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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.

Vision, Mission, and Core Values

OUR VISION

To be widely recognized as the comprehensive center for 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.



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PEOPLE OF VISION

WHAT IS A LEGACY?

A legacy is commonly defined as a bequest or an inheritance, a gift by will of money or other personal property. On a deeper level, a legacy is often built on a lifetime of relationships, values, and accomplishments – and it lives on forever in those whose lives it has touched.

Ed Miller's relationship with the Main Street Community Foundation began in 2009 with the establishment of the Sid Bernard Memorial Art Scholarship Fund.

At the time, Ed was grieving after the death of his spouse, Sid Bernard, a beloved and highly esteemed teacher who worked with students in Bristol Public Schools from 1984 until his death in 2009. "Sid's joy in living was infectious," Ed recalled fondly. "He would just pull you in." Ed's loss would lead to a legacy that would honor the life that he and Sid shared for 22 years.

Ed and Sid valued education and the arts. Both disciplines provided the basis for their careers, life experiences, friendships, and community ties. Sid pursued his BFA in Ceramic Arts at Alfred University, his MFA from Claremont University, and completed a teacher certification program at Southern Connecticut State University.

Ed embraced a rigorous Jesuit education at the University of Scranton. "The Jesuits were demanding. They had high expectations for the attainment of a well rounded education," explained Ed.

"Students were required to study the arts and philosophy. The Jesuits stressed the importance of good character, a strong work ethic, and effective communication skills."

After graduating from college, Ed joined the Peace Corps. He was sent to Sierra Leone to teach English.

The experience led him to career opportunities in corporate training and higher education. Prior to his retirement, Ed served as the Director of the Health Professions Advisory Program at Yale University.

In 2013, Ed reflected on Sid's devotion to teaching art to elementary school children. He decided that the time had come to focus his philanthropy on programs for younger students. During Sid's teaching tenure, Ed was impressed by Bristol's support of the arts programs in its schools.

"Sid loved teaching young children because they tend to be enthusiastic, curious learners who are still open to experimenting with a variety of artistic techniques. He celebrated students' accomplishments by spending countless hours matting, laminating and setting up displays of student artwork for inclusion

in Bristol's annual elementary school art shows," Ed reminisced.

The Sid Bernard & Ed Miller Children's Fund for the Visual Arts, an endowed fund established in 2013 at the Main Street Community Foundation, will provide grants to nonprofit, nonreligious organizations that offer innovative or traditional visual arts education programs to primary and middle school aged students in Bristol.

Ed established the Fund with an outright gift. Dr. Ned Jacobson MD, a dear college friend of Sid, was aware of his devotion to elementary art education programs and continues to contribute to the fund. Through his estate plan, Ed will leave a bequest. In addition to his financial contributions, Ed has donated his knowledge and time to the Main Street Community Foundation as a volunteer.

"I am amazed by how easy and reasonable it was to open a fund at the Main Street Community Foundation," stated Ed. "The staff listened to me and tailored fund agreements to meet my specific wishes."

The Sid Bernard & Ed Miller Children's Fund for the Visual Arts will award its first grant in 2016. Ed hopes the grants will inspire a new generation of artists. His thoughtful planning and generosity will continue to honor Sid's memory and the legacy of their shared life.



COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT ANNIVERSARIES



The **Women & Girls' Fund** is celebrating its 15th anniversary! The Fund has worked to improve the conditions and opportunities for women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott since its establishment in 2001.



Calling Our Neighbors Together

The **Burlington Community Fund** is 5 years old! The Fund, formerly named the Burlington Bell Community Fund, supports charitable programs and projects that enhance the quality of life for Burlington residents.



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WOMEN & GIRLS' FUND



Celebration. 15 years. 6 communities. Over \$350,000 in grants.

The Women & Girls' Fund held its *Annual Meeting & Grantee Reception* in January to celebrate the Fund's accomplishments of the past year while ushering in its 15th anniversary.

The Annual Meeting celebration centered on the announcement of grant distributions from the Fund in 2015 – \$35,350 was awarded to 11 organizations and initiatives working to improve the lives of women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. For a full list of grants awarded and the programs they supported, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/about-women-and-girls-fund.php.

Grants from the Women & Girls' Fund are made possible with the proceeds from the annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event as well as two other named funds: the Barbara

Hackman Franklin Fund for Women and the John & Gloria DiFrancesco Fund for Women and Girls. Both funds were established in 2011 in honor of those named in the fund by their families and provide distributions to support initiatives identified by the Women & Girls' Fund.

"We are thrilled to be announcing over \$35,000 in grants thanks to the generosity of the many donors who believe in the mission of the Women & Girls' Fund," said Jeanine Audette, outgoing Chair of the Advisory Board.

Jeanine Audette also announced how the Fund is planning to celebrate its 15th anniversary. "We have a couple of exciting announcements coming up that include a unique giving opportunity, and right now we are in the midst of A Toast to Women, a pay-it-forward campaign to honor special women who have made a positive impact in the lives of others."

Leading the Fund into its 15th year is a new slate of officers. Officers serving for 2016 are: Dawn Nielsen, Chair; Susan



2015 WGF Grantees

Moreau, Recording Secretary; Kaitlin Humble, Treasurer; and Jeanine Audette, Past Chair. In addition, Patti Fippinger and Kimberly Lewis, both of Burlington, were elected to the Advisory Board during the Annual Meeting, while Sofia Bayne of Bristol joined the Advisory Board mid-year 2015.

"The Advisory Board guides the work of the Women & Girls' Fund," stated Jeanine Audette. "We're grateful for their valuable expertise as we head into the Fund's 15th year and celebrate this historic milestone."

As the Fund continues to grow, we invite you to join us. Together we will continue to improve the conditions and opportunities for local women and girls.

GRANTS IN ACTION

Directory Answers the Call from Southington Residents

If you or someone you know is affected by a mental health issue or substance use disorder, do you know where to turn? Do you know who to contact so you or your neighbor can get help? Southington residents now have somewhere to turn.

Wheeler Clinic's Southington Health Outreach Project enhances access to programs for mental health and substance use disorders by educating residents about how to identify behavioral health issues and services available. This Project is funded by the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust at the Foundation. A \$79,000 grant in 2014 and a second grant of \$79,075 in 2015 were awarded to Wheeler Clinic to fund the Project due to the necessity for it.

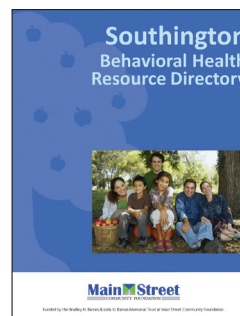
"The Southington Health Outreach Project is a great way to extend Bradley and Leila's legacy and fill a great need in the Southington community," stated Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation. "Individuals and families are now more easily able to identify and navigate available local resources. And the Project has been very successful."



Justine Micalizzi

Since the Project's inception in May 2014, Justine Micalizzi, the Project's Senior Health Outreach Coordinator, has provided education and support to nearly 700 Southington residents through 73 outreach programs.

The Project employs a three-tiered approach to serving Southington residents, including outreach and health education; system navigation assistance; and efforts to reduce barriers to care such as transportation, child care concerns and others.



The Southington Health Outreach Project recently released a free, easy-to-read directory to help Southington residents of all ages find and utilize local mental health and outreach services.

The Southington Behavioral Health Resource Directory provides a listing of mental health and substance use treatment providers; information about detoxification and eating disorder programs; a collection of local mental health and substance use disorder support groups; glossary of mental health and substance use disorder terms; and more.

"This comprehensive resource will help Southington residents easily find essential mental health and substance use disorder programs and services in or near Southington," said Judith Stonger, Vice President of Prevention, Wellness and Recovery at Wheeler Clinic.

Printed copies of the Resource Directory are available at:

- Calendar House Senior Center, 388 Pleasant Street, Southington
- Plainville-Southington Regional Health District, 196 North Main Street, Southington
- Southington Community Services Department, 91 North Street, Plantsville
- Southington Public Library, 255 Main Street, Southington

It is also available at: www.ctclearinghouse.org/southingtonmhdirectory.

INSIDE VIEW

New Year Brings Reinhard and Treado to Board of Directors

Before a gathering of more than 30 board members, past leadership and staff at Main Street Community Foundation's Annual Meeting, the Foundation welcomed Kathy Reinhard of Southington and Byron Treado III of Plainville to the Board of Directors. In addition, the following Board members were reelected to a second three-year term: David Aldieri of Bristol; Todd Burton of Wolcott; Kris Dargenio of Plainville; Margi Fletcher of Bristol; and Jeff Sonenstein of Burlington.

"The Board of Directors plays an essential role in guiding the Foundation's work and improving our local communities," said Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation. "We are grateful for their generous commitment of time and the valuable expertise each brings to the Foundation."



Kathy Reinhard

Kathy Reinhard is a Southington native and does everything with the best interest of Southington in mind. She has held leadership positions with nearly a dozen local nonprofit organizations, including Bread for Life, the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs, the Calvanese Foundation and STEPS.



Byron Treado

Byron Treado III previously served on the Foundation Board of Directors a decade ago and is deep within the Plainville Community. A bank officer for more than 25 years, Byron is a past president of the Plainville Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Plainville Aviation Commission, Founder of the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame and has been involved with several other nonprofits in Plainville.

2015 Provides Strong Foundation for Coming Year

Additionally, the Annual Meeting celebrated 2015, which saw the distribution of \$1.3 million in grants and scholarships to benefit the residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

Furthermore, the Foundation received \$1.7 million from over 1,000 contributors in 2015 and 17 new funds were established at the Foundation by local individuals, families and businesses to support causes they care about to better their communities.

For stories on the newly established funds, and the exciting anniversary events of 2015, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org to view the Foundation's 2015 Annual Report, which will be available in May.

What's Happening in the World of Philanthropy IRA Charitable Rollover Permanently Extended

A permanent extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover tax provision was included as part of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision, retroactive to January 1, 2015, allows individuals aged 70 1/2 and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to a qualified public charity, such as Main Street Community Foundation. Besides supporting a favorite charity and cause, donors benefit by not having to pay federal income taxes on the amount donated.

The requirements to make an IRA Charitable Rollover are:

- You must be at age 70½ or older;
- The maximum amount which may be transferred from an IRA is \$100,000;
- Distributions must be made directly to the charitable organization through the IRA plan administrator;
- Distributions must be made from traditional or Roth IRAs;

- The distribution can be made to almost all types of funds held by the Community Foundation. The exception is that a distribution to a donor advised fund will not count as a qualified distribution,

The benefits are:

- IRA distributions directly to charity are not treated as taxable distributions;
- IRA distributions to qualified charities qualify for the required minimum distribution (RMD);
- Assets are removed from your estate;
- Your generosity helps the communities served by Main Street Community Foundation during critical times.

Disclaimer: The Main Street Community Foundation does not provide legal tax advice; we strongly recommend that you consult with a tax advisor when considering making a charitable contribution.



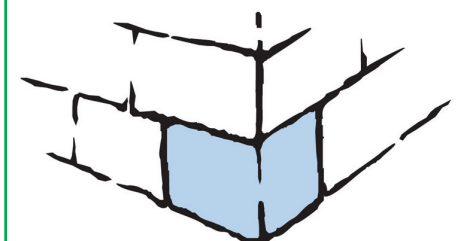
Join the CornerStone Society and Leave a Legacy

A cornerstone provides a strong support to a structure for its future stability. Like this critical support, Main Street CornerStone Society members lay the groundwork for the organizations and causes they care about most, and the future stability of the Foundation. Since the Foundation's establishment in 1995, 44 individuals or couples have joined the CornerStone Society by pledging to leave a bequest to the Foundation.

The opportunity to give later and further your legacy is simple. You can leave a bequest to the Main Street Community Foundation to benefit the causes and communities you care about in a will or trust, through a retirement plan designation, life insurance beneficiary designation, remainder interest in real estate, or other planned giving vehicles.

Main Street Community Foundation is built on your dreams and desires. Large or small, all of these gifts will enhance the quality of life in your community for generations to come. If you have included the Foundation in your estate plan or would like more information, contact Susan Sadecki, President & CEO of the Foundation at 860.583.6363.

For a list of all CornerStone Society members, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/giving-cornerstone-society.php.



The Main Street Community Foundation's CornerStone Society