

# From the community Prudence Crandall Center Awarded \$4,000 to Benefit Plainville Students



Carolyn Jasper and Barbara Damon from Prudence Crandall Center accept a grant from the Women & Girls' Fund. (Posted by office258, Community Contributor)

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**"W**ith this grant we will be able to empower Plainville middle and high school students to think critically, avoid risky behaviors, and make choices which lead to healthy relationships and futures free of violence," said Barbara Damon, Executive Director of Prudence Crandall Center.

Prudence Crandall Center was one of 14 organizations that received a grant award from the Women & Girls' Fund of Main Street Community Foundation during the Fund's Annual Meeting & Grantee Reception. The event, held on January 18, 2018, gathered together donors, community members and Fund representatives to award a record \$51,111 in grants to organizations serving women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Grants were made possible with the proceeds from the annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event, the Barbara Hackman Franklin Fund for Women, the John & Gloria DiFrancesco Fund for Women and Girls, the Dumont Family Fund, the Furey Family Fund and the Smith Family Charitable Fund.

Barbara Damon attended the event to receive the \$4,000 grant that will benefit Plainville youth and teens. The grant will support Prudence Crandall Center's Partnership to Promote Healthy Relationships in Plainville, which educates teens on the warning signs and risk factors for domestic and teen dating violence, as well as the behaviors and attitudes that lead to healthy relationships. The program offer a series of intensive classes to groups of 8th and 9th grade at-risk students enrolled in health education courses in Plainville schools.

In addition, Plainville women and girls will be impacted by several other grants awarded. For a complete list of grants awarded from the Women & Girls' Fund, visit [www.mainstreetfoundation.org/women-girls-fund](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/women-girls-fund).

The Women & Girls' Fund was created in 2001 as a community-based endowment of the Main Street Community Foundation. The Women & Girls' Fund serves females of all ages in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth/Terryville, Southington and Wolcott. Over the past 17 years, the Women & Girls' Fund has awarded over \$450,000 in grants and immediate response funds to over 80 organizations benefiting women and girls in the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

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