

## Our Vision

To be widely recognized as the comprehensive center for philanthropy and leadership in the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott

## Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities we serve.

We accomplish our mission by encouraging and promoting:

- Gift Planning
- Effective Grantmaking
- Prudent Stewardship
- Community Leadership of Assets

## Our Core Values

Excellence, Integrity, Inclusiveness and Transparency in all we do.

## Community Foundation 101

### What is a community foundation?

A community foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit 501(c)3 philanthropic institution supported by the public. Building permanent, component funds established by many separate donors to carry out their charitable interest is a primary function. Most community foundation assets are held in individual funds established by local individuals, families, businesses or organizations. Community foundations are funders, community leaders, conveners and advocates dedicated to improving the local quality of life.

### What are the advantages of working with MSCF?

- Experienced Staff
- Immediate and Long-Term Impact
- Personalized Service and Customization
- Privacy
- Local Commitment
- Tax Advantages

For more FAQs about community foundations, visit [www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org).

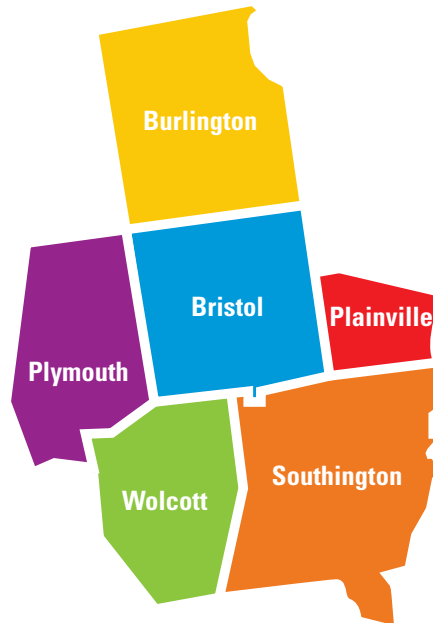


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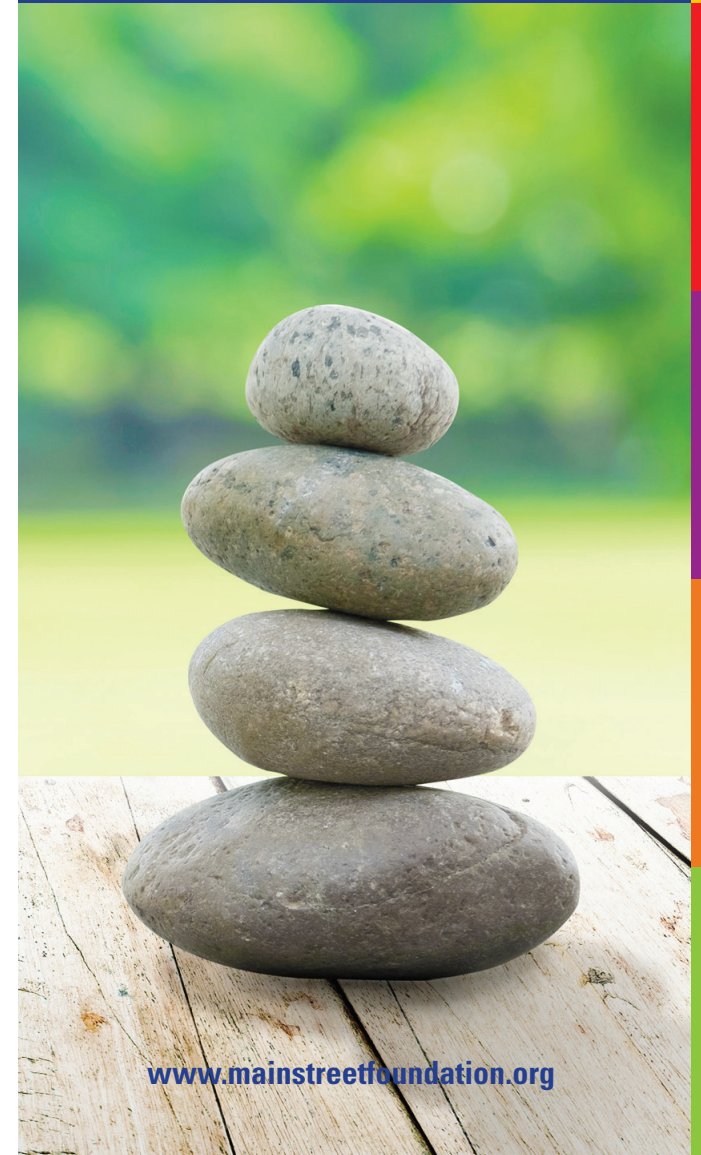


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National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.



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Your **Legacy**  
Your **Way**



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# Your Community

## Building Together to Make A Difference

We are here to help you support the causes you care about.

In partnership with individuals, families, businesses and organizations, Main Street Community Foundation (MSCF):

- Supports and strengthens local nonprofit organizations.
- Identifies needs and awards grants to benefit your community in areas such as arts and culture; community development; education; health; human services; environment; and animal welfare.
- Creates partnerships with other community leaders and groups to develop collaborative solutions.

# Your Legacy

## Giving Now/Giving Later

Whether large or small your contribution will have a lasting impact on your community. Through flexible giving options, you can create a legacy that meets your charitable goals.

## Giving Now

At any time you can donate to MSCF or a fund of your choice by giving:

- Cash
- Stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities
- Retirement fund assets
- Life insurance
- Real estate and other tangible property

## Giving Later

The opportunity to give later is simple. You can leave a bequest to MSCF in a will or trust, through a retirement plan designation, life insurance beneficiary designation, remainder interest in real estate, or other planned giving vehicles.

No matter what you give or when, charitable gifts to MSCF qualify for maximum tax advantages allowed by federal law.

## Why Give Through Us?

We know your community because it is our community. Residents from all six towns are represented on the MSCF Board of Directors and other volunteer committees. We understand the issues, opportunities and resources in each town and we are committed to improving the lives of those residents.

Advantages include:

- Choice of fund type and fund name
- Grantmaking support and counsel
- Administration of gifts and grants
- Prudent investment management
- Permanent recognition or anonymity
- Maximum tax advantages allowed by law

We are your partner in philanthropy.

# Your Way

## Ways to Give

- Match your favorite cause with action – Give to an existing MSCF fund
- Direct your giving – Start your own fund or build one into your estate plan
- Help others in your community – Give to the Money In Motion Fund

Do you want to honor or memorialize a person or an occasion? You can make any gift an Honor Tribute or a Memorial Tribute.

- Memorial Tribute recognizes a person who has passed away but has left a mark on your life, those that you love or the community.
- Honor Tribute recognizes a person or commemorates a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary or retirement.

# Your Fund Choices

It is easy to support what you care about and the community where you live. Make a plan to leave a legacy by establishing a named fund.

**Donor Advised Funds:** You recommend grants to nonprofits of your choice.

**Field of Interest Funds:** Support a broad category of need, such as arts and culture, community development, health, human services, environment and animal welfare.

**Designated and Project Funds:** Support a specific nonprofit organization or charitable project.

**Scholarship Funds:** Assist students in achieving their educational and career goals.

**Unrestricted Community Funds:** Flexible and responsive to emerging and changing community needs.

**Sustainability Funds:** Strengthen the Foundation's role as a funder, community leader, convener and advocate.

**Agency Endowments:** Provide nonprofit organizations with a full range of endowment management services.

Please contact us for more information on how we can help you create your giving plan.