

Main Street



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MAIN POINTS

Fall 2019

Grants in Action:

Free Rides for Plainville Seniors

When the Plainville Senior Center realized that their Dial-a-Ride service couldn't accommodate all of the requests from local seniors to get to out-of-town doctor's appointments and early morning medical procedures, they reached out to Senior Transportation Services (STS). With the help of a \$3,500 grant from the Bristol Savings Bank Fund and the Bristol Brass General Grant Fund in the spring of 2019, the two organizations have partnered together to fill this void in Plainville with a unique door-to-door service.

Transportation, especially for seniors, has been identified as a critical need in the Plainville community, since there is a lack of public transportation. STS exists to aid seniors in maintaining their independence by remaining in their own homes for as long as possible, by providing vital transportation options. The partnership with the Plainville Senior Center seemed like a natural fit.

By recruiting volunteers through the Senior Center itself, STS now offers free or low-cost rides to and from medical appointments, including pharmacy and bank stops after appointments. They also provide rides to care facilities to visit loved ones.

Ronda Guberman, the Assistant Director of the Plainville Senior Center, spoke on behalf of one of their clients, "She has used the service several times and she's been extremely satisfied. She is delighted to be able to get these much-needed rides."

Thanks to you,
Main Street
Community Foundation
has awarded

\$1,121,208

in scholarships and grants
through the first six months
of 2019. For a full list of grants
awarded from all funds to date,
visit [mainstreetfoundation.org/
grants-awarded](http://mainstreetfoundation.org/grants-awarded).



A Passion for Music is Ignited by the Generosity of Two Families

Two Bristol Eastern High School students, Luke Ashworth and Onyae Hill, attended Laurel Music Camp at the end of June thanks to full-tuition scholarships from the Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder Music Camp Scholarship Fund at Main Street Community Foundation. This fund usually awards one scholarship. This year, due to the generosity of another family – Bob Alim, Bob Boudreau and Kevin Prior (BBK) – who attended a Laurel Music Camp concert in 2018 and were overwhelmingly impressed, a second scholarship was awarded. Luke and Onyae are pictured here with BBK at Bristol Eastern High School's band's annual awards dinner in June where they were recognized for receiving the scholarships.



Bob Alim, Luke Ashworth, Onyae Hill, Kevin Prior and Bob Boudreau

Every year, Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder, a lifelong Bristol resident whose true passion was music, would personally fund a scholarship to a young and talented musician to attend the week-long Laurel Music Camp in New Hartford. When Louise's health began to decline, her family and friends decided to establish the Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder Music Camp Scholarship Fund so her tradition of assisting avid music students could continue forever.

When asked why this camp was so meaningful to him, Luke said, "I get to learn new things I can't even imagine with some of the world's best faculty, all while in a relaxed, friendly environment."

Women & Girls' Fund

Every day, women in the state of Connecticut are forging equity in women's education, health, leadership and economic advancement. The Women & Girls' Fund at Main Street Community Foundation is bringing you some of their stories as we all work together to move forward the agenda on women and girls' issues.

On October 7, 2019, from 5:30-7:30pm at the Bristol Public Library in the Community Rooms, the Women & Girls' Fund will host a free screening of *Women's Work: Stories Behind the Movement*, an original documentary from Connecticut Public. The documentary features the stories of eight Connecticut women who share a common desire to be part of a collective effort – serving as leaders, trailblazers, artists, educators, advocates and entrepreneurs. These women are just some of the multitudes of women in our communities who through their daily work, drive the movement forward.

Series Director and Producer Heather Dawson will be presenting the 30-minute *Women's Work* documentary, which will be followed by a Q&A session as well as the opportunity for you to share how a woman's work has inspired, challenged or changed you.

The documentary features interviews with:

- Dr. Meera Viswanathan, Head of the Ethel Walker School
- Amanda Webster, Politician, candidate for CT House of Representatives District 62



*The 19th Annual
Wonder of Women (WOW)
Event will be held on
Tuesday, April 21, 2020*



- Natalie and Holly Wheeler, Entrepreneurs and sisters, owners of VASU Tribe
- Teresa Younger, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women
- Toni Johnson and Azua Echevarria, Healing artists, teachers, and makers
- Ellen Murray, Fire Chief (Retired), Naugatuck Fire Department

Contact Julie Matthews at Main Street Community Foundation at 860.583.6363 or julie@mainstreetfoundation.org to RSVP for the free screening; light refreshments will be served.

Help grow the Men & Boys' Fund
Join us for the 2nd Annual Raise a Pint

Monday, October 28th from 5-7pm

Main Street Pint & Plate
Bristol, CT

\$30 per person, includes hors d'oeuvres and
first beer or glass of wine



Save the Date



*The Main Event:
A Quarter Century Celebration
Saturday, September 12, 2020
Aqua Turf Club*



Calling All Volunteers! As we reflect on the last 25 years, we know we could not be where we are today without our donors and volunteers. Our founders, our Board, our committee members and every person who has made a commitment to helping our organization are truly appreciated. We especially need people to step forward to help us plan our 25th Anniversary Celebration. If you are interested in decorating, marketing, soliciting auction items or sponsorships, please call MSCF to get involved at 860.583.6363.

People of Vision

Surprise Bequest to Benefit Southington Community

In September 2019, Main Street Community Foundation received an unexpected bequest just over \$1 million from an anonymous donor to establish two endowment funds to support the Southington community.

The KAWFY Memorial Fund will support projects and programs that will benefit the community of Southington. The **KAWFY Memorial Scholarship Fund** will support residents of Southington who are pursuing post-secondary education with some preference given to students who have a career interest in becoming an author.

We are honored that this donor included MSCF in such a significant way to impact the community of Southington.



Inside View



MSCF Honored by Bristol Chamber of Commerce

Main Street Community Foundation was honored to receive the Special Recognition Award by from the Bristol Chamber of Commerce at their 130th Annual Awards Dinner in June. Thank you to the Bristol Chamber of Commerce for making a difference in our community. We are proud to be your partners.

As you plan your 2019 year-end charitable giving...

Kindly consider adding Main Street Community Foundation to your list of supported non-profit organizations this year. Once a year, we ask the community to contribute to the Friends Campaign and invest in our work that has a lasting impact on the lives of many local people – your friends – your neighbors – your family. Without support of the Friends Campaign, MSCF would be hard pressed to fulfill its mission and be the local philanthropic leader. Since 1995, the Foundation has provided over \$18.5 million in grants and scholarships to raise the quality of life in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. As a Friend of MSCF, you can be proud of what your contribution will help achieve.

Donations can also be made to support any fund at the Foundation. Make an impact in your community today by sending your gift by mail or making it online at www.MainStreetFoundation.org. Thank you for your support!



Are you 70½ or older?

Remember – you can transfer funds directly and conveniently from your IRA to MSCF. And because a direct transfer of IRA funds to a qualified public charity counts toward your annual required minimum distribution (RMD), you benefit by not having to pay federal income taxes on the amount donated.

How it works:

- You must be 70½ or older.
- Must be made directly from your IRA to be free from federal income taxation.
- You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year.

Don't forget to make your gift by December 31!

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OUR VISION

To be widely recognized as the comprehensive center for leadership and philanthropy 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
Prudent Stewardship of Assets
Effective Grantmaking
Community Leadership

OUR CORE VALUES

Excellence, integrity, inclusiveness and transparency in all we do.

Main Street Community Foundation, Inc. is a public charity committed to partnering with individuals, families and businesses who wish to build permanent charitable connections, now and for generations to come. We support and better the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott, Connecticut. Since 1995, the foundation has provided opportunities to donors to support the causes they believe in and to help further their desire to give back and improve their community.

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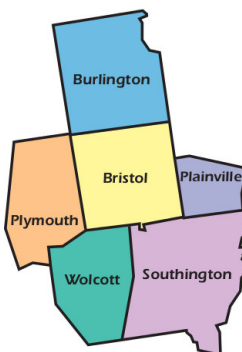
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