

Men & Boys Fund at the Main Street Foundation receives fundraising challenge

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BRISTOL – The Men & Boys Fund at the Main Street Foundation has received a fundraising challenge as an anonymous donor vows to match up to \$5,000 for every dollar donated between now and Sept. 30.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer at the Main Street Community Foundation, said that the donor left a message shortly after the Men & Boys Fund's 5 year anniversary celebration on June 9. The Foundation, she said, is eager to accept the challenge.

“It’s absolutely incredible to know that there are individuals passionate about helping improve the lives of men and boys in our communities and willing to help us raise funds in this creative way,” said Rajotte.

Rajotte said that funds raised for the Men & Boys Fund will be distributed to nonprofits that help to improve the lives of men and boys in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

“We are very excited to be able to raise additional money and we’re asking for your support to meet this goal,” she said.

The Men & Boys’ Fund has awarded \$36,200 in grants over the last five years. They have been used to support workforce development, camperships for boys, workshops for fathers, life skills classes for teenage boys and more.

“The impact has been great, but growing the endowment will ensure that support for these issues will not only continue but grow forever,” said Rajotte.

Those who wish to donate to the Men & Boys Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation can do so on the Foundation’s website, mainstreetfoundation.org.

Checks can also be mailed to Main Street Community Foundation 120 Halcyon Drive - P.O. Box 2702 - Bristol, Connecticut 06011.

For more information, call the Main Street Community Foundation at 860-583-6363.

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Past grant recipients from the Men & Boys Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation. -FILE PHOTO