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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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A Newsletter for Friends of the Main Street Community Foundation

Fall 2013

GRANTS IN ACTION

Bristol Police Department Fights Cyber Crimes with FRED

With the ever changing digital world, cyber crimes are becoming more frequent. Nevertheless, the Bristol Police Department is a leader in investigating and gathering evidence related to cyber crimes, thanks to a Forensic Recovery Evidence Device (FRED) computer system.

However, the Bristol Police Department's FRED system was seven years old and could not recover evidence from newer hard drives and other data storage devices that are being used by modern internet predators, according to Police Chief Thomas Grimaldi. The Smith Family Charitable Fund, a donor advised fund at Main Street Community Foundation, responded in partnership with the Farmington Bank Community Foundation by awarding the Bristol Police Department a \$6,500 grant to support the purchase of an updated FRED System.

"An upgrade of the FRED computer system will allow police to investigate child pornography complaints, identity

thefts and other computer-related crimes in which properly collected cyber evidence is a necessity," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of Main Street



Chris Traczyk, left, Executive Director of the Farmington Bank Community Foundation, and Susan Sadecki, right, President & CEO of Main Street Community Foundation, present a grant to Detectives Scott Werner and Alan Hornkohl of the Bristol Police Department.

Community Foundation. Other computer-related crimes include Internet-related forgery, embezzlement, fraud and the disposal of stolen goods. In addition, the system can be used as a resource to gather information on other crimes,

such as missing person cases.

Through the FRED computer system, detectives will be able to examine hard drives and other data storage devices in a non-intrusive manner with the goal of acquiring, validating, extracting, analyzing and reporting evidence in court cases.

Police Chief Grimaldi stated that surrounding towns will also be able to utilize the updated system, which will make the Bristol Police Department a regional leader in cyber crimes.

According to reports, the FBI predicts a substantial increase in computer related crimes over the next few years, including child exploitation crimes. Since 2011, the Bristol Police Department has investigated 20 child pornography cases.

"(The updated FRED system) provides another resource in fighting crime. This (grant) is such a valuable help to us, and allows us to keep up with emerging trends in law enforcement," Police Chief Grimaldi concluded.

MSCF Steps Up Response to Area's Needs with Nearly \$400,000 in Grants and Scholarships

Through competitive grants and scholarships, Main Street Community Foundation has, through the first nine months of 2013, promoted health and wellness; helped the arts flourish; bolstered educational efforts; and supported students' dreams.

Those are just a few ways the Foundation's grants and scholarships will impact the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott in 2013.

The Foundation's spring competitive

grant cycle resulted in 22 organizations receiving a total of nearly \$70,000 in grants. The grants were awarded from endowed funds established by donors to support the local community.

The Community Foundation also awarded grants through a competitive process from three community endowment funds at the Foundation that were started by a group of residents in a local community to benefit that community. Those funds are



2013 Scholarship Recipients

the Burlington Bell Community Fund, the Make A Mark Region 10 Enrichment Fund and the Plainville Community Fund.

In addition, the Foundation awarded 88 scholarships worth over \$112,000 to 68 area students during the Foundation's

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WOMEN & GIRLS' FUND



Women and Girls' Fund of the Main Street Community Foundation

Autumn is an exciting and busy time of year for the Distribution Committee of the Women & Girls' Fund (WGF). It is the culmination of a year's worth of work, raising money to fund grantmaking.

Grants are awarded annually to nonprofit organizations, located in the towns which comprise the WGF community, that help women and girls realize their potential and improve the quality of their lives

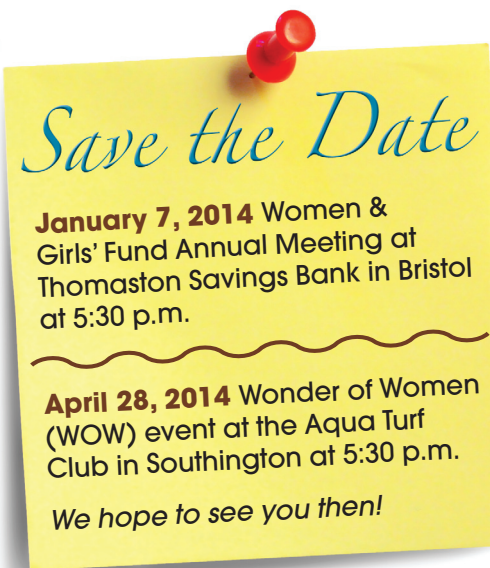
This year the Fund has received 12 applications, with a total combined monetary ask of \$42,296. The 10 women on the Distribution Committee are charged with reviewing the applications, visiting each site and interviewing the potential grant recipients. Grant recommendations are then made to the WGF Advisory Board and the Main Street Community Foundation Board of Directors.

The grants will be announced at the Women & Girls' Fund Annual Meeting on January 7, 2014.

Since 2001 the WGF has awarded \$225,000 in grants, to 80 organizations located in Bristol, Southington, Plainville, Wolcott, Burlington, and Plymouth.

Let's keep in touch...

by print or by email. More and more of our communications will be distributed via email. To sign up for email communications, contact Samantha at Main Street Community Foundation by calling 860.583.6363 or emailing samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org.



With the holidays approaching, it is a perfect time of year to consider a contribution to WGF in honor of someone who has helped improved the quality of your life!

AN INSIDE VIEW

Annual Reception Recognizes Foundation Supporters

The annual Friends Reception of the Main Street Community Foundation was held at the gorgeous lake-front home of Bobby Bosco on August 1, 2013. The 80 Friends



From left to right: Skip, Susan and Jennifer Scully and Bobby Bosco.

in attendance enjoyed fabulous food, great company, and fine music by Sax Fifth Avenue. The reception, hosted by Bobby Bosco, Jennifer Scully, Skip Scully

and Susan Scully, gave the Foundation the opportunity to thank its many donors and volunteers, especially all those who support the annual Friends Appeal and believe in the importance of local philanthropy.

Special appreciation goes out to ELCCT - Indian Rock for allowing our guests to park in their lot, TLC Limousine of Terryville for providing the shuttle service and Joseph Bosco for displaying his creative catering techniques for the event. We sincerely thank Bobby Bosco and the Scullys for their generosity and hospitality that made this year's Friends Reception a memorable event.

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

The Impact of an Endowment

Did you know? An endowed gift of \$25,000, earning eight percent interest annually and distributing \$1,000 per year in grants to qualifying nonprofits, in 20 years will grow to about \$45,000 and distribute \$1,800 per year while continuing to grow in principal.



MSCF Honored with Awards

Main Street Community Foundation was honored to receive two awards this year: the Business Partner of the Year Award from the Bristol Board of Education and a 2013 Hands & Heart Award from Wheeler Clinic. Thank you to both the Bristol Board of Education and Wheeler Clinic for all you do to improve the lives of local residents. We are proud to be your partners.



"The heart that gives, gathers."
~ Anonymous

New Funds to Benefit the Community

Main Street Community Foundation welcomed the following funds in the first nine months of 2013 to bring the total funds established since the Foundation's founding in 1995 to 175:

- Wally Barnes Fund for Community Leadership Initiatives
- Bristol Talks Teal Fund
- Calvanese Foundation Green & White Fund for Behavioral Health
- George & Maureen Carpenter Family Charitable Fund
- Samuel Goodsell Park and Playground Fund
- Jill Lynne Shackett Educational Scholarship Fund

For full descriptions of the funds, visit www.MainStreetFoundation.org

Thank you to the donors who established these funds.

Community Foundation Week

November 12 - 18, 2013 is Community Foundation Week, a national effort

to raise awareness of the impact of local philanthropy. If you are interested in learning more about Main Street Community Foundation, your local community foundation, contact Susan Sadecki, President & CEO at 860.583.6363.



National Philanthropy Day

National Philanthropy Day, November 15th, falls in the middle of Community

Foundation Week. It is a day to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy—and those active in the philanthropic community—have made to our lives and our communities. Thank you to all of you that have made a difference through philanthropy!

It's the End of the Year...and Your Gift Can Make a Difference

The end of the year is often filled with shopping for material items. But the end of the year is also about giving back. For the second year, GivingTuesday, a campaign for a national day of giving to celebrate and encourage charitable activities that support nonprofit organizations, will take place the Tuesday after Thanksgiving - December 3rd.

As you near GivingTuesday and the end of the year, consider giving back to your community in a way that is meaningful to you, whether it is through volunteering at a local nonprofit or donating monetarily or in-kind to a favorite cause. To assist you, MSCF has created the Community Wish List, a collection of needs of nonprofits serving the towns of

Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. The "wishes" include small wishes, such as food items, blankets, batteries, etc.; big wishes, such as refrigerators, laptop computers, stoves, etc.; and volunteer wishes. This list is available year-round and can be found at www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

We also ask that you kindly consider adding Main Street Community Foundation to your list of 2013 supported nonprofit organizations this year. Send your gift today by mail or give online.



Check out our Community Wish List at www.mainstreetfoundation.org

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annual Scholarship Reception held at Hawk's Landing Country Club in Southington. Scholarships are available annually to students at varying levels of their academic careers from the towns served by the Community Foundation as well as other communities.

Through Donor Advised Funds, Agency Endowments and Designated Funds, Main Street Community Foundation has awarded almost \$219,000 to 31 organizations throughout Connecticut and the Northeast. The grants from these funds are non-competitive.

For a complete list of grant and scholarship recipients, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/news.php.

What's Happening in the World of Philanthropy

Charitable IRA Rollover Extended Through 2013

As part of the American Tax Payer Relief Act, which was enacted on January 2, 2013, American seniors who are age 70-and-a-half and older are eligible to transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to a qualified public charity, such as the Main Street Community Foundation, before December 31, 2013. Besides supporting a favorite charity, donors benefit by not having to pay federal income taxes on the amount donated.

Remember... January 15, 2014

MSCF grant applications and scholarship applications are available online at www.mainstreetfoundation.org.

As you plan your 2013 charitable giving...

Kindly consider adding MSCF to your list of supported non-profit organizations this year. Donations to support the community leadership work of the Foundation, your endowed fund or any fund at the Foundation can be sent by mail or made online at www.MainStreetFoundation.org



Thank you!