

GRANTS IN ACTION

Young Musicians Awarded Grants to Further Their Passion and Education

Just because students are not in school during the summer does not mean the learning stops. And that applies to music education as well.

Ten Bristol students received grants for summer music lessons from the Dan Cistulli Memorial Music Fund at the Community Foundation to pursue their passion for music.

The students, who attend various public elementary and middle schools in Bristol, each received seven instrumental or voice lessons. The instruments the students play include clarinet, flute, oboe, saxophone and trumpet.

"Music inspires me to have hope and to be creative; it allows me to be me. Music lifts me up when I am down and gives me

a sense of relief and calm on those not so special days," stated one of the students who plays the flute. "I have family that lives in Ecuador," stated one of the saxophone players. "Music exposed me to an important part of my culture and helped me connect with my roots and my family."

When Dante (Dan) Dominic Cistulli II passed away suddenly in 2004, his family thought about how his memory could inspire and help others. Dan had a lifelong commitment to music so it was natural that his family establish the Dan Cistulli Memorial Music Fund to support Bristol students in need of financial assistance purchase music lessons.

"Music was my brother's life," stated John Cistulli, Dan's brother. "He lived it, he played it, he wanted other people to have a part of that music. Our family feels very grateful to have the ability to give this award out to

these young musicians. Dan would be very pleased to know his love of music is being carried on."

"These grants will leave a mark on the students' lives, and the community, for many years to come," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation.

"When I play I feel as though I can do anything," stated one of the saxophone players.



Six of this year's award recipients with members of the Cistulli family.



~ Thanks to You, MSCF Awards Over \$950,000 in Scholarships and Grants Through the First Nine Months ~

Scholarships Awarded

Over 130 students at varying levels of their academic careers were awarded a total of \$171,000 in scholarships from Main Street Community Foundation. The students – graduating high school seniors, current college students and adult learners – will be attending four year colleges and universities, military academies, community colleges and technical schools.



2016 Scholarship Recipients

A total of 36 organizations received \$96,140 in grant awards from 23 endowed funds established by donors to support the local community and the causes they care about.

Additional Funds Provide \$683,000 in Support

Programs, projects and organizations raising the quality of life in your community received grants from donor advised, agency endowments, designated, field of interest and community specific funds. These grants blanketed all six towns as well as other communities in the region.

Nonprofits Receive Grants from General Cycle

Viewing a musical performance. Shopping at a food pantry. Attending support groups and educational experiences. Those are a few ways that the grants awarded during the Foundation's General Grant Cycle will inspire, affect and touch the residents living and working in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

For a list of grants awarded from all funds through September 30, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/grants-awarded.php.

PEOPLE OF VISION

An Unsung Leader Honored

Susan Sadecki, in her personal life as well as her professional life, has a spirit and passion for unselfish giving and helping others that is rarely seen. She is sincere about helping the community and enjoys volunteering to help others. On September 17 she was honored for just that. Susan, Main Street Community Foundation's President & CEO, was honored with the Book of Golden Deeds Award by the Exchange Club of Bristol at their 75th anniversary celebration.

The Book of Golden Deeds Award is awarded every five years and recognizes dedicated volunteers who give endless hours of their time and talents toward making their communities better places to live.

Congratulations, Susan, on this very special honor and thank you for all the work you do to improve the quality of life in your community!



Community Foundation representatives came out to celebrate with Susan. Top row, from left to right: Mark Blum, Val DePaolo, Susan Sadecki and Scott Fournier. Bottom row, from left to right: Jarre Betts, Julie Matthews, Margi Fletcher and Karen Fournier.

PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY FUND

Plainville Community Fund Celebrates 10 Years

Nearly \$45,000 in grants awarded. 45 programs and projects supported. Thousands of lives impacted. All in just 10 years. The Plainville Community Fund, established in 2006 at the Main Street Community Foundation, celebrated all it has accomplished at a special anniversary event in May.

"The event was really a celebration of the Plainville community and all the residents have done to improve it," said Dolly Chamberlin, Chair of the Plainville Community Fund Advisory Committee.

The event featured Al Terzi as the Master of Ceremony as well as a roast of longtime Plainville resident and consummate volunteer Byron Treado.

The Plainville Community Fund was established by a group of committed community leaders to be a permanent resource for charitable programs and projects that would enhance the quality of life for Plainville residents.

Please consider making a donation to the Plainville Community Fund and supporting Plainville residents.



Al Terzi, Byron Treado and Richard Piotroski at the Fund's anniversary celebration.

What You Can Do

Match your favorite cause with action

Give to an existing Main Street Community Foundation fund

Direct your giving

Start your own fund or build one into your estate plan

Help others in your neighborhood

Give to the Money In Motion Fund



Thanks to grants from Farmington Bank Community Foundation and Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, Main Street Community Foundation will be launching a redesigned website by the end of the year! We are excited to share with you its enhanced usability, including

a mobile friendly format, easier online donation functionality and a focus on your stories and the impact your generosity has made in your communities.

Kimberly James Elected to Board of Directors

Dr. Kimberly H. James has been elected to the Board of Directors of Main Street Community Foundation. She was elected in early September.

Kim is currently the Director of Student Access, Success and Engagement at Tunxis Community College where she works collaboratively with stakeholders to implement strategies, services and initiatives to advance educational success, especially for under-served students. She has over 25 years of experience in higher education administration and teaching and over 20 years experience in career and workforce development and planning.



Dr. Kimberly H. James

A past member of the Foundation's Women & Girls' Fund Advisory Board, Kim continues to serve on the Fund's Distribution Committee. Kim is also involved with several other community and civic organizations, including Connecticut Women in Higher Education, the Connecticut Career Counselors Association, the NAACP, the New England Carousel Museum and the Urban League of Greater Hartford. She is the past president of the Connecticut College and University Counselors Association.

The Board of Directors consists of 21 community leaders who serve as the policy makers and ambassadors for the Foundation.



Local Residents Choose MSCF as their Philanthropic Vehicle

Four different groups of people. Four different types of funds. One common mission: Make their community a better place by supporting the causes they care about.

"The variety of causes these new funds address show the benefits of working through a community foundation," says Susan Sadecki, President & CEO. "Our new fundholders have a vision; we look forward to helping them fulfill it."

Since the Foundation's founding in 1995, 213 funds have been established.

The four newly established funds are:

- **Bristol Adult Resource Center Fund** – This agency endowment will provide support for programs at the Bristol Adult Resource Center.
- **Men & Boys' Fund** – This fund was established by a group of community leaders to make it possible for men

and boys to improve the quality of their lives and make a positive difference in their communities.

- **Karen and Kim Murphy Family Charitable Fund** – Established by Kim Murphy, together with family and friends, to honor the memory of his wife, Karen Murphy. This unrestricted fund will support the emerging and changing needs of the communities served by the Foundation.
- **The Broad View Fund** - Established by Bristol residents, Bob Alim, Bob Boudreau and Kevin Prior, collectively known as BBK, this advised fund will support charitable organizations at the recommendation of the donors.

For the stories of all named funds at the Foundation, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

Friends of the Foundation Thanked for Contributions to Community

Good food. Great company. A lot of generosity and gratitude.

Main Street Community Foundation held its Friends Reception to honor and thank the Foundation's donors and volunteers on September 15 at the Harry C. Barnes



Memorial Nature Center in Bristol. Nearly 120 Friends attended the annual reception and enjoyed dozens of exhibits featuring live animals, including reptiles, amphibians, owls and a hawk.

"Everything the Foundation has accomplished was made possible by our many donors and volunteers, especially those who support the annual Friends Campaign," Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation said. "So many people generously give their time, talent and treasure to ensure that our communities thrive, today and in the future."



Special appreciation goes out to the staff of the Harry C. Barnes Memorial Nature Center as well as the student volunteers from St. Paul Catholic High School who gave their time to set up this memorable event.

Thank you again to all of our supporters for your dedication and insight throughout the year!

Thank you for making a difference in your community!

Reminder...

January 15, 2017 Grant and scholarship applications will be available online at www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO OUR ANNUAL FRIENDS CAMPAIGN AS YOU PLAN YOUR YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING!

WHO WE ARE

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.

Vision, Mission, and Core Values

OUR VISION

To be widely recognized as the comprehensive center for 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.

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