to support PARC, Inc to fund their Adult Life Skills program, which focuses on developing skills for independent living for people with developmental disabilities.

The Pequabuck River Watershed Association has been awarded \$1,700 for their Civil Engineering Tour. This program is available for Plainville High School students enrolled in the UConn Environmental Science Early College Experience.

In addition, growing season will be extended and more learning opportunities will be available at Louis Toffolon Elementary School, where a \$1,500 grant will be used to build a cold frame/greenhouse.

A \$1,500 grant will also be used by the Plainville Wind Ensemble to put on a free Veterans Day concert.

Lastly, a \$2,000 grant has been awarded to the Prudence Crandall Center to continue providing domestic violence intervention and prevention services for Plainville residents.

The Plainville Community Fund was established at Main Street Community Foundation in 2006. Over the past 16 years, the Main Street Community Foundation has awarded more than \$108,000 in grants from the fund.

"It was started by a group of committed community leaders in Plainville who were interested in creating a permanent resource for charitable programs and projects that would enhance the quality of life for Plainville residents," said Rajotte.



A photo of some of this year's grantees and members of the Plainville Community Fund Advisory Committee -Photo submitted by Samantha Rajotte

According to mainstreetfoundation.org, The Plainville Community Fund relies on the donations of individuals, families and businesses to help meet the changing and emerging needs of Plainville residents.

Contributions to the Plainville Community Fund can be made by donating online at mainstreetfoundation.org/funds or by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

For more information on the Plainville Community Fund or Main Street Community Foundation, visit mainstreetfoundation.org.

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