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Spring 2015

PEOPLE OF VISION

Remembering the Legacy of a Visionary

Bob Merriman was an extraordinary man who took his passions and ideas as far as they could go. Because of his determination, he is one of the main reasons why Main Street Community Foundation exists and is able to help thousands of your neighbors every day.

Bob Merriman, a longtime Burlington resident and one of the founders of the Community Foundation, passed away March 3, 2015. He was 96.

Bob was a true visionary and mentor to many people in and out of the world of philanthropy. In the late 1960s he helped form and run a consortium of foundations called the Coordinating Council of Foundations, known today as the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. In the early 1970s, he approached several other leaders in the Greater Bristol community and suggested establishing a community foundation for the area.

"Bob always maintained that area people would donate to a community foundation because they



would be assured that the money would be kept local and used forever for their intended purposes," said Woody Anderson, another founder of the Community Foundation. "Bob's idea made sense to us and he had the vision to know how valuable our Community Foundation could be. He pursued that vision for years and never stopped educating the community."

A native of Bristol, Bob was an avid outdoorsman who embraced everything nature had to offer. Along with his wife Carmen and their four children, he would spend weekends hiking,

camping, skiing or canoeing. Family vacations often revolved around the outdoors. Enjoying nature did not stop at experiencing it, however. Bob and Carmen educated themselves about grasses, flowers, shrubs and trees. For over 50 years starting in the late 1950s, they ran a successful planting and landscaping business. Their family also ran a Christmas tree business in Burlington.

In addition to being a prime mover in the establishment of the Community Foundation, Bob was dedicated to the Burlington Library and Friends of Sessions Woods among other organizations. He was also instrumental in establishing the Burlington Bell Community Fund, a community-based endowment of the Foundation.

Many lives were touched by Bob's wisdom and love for his community. "He changed our lives for the better," said Janet Schwartz, a Burlington resident.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF GIVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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1995-2015

Celebrating 20 Years of Giving in Your Community

Main Street Community Foundation, established in 1995, turned 20 years old on March 17, 2015. Looking back at 20 years, much has been accomplished. Starting in the 1970's, a small group of local residents came together to discuss an idea of what is now a \$38 million community foundation made up of nearly 200 funds.

In recognition of this milestone, the Board of Directors of the Foundation wants to give back to the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. After all, the communities and the citizens that live and work in them have given so much to the Foundation. An official celebration will occur at The Main Event on September 12, 2015, at the

Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington. Proceeds from the event will support Money in Motion, the Foundation's community leadership initiatives. Through these initiatives, the Foundation develops collaborative solutions to meet emerging needs and provide support to what matters most to the people who live and work in the cities and towns of this region.

In addition, an exciting grant program to support nonprofit organizations in our communities is being planned. Grants will be made from the Bristol Savings Bank Fund at Main Street Community Foundation. More details on **20 Grants in 20 Days** will be announced soon!

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Thank you.

WOMEN & GIRLS' FUND



Record Grants Awarded to Advance Opportunities for Local Women and Girls

The Women & Girls' Fund (WGF) was established six years after the founding of the Main Street Community Foundation when a local group of dedicated women wanted to improve the quality of their neighbors' lives. Now celebrating its 14th year, the Fund continues to support programming for women and girls that assists them in obtaining the skills and competencies to develop to their full potential.

The annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event held in late April brings hundreds of supporters together in celebration of women and girls in the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott as well as to raise funds to support our community partners in the important work they do. The Fund is thankful to the sponsors whose support creates the base of funding for this very successful event: Barnes Group Foundation and MassMutual, as Premier Sponsors; KPMG, as a Presenting Sponsor; and

several other businesses, organizations and individuals whose contributions are most appreciated.

Proceeds from last year's WOW event, the Barbara Hackman Franklin Fund for Women, the John & Gloria DiFrancesco Fund for Women & Girls, and the Fund's annual campaign resulted in a record breaking year. Over \$36,000 in grants were awarded to 12 programs serving all six communities. One of the grants awarded was to the Bristol Early Childhood Alliance for the Maternal Depression Screening Initiative, which connects expectant and new mothers with the resources needed to address mental health issues. The Initiative has serviced 500 percent more women than the projections and numerous referrals to mental health professionals have been made. The



2014 WGF Grantees

screenings and referrals are crucial to the well-being of the mother's child(ren). Further, the WGF was able to support women, girls and families with 25 grants totaling over \$3,500 in immediate response grants in 2014.

As the Fund continues to grow, we invite you to join us. Together we will continue to move the vision of the WGF forward. For more information contact the Foundation at 860.583.6363 or visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org

GRANTS IN ACTION

Southington Residents Will Benefit from \$402,000 Awarded from Barnes Memorial Trust



Bradley and Leila Barnes



Advancing the health and wellness of Southington residents as well as the behavioral health services available to them was the focus of four grants awarded from the Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust. A total of \$402,000 was awarded to four organizations:

- \$130,000 to the Southington YMCA, to support the purchase and installation of an elevator to

transport individuals, especially those with physical limitations, to the basement pool location;

- \$118,000 to Southington Community Cultural Arts, to implement the Uarts (Universal Arts) program, which provides accessibility, engagement, resources and opportunities for people with a wide variety of mental and physical disabilities;

- \$79,000 to Wheeler Clinic, to support the Southington Health Outreach Project with a full-time health outreach coordinator to enhance access to mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services for Southington residents; and

- \$75,000 to the Alzheimer's Resource Center of Connecticut, Inc., to support Hope Full Lives, a community and home based program designed to decrease caregiver burden and promote the positive mental health and well-being of dementia care partners in Southington.

"We are thrilled to be announcing \$402,000 in grants thanks to the generous legacy of Bradley and Leila Barnes," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Community Foundation. "Their tradition of giving back to the community they cherished will continue forever."



Money in Motion Grant to Fund Survey to Provide Lens Into Community

Residents in Greater Bristol will help identify key issues that they and their neighbors face by participating in the largest-ever statewide phone survey. Supported by Main Street Community Foundation's Money in Motion Fund, among other organizations and businesses, DataHaven will survey over 15,000 residents of all towns and cities in Connecticut. The 2015 Community Wellbeing Survey, which is believed to be the most intensive

effort of its kind in the United States, will focus on key social and economic indicators including quality of life, health and happiness. The results of the survey will produce high-quality, neighborhood-level information on issues that are the most meaningful to local residents. It will foster collaboration among organizations, institutions, businesses and agencies to build stronger communities.

PEOPLE OF VISION

Lake Garda School Students Collect Coins to Benefit Karen DuCotey Fund for Kids

Wanting to help their fellow Region 10 students, the Student Council at Lake Garda Elementary School in Burlington sponsored a fundraiser on January 30, 2015, to benefit the Karen DuCotey Fund for Kids at the Community Foundation.



Lake Garda School Student Council presents the Foundation with a donation.

The Karen DuCotey Fund for Kids was established by family and friends in memory of Lake Garda School teacher Karen DuCotey after she passed away in 2010 at the young age of 31. The Fund provides grants to assist Region 10 students who may be in need of immediate assistance due to a particular life situation or

unexpected financial hardship.

For the fundraiser, the Student Council set up two buckets, one in honor of each team playing in the Super Bowl, in the school's cafeteria to collect

spare change. Students cast their vote for who they thought would win the game by putting their change in the corresponding bucket.

"The students wanted to raise awareness of the Karen DuCotey Fund for Kids, honor the memory of an adored teacher and help their friends that need a helping hand," stated Allison Czapl, a third-grade teacher and Student Council co-facilitator.

The Student Council, which consists of 13 students in third and fourth grades, raised \$632.42.



INSIDE VIEW

New Year Brings New Board Leadership

At March's annual meeting, John A. Letizia of Bristol was elected to serve as Chairman of the Foundation for 2015-2017. Other officers elected are: Robert M. Caiaze, Vice Chair; John D. Scarritt, Vice Chair; Michael Brault, Secretary; Valerie DePaolo, Treasurer; and Janis L. Neri, Past Board Chair.



Dan Daigle of Southington, a CPA at Daigle, Smith & Chubet, LLC.



Scott Fournier of Bristol, the owner of Shannon's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry, Inc.



Jackie Merchant of Plymouth, a retired bank officer and community volunteer.



Bill Micari of Burlington, the owner of Micari Financial Group, LLC.

In addition to new officers, the Foundation's Board of Directors reelected Pattie Dunn of Southington to another three-year term and welcomed four new Board members.

"The Board of Directors plays an essential role in guiding the Foundation's work," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation. "We're grateful for their generous commitment of time and the valuable expertise each brings to the Foundation as we embark on our 20th year."

2014 Provides Strong Foundation for Coming Year

Additionally, the annual meeting celebrated 2014, which saw the distribution of \$1.1 million in grants and scholarships to benefit the residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

Furthermore, 12 new funds were established or transferred to the Foundation by local individuals, families and businesses and the Foundation's assets grew to more than \$38 million.

"Last year's accomplishments provide a strong base of permanent funding for our community as we celebrate our 20th anniversary," stated Sadecki. "We look forward to continuing our work with donors to fulfill their charitable goals."

Foundation Welcomes New Staff

The Foundation recently welcomed two new associates. Alecia Andrews has been hired as a program officer with experience in health initiatives. Julie Matthews has been hired as an administrative assistant to support all aspects of the Foundation.

Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Thank you for your support throughout the past 20 years!

You have made a difference over the last 20 years through your support – monetarily or otherwise - of the Community Foundation.

As you plan your 2015 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 or any fund at the Foundation that supports a cause you are passionate about can be sent by mail or made online today at

www.MainStreetFoundation.org



Save the Date

9.12.15

We're Celebrating Our Community Roots!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Main Street Community Foundation would like you to join us in

Celebrating 20 Years of Giving In Your Community!

Saturday, September 12, 2015

— The Main Event —

Celebrating Our Community Roots

A Farm-to-Table Gathering at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington

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