

Main Street



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MAIN POINTS

Spring 2019

Grants in Action:

18 Students Benefit from Douglas Roland's Legacy

When Douglas Roland passed away unexpectedly in September of 2005 after a motor vehicle accident, his parents, Ralph and Linda Roland, wanted to establish a scholarship fund in his memory that would provide assistance to applicants interested in certification or skilled trade programs.

This past year, Main Street Community Foundation made two grants of \$3,295 each from the *Douglas Roland Aid for the Trades Scholarship Fund*; one to Bristol Technical Education Center (BTEC) and one to Tunxis Community College (Tunxis). The BTEC grant was used to provide scholarships for post graduates enrolled in a one- or two-year certificate program in a trade area. The grant assisted 5 students with the financial assistance necessary to complete their certification in HVAC, Automotive Technology and Precision Manufacturing. The grant to Tunxis assisted students enrolled in the Allied Health certificate programs. Because of Doug's fund, 13 students are now certified as medical assistants, veterinary assistants, certified nurse aides, sterile processing technicians, phlebotomists and EKG technicians.

Cheryl Conaty, the Allied Health Coordinator at Tunxis, said, "Most of the recipients attended externships that will look excellent on their resumes and for the rest, it covered tuition. Tunxis was so thrilled to receive dollars from this scholarship fund, especially since there's no financial aid for non-credit students."

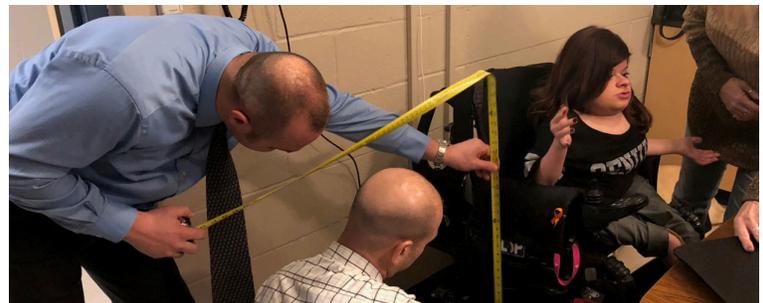


Unique Collaboration Helps Wheelchair Bound Students in Plainville

Through a grant from the Plainville Community Fund at MSCF, the "Go Kid Go" program, a collaborative initiative to help students with special needs, began last spring. The Go Kid Go program is a collaboration with Central CT State University faculty and students, together with Plainville High School STEM, Technology Education and Engineering faculty and students. The focus for Go Kid Go is on making adaptations and custom equipment for wheelchair bound school aged students in Plainville to increase their mobility, improve communication and expand/enhance their independent skills.

For the past year, the Go Kid Go team has been working with Plainville High School student, Alexis (Lexi) Charbonneau, pictured below. Thanks to this grant, the team has been able to modify several desks at Plainville High School to accommodate her motorized wheelchair. In addition, the group is currently working on some additional wheelchair adaptations to allow her to access her school materials from her chair more easily throughout the day.

Lynn Davis, Director of Community Relations, said, "We absolutely believe that the Go Kid Go program is positively impacting independence, communication and social skills growth for our students with special needs... It really is a win-win for all involved - the rich partnership with CCSU, the mentoring and skill building for the Plainville High School students, and the ability for the entire project team to see firsthand how powerful this type of collaboration can be in making a difference in the lives of our students with special needs."



Record Number of Grants Awarded Supporting Our Community



Men & Boys' Fund

On December 10, 2019, the Men & Boys' Fund at Main Street Community Foundation presented a total of \$6,000 in grants to Bristol Youth Services, Parent & Child Center at Bristol

Hospital, Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center, and the Environmental Learning Centers of CT.

The \$6,000 was double the amount granted in 2017, which was the Men & Boys' Fund first grant cycle. The Fund seeks to help men and boys improve the quality of their lives, increase self-sufficiency and make a positive difference in their communities. To learn more or find out how to get involved, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/men-boys-fund.



Women & Girls' Fund

Empowerment. That theme emerged at the Women & Girls' Fund's Annual Meeting & Grantee Reception held on January 16, 2019. Empowering young girls and women to lead successful lives.

Empowering local non-profits to help build a stronger community. Empowering donors to provide opportunities for women and girls to achieve their full potential.

The event gathered together donors, community members and Fund representatives to award a record \$55,227 in grants to 19 organizations serving women and girls in all six of our communities. To see a full list of this year's grantees, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/women-girls-fund.



The 18th Annual WONDER of WOMEN

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
The Aqua Turf Club
5:30-8:30 PM
Guest Speaker:
Colleen Kelly Alexander
RSVP by April 12th



Geoffrey M. Pierce

People of Vision

Donor Advised Fund Raises Awareness for Addiction Recovery

When you lose a dear friend at a young age, what do you do to honor them? One option is to set up a Donor Advised Fund through Main Street Community Foundation and that is exactly what a group of seven friends did to honor the life of Geoffrey Pierce. As his friend and one of the Fund's creators, Gregory Fortier, explains, "Geoff was a high school friend of ours and he was a great person... Even as he (unknowingly to us) struggled with his own depression and addiction, he was outwardly cheerful and caring... He was taken away from his friends and family at far too young an age."

Geoff passed away from a drug overdose in January 2016 at the age of 26. By that following September, his friends had already banded together to find a way to raise money and awareness in Geoff's name. "Part of the reason [we wanted to set up a fund in his honor] was that we loved Geoff so dearly, but we also wanted to raise awareness for the addiction epidemic in our own community, so that we could help others who may be fighting the same fight Geoff was fighting." The way they decided to raise that money? Wiffleball tournaments. They held three annual tournaments during the Opioid Awareness Weeks in September of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Through these tournaments, they raised close to \$20,000! Now every year, grants can be made from the Geoffrey M. Pierce Memorial Fund to support nonprofit organizations that promote addiction recovery. "We felt that if Geoff could help even one person with the awareness this fund raises, he would."



Geoff's parents with the winning team of the first wiffleball tournament

Inside View

New Year Brings New Leadership to MSCF Board of Directors

The Main Street Community Foundation elected new officers at its Annual Meeting on March 8, 2019. John D. Scarritt handed off the gavel of Board Chair to Marguerite P. Fletcher and became the Past Board Chair. Serving alongside Fletcher will be two Vice-Chairs - Valerie A. DePaolo and Scott Fournier. Moving into the role of Secretary is David J. Aldieri and the Assistant Secretary will be Kristine J. Dargenio. Finally, the new Treasurer will be Michael J. Brault.

Two directors - Mark Malley of Plymouth and Jennifer Scully of Wolcott - were also re-elected to the Board. The Foundation Board consists of community leaders charged with ensuring donors' intentions are fulfilled in perpetuity.

As Mr. Scarritt stepped down from Board Chair, he commented how "extremely rewarding" it has been serving in that capacity for the last two years and how much he's enjoyed "working for the good of our communities."



John D. Scarritt and Marguerite P. Fletcher

Record Grantmaking in 2018

What a year! 2018 saw \$1.7 million in grants and scholarships awarded to benefit the residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Since the Foundation's inception in 1995, over \$17.35 million has been awarded in total, which has helped fund local programs and community leadership initiatives. This past year, the Foundation received \$1.4 million in contributions and 11 new funds were established. The total number of funds established at the Foundation is 236.

Susan Sadecki, the Foundation's President and CEO, had this to say as she looked back over the last year: "Together with our donors and community partners, Main Street Community Foundation had a record grant making year awarding over \$1.7 million in grants to non-profits and scholarships to local residents. The impact of local charitable giving is making a difference every day in our communities."

MSCF Staff Updates



Kate Kerchaert

Main Street Community Foundation is pleased to announce the promotions of Kate Kerchaert and Samantha Rajotte as of January 1, 2019.

Kate Kerchaert, who has been with the Foundation for two years, was promoted to Director of Grants and Programs. In this position, she will be primarily responsible for all grantmaking and scholarship programs at MSCF.

Kerchaert will oversee the processing and management of all grants and scholarships, donor development and communication, and she will serve as a community leader to local non-profit organizations.

Samantha Rajotte was promoted to Scholarship & Program Officer. Rajotte has a long history with the Foundation. After receiving a scholarship from MSCF in 2007, Rajotte spent a summer in college volunteering as an intern there. She was hired full-time in June 2011 and has worked her way up through the organization, most recently serving as the Communications Manager. In her new role, Rajotte will be managing the scholarship program and assisting with grantmaking for community-based endowments. She will also work closely with the Women & Girls' Fund and the Men & Boys' Fund.

In addition to the promotions in January, the Foundation welcomed a new member to its team. Mindy Wallen was hired as the new Program Associate. She will be assisting with the grants and scholarship programs.



Samantha Rajotte



Mindy Wallen

How you can help your community...

1) Match your favorite cause with action...

By giving to an existing Main Street Community Foundation fund

2) Direct your giving...

By starting your own fund or building one into your estate plan

3) Strengthen the Foundation's role as a funder, leader, convener and advocate...

By giving to our Friends Campaign

4) Help others in your community...

By giving to the Money In Motion Fund

Donations can be sent by mail or made online at mainstreetfoundation.org.

Remember – if you are aged 70½ or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a qualified public charity, such as MSCF, to satisfy all or part of your annual required minimum distribution.

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Susan D. Sadecki <i>President & CEO</i>	Marguerite P. Fletcher <i>Chair of the Board</i>	Valerie A. DePaolo <i>Vice-Chair</i>
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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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