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Main Street Community Foundation (MSCF) has once again received accreditation with the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence for another three years, MSCF announced in a release on Wednesday.

"This is critically important to our donors," said Susan Sadecki, MSCF president and CEO. "When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage their gift wisely and honor their charitable wishes. The National Standards accreditation assures our communities we adhere to the best practices in our field."

Community Foundations National Standards Board establishes legal, ethical, effective practices for community foundations everywhere, according to the release. This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates MSCF's commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability as it carries out its mission.

The National Standards accreditation program is made by and for community foundations and requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration.

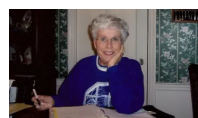
Accredited community foundations must meet the program's 26 national standards, including how the foundation honors the charitable intentions of its donors and identifies and addresses community opportunities and needs. There are over 900 community foundations nationwide, and of those, more than 550 have received accreditation.

MSCF has been continually in compliance with these national standards since its first accreditation in 2006, and will now remain accredited until its renewal in 2028. While there are federal and state laws that all community foundations must adhere to, this voluntary accreditation process demonstrates MSCF's willingness and commitment to go above and beyond those requirements and illustrates its dedication to excellence.

Main Street Community Foundation was founded by a group of community leaders in 1995 and their work has continued through gift planning, stewardship of assets, grantmaking and community leadership, now 30 years later. MSCF offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs or recommend individual grants. In addition to affirming the organization's philanthropic services, the



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