

Comedian Reiser headlines women's gala

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SOUTHINGTON — Award-winning comedian and writer Robin Reiser will be the guest speaker at the 23rd annual Wonder of Women Gala on May 1.

The event, which benefits the Women & Girls Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. at the The Aqua Turf Club at 556 Mulberry St. It will also feature a silent auction, food stations, a cash bar and networking opportunities.

Then, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Reiser, who is the cousin of well-known actor



Samantha Rajotte

The Women & Girls Fund grant recipients at the Fund's Annual Meeting & Grant Reception in January. The fund awarded \$50,500 to 11 nonprofits working to improve the lives of local women and girls.

and comedian Paul Reiser, will speak. There will also be dessert and coffee.

Reiser is a comedian, writer, storyteller and speaker, according to an event flyer. She has

appeared on NBC, E! and the Oxygen Network, has written for stage and screen and her storytelling can be heard on many podcasts, including RISK and THE ONLY ONE IN THE

ROOM. She also wrote and plays all the roles in the web series PINK EYE and was an audience favorite on Last Comic Standing and at the Sundance Film Festival. In January, the Main Street

Community Foundation distributed \$50,000 to 11 nonprofits working to improve the lives of women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Much of this money was raised at last year's Wonder of Women gala.

"This event facilitates conversation between representatives from grantee organizations and the Women & Girls Fund donors and volunteers about the programs being supported and the impact they are having on the community," said Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer at the

Main Street Community Foundation.

The Main Street Community Foundation has awarded a total of \$780,000 in grants from the Women & Girls Fund since the fund's establishment in 2001.

Seats at the Wonder of Women Gala are \$65 per person. They can be purchased by sending a check to Main Street Community Foundation P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT, 06010.

Those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP by April 15 by calling 860-583-6363.

For more information, visit mainstreetfoundation.org.