

# Community foundation awards over \$220K to organizations dedicated to improving health of Southington residents

Published: Monday, 4 January 2021 14:31

@brianjohnsonBP

SOUTHINGTON – The Main Street Community Foundation wrapped up its 2020 grant-making by awarding \$221,400 from the Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust to seven organizations working to improve the health and well-being of Southington residents.



Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation. -FILE PHOTO

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer at the Main Street Community Foundation, said the grants ranged from \$5,000 to \$90,000. They were awarded from the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust, which has awarded a total of \$843,578 this year.

"These grants will provide much needed operating and program support for organizations running vital programs during the pandemic," she said.

Rajotte said despite nonprofits struggling due to the effects of the covid-10 pandemic this year, "organizations are still providing vital programs and services and Southington."

After careful assessment of the needs in Southington, she said, five organizations received unrestricted operating support grants: Bread For Life, Friends of Southington Community Services, L.E.A.F. (Lewis Educational Agricultural Farm), Prudence Crandall Center, Inc. and the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs.

In addition, two organizations received grants to support programs benefiting Southington residents.

TriCircle Inc. received \$5,000 to support monthly hope and support groups serving individuals and families in Southington who have a loved one with a substance use disorder.

Friends of Southington Public Library also received \$7,000 for its "Digital Access" program, which provides Wi-Fi hot spots and laptop lending to residents without access, and the "Take and Make" craft and cooking kits program, which is intended to help reduce social isolation for Southington residents.

The Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust was originally established in 1973 by the late Bradley Henry Barnes of Southington to support the health and health care needs of Southington residents. The trust was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2004.

Brian M. Johnson can be reached at 860-973-1806 or [bjohnson@bristolpress.com](mailto:bjohnson@bristolpress.com).