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BURLINGTON RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM GRANTS

Burlington >>>Four grants were recently awarded from the James R. Parker Trust at Main Street Community Foundation to organizations enhancing the lives of Burlington residents.

Burlington Historical Society was awarded a \$2,300 grant to support the Burlington: Our Town, Our Story program. The program, in coordination with Regional School District 10, encourages students and their families to visit historical sites in Burlington and learn about the town's history.

A \$5,000 grant to Lewis S. Mills High School was awarded to construct dugouts for the baseball and softball varsity fields. The upgrades will provide players additional safety and shelter from the elements.

Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra was awarded a \$1,250 grant to support its Educational Children's Concerts for third grade students attending Regional School District #10. Two concerts, scheduled at Lewis S. Mills High School, will be held to stimulate children's curiosity in music and to encourage participation in school music programs.

A \$5,000 grant was awarded to Safe Harbor Youth Services to support a youth coordinator position for the program. Safe Harbor Youth Services provides high school students with mentoring, activities and a drug-free, safe environment.

These are just four of the organizations that were awarded grants from the Community Foundation during the 2017 General Competitive Grant Cycle. A total of 38 nonprofit organizations representing a broad range of programs and projects to benefit the communities and residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott received over \$125,000 in grant awards.

"The quality of programs supported this year is incredible and we are proud of the local organizations that do such important work," stated Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Community Foundation. "Over the past 22 years, generous donors have established and built these unrestricted community and field of interest funds to meet vital community needs and bolster their neighbors' lives."

Sadecki also acknowledged the 24 local residents that comprise the Community Foundation's volunteer Distribution Committee. "The Distribution Committee reviews all proposals, conducts site visits and makes the final funding recommendations to the Board of Directors", stated Sadecki. "Their thoughtful review of the applications to ensure feasibility and their commitment to honoring donor intent is unmatched."

For more information about the Community Foundation's grant program or the Foundation's 2017 grant recipients, please contact Jarre Betts, Vice President of Programs, at 860-583-6363.