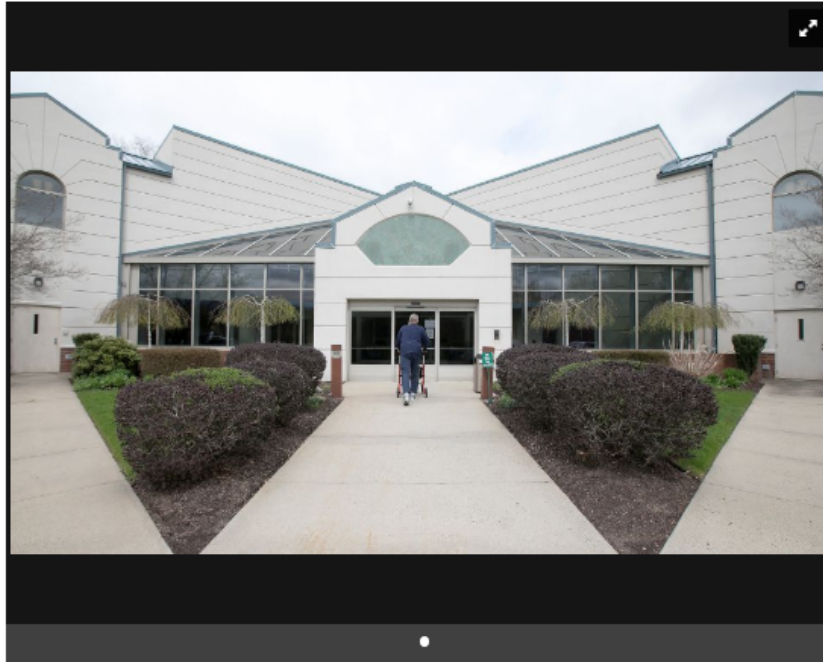


Main Street Community Foundation in Southington awards \$375k from Barnes Trust to seven non-profits



FILE PHOTO: LiveWell Connecticut (formerly Alzheimer's Resource Center) in Plantsville, Monday, April 30, 2018. The group received a \$115,000 grant recently for its Dementia Friendly Southington initiative. | Dave Zajac, Record-Journal



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SOUTHINGTON – The Main Street Community Foundation awarded \$375,000 from the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Trust to seven non-profits for health initiatives in Southington.



The largest grant was \$115,000 to LiveWell Alliance, a Plantsville group, for its Dementia Friendly Southington initiative.



The trust was established by a prominent local couple and has funded improvements at Bradley Hospital as well as other groups looking to improve health for Southington residents. The Main Street Community Foundation manages the trust and regularly awards grants to groups working in town.

Susan Sadecki, CEO of the foundation, said grant applications are reviewed by a panel that includes health professionals and Southington residents.

"We are honored to carry out Bradley Barnes' legacy through these important health initiatives," she said.



Grants were also awarded to the following organizations:



- Prudence Crandall Center, \$37,500 for domestic violence prevention services that include a 24-hour hotline, counseling and an emergency shelter.



- Easter Seals of Greater Waterbury, \$25,000 for audiology services for Southington residents such as audiological evaluations, pediatric hearing tests and hearing aid evaluations.



- Wheeler Clinic, \$80,000 for the Southington Health Outreach Project which informs residents about mental health issues and services.

- United Way of Southington, \$48,098 to expand the senior transportation program in town.

- LISA Inc., \$45,900 for substance abuse prevention, intervention and recovery program for teens, parents and teachers.

- Early Childhood Collaborative, \$25,000 for five education seminars for young children and parents.

The foundation awarded Prudence Crandall and Easter Seals grants for the first time this year. The other organizations have previously received funding from the trust.

Barbara Damon, Prudence Crandall Center executive director, said her organization serves about 1,000 people from Southington per year. The center is based in New Britain.

"We are the only domestic violence program that serves Southington," Damon said.

The center relies heavily on donations and the grant this year helped make up a funding shortfall.

"We were ecstatic to receive the support from the Barnes trust," Damon said. "They are making a significant investment in our service and we're so grateful."

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