

MAIN POINTS

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR LEGACY. YOUR WAY.



Spring 2023

Our Vision of Impact for the Community

Vibrant communities where people have equitable and inclusive opportunities to prosper, participate, and be inspired to give.

Our Mission

Inspiring donors and community partners to foster a sustainable legacy of impactful giving 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.



K9 Frankie

K9 Luke Jacob

Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs of the Community

One of the unique things about community foundations is that they are able to impact nearly every area of a community, and support every type of emerging need. One of those needs, more important now than ever, is the social and emotional health of local residents. Here are two ways MSCF was able to support local programs aimed at improving the social and emotional wellbeing of residents in the last year.

Support Dog Programs

The friendship between dogs and humans spans thousands of years all around the world, so it's no wonder that dogs are being utilized to enhance the safety and security in local communities. At the Southington Police Department, they recently welcomed a new member of their team: **K9 Luke Jacob**. Luke Jacob is a fully trained emotional support companion and part of the Southington Emotional Support Dog Program, through which he is providing comfort to both Southington officers and community members.



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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The program is supported by Main Street Community Foundation's **Jacob Perkins Memorial Fund**. This designated fund was established in 2020 in memory of Jacob Allen Perkins, a young man who sadly committed suicide in October 2019. Jacob, a Southington resident, enjoyed many things including camping and being outdoors, and had a very strong affinity towards animals, especially dogs. An annual grant to the Southington Police Department benefits the Emotional Support Dog Program and Luke Jacob, who is named after Jacob Perkins.

But Southington is not the only town in the area bringing in dogs to assist public service departments; Bristol Police Department is taking those steps as well. Their support dog K9 Frankie just completed her training in February and had her first day on patrol shortly after. With help from the Foundation in the form of a \$2,460 grant from the **Bristol Brass General Grant Fund** and **Tedesco-Gallant**

Charitable Fund, the Bristol Police Department was able to create a Service Dog program with the grant providing funds for the care and maintenance of the dog, like vet bills, food, and toys. Through this program, Frankie acts as a community outreach companion to assist patrol officers when they are interacting with people in crisis, suffering from a mental health issue, or are victims of a traumatic event. Additionally, the Department plans to purchase Carter Kits Sensory bags for each of their 12 patrol cars, which contain items that will aid children and adults in crisis.

MSCF is proud to support these programs that are doing so much good for the local communities –the presence of these dogs is sure to provide comfort and joy to everyone they meet.



Inclusive and Gender-Affirming Care



With its 54-year history of expert health care, Wheeler Health is always looking for ways to improve the health of the communities and populations they serve. Wheeler Health launched a program made to address a community need with a severe local service gap. The program, **Walk With Me**, aims to provide specialized outpatient treatment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ+) patients who are seeking therapeutic and/or peer support to address their specific needs. With no other in-person support services for the LGBTQ+

community in the local service area, and the CDC reporting significant health disparities between LGBTQ+ youth and their peers, this program is an integral component to fulfilling the social and emotional needs of residents.

Walk With Me provides a wide variety of care for LGBTQ+ youth and adults, including primary care, individual and family therapy, LGBTQ+ affirming psychiatric care, gender-affirming hormone therapy, and peer support services, as well as providing information, support and guidance to

LGBTQ-identifying youth, adults, and their families. Having access to this care and the support of parents/caregivers is vitally important to reducing the risk of suicide and decrease depression and anxiety for LGBTQ youth, as well as enhancing the lives and care of LGBTQ+ adults. This program is partially funded by a \$5,000 grant awarded by MSCF from the Bristol Brass General Grant Fund, an unrestricted community fund dedicated to improving the quality of life in MSCF's service area; a mission that is undoubtedly furthered by Wheeler Health's *Walk With Me* program.

5 Goals: Our Strategic Plan

Main Street Community Foundation was founded in 1995 to create a permanent resource of assets to support the Connecticut towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott. Due to the generosity of donors and the commitment of MSCF staff, the Foundation has experienced tremendous growth in recent years, both in regards to the number of donors and funds.

In June 2022, MSCF's Board of Directors approved a 5-year strategic plan, which articulates an updated vision and goals to guide its work in the coming years. The plan identifies targeted priorities rather than addressing all of the Foundation's needs and activities. Each goal has objectives MSCF will pursue and we believe these priorities will strengthen our organization and ultimately fulfill our **Vision of Impact for the Community: Vibrant communities where people have equitable and inclusive opportunities to prosper, participate, and be inspired to give.**



To learn more about the goals and objectives visit our website.

Make an impact. Meet new people. Strengthen your community.

Like other nonprofit organizations, MSCF relies on **volunteers** to carry out our mission through committee work, special events and board service, including work specific to a community or cause through MSCF's community endowments. There are limited volunteer opportunities, but providing information about yourself and your interests can help our team identify potential opportunities. Contact us at office@mainstreetfoundation.org.

New Funds Join MSCF Family

During 2022 and the first quarter of 2023, **15 new funds** have been established. The funds all have different purposes but the donors have one common mission: Make their community a better place by supporting the causes they care about. The new funds established are:

- Bristol Lions Club/James J. Keating Scholarship Fund
- Bristol Route 6 Flag Fund
- Evan J. Chyun Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Paul and Joanne D'Aprile Family Fund
- Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund
- Lt. Dustin DeMonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy Public Safety Scholarship Fund
- Myra Boccardi Desroches Advancing Young Minds Fund
- Jake Gilbert Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship Fund
- Sergeant Alex Hamzy Memorial Fund
- Charlotte Kall Fund for Bristol Adult Resource Center
- Julie Larese Bristol Tramps Scholarship Fund
- Sadecki/Ciechoski Family Charitable Fund
- Jill Lynne Shackett Leadership & Learning Award Fund
- Swicklas Family Scholarship Fund
- The Craig Yarde Scholarship Fund

For the stories of all **281 funds** at the Foundation and to donate online, scan the QR code.



Thank you for making a difference in your community!

SAVE THE DATE



Wonder of Women (WOW)
May 2, 2023
at 5:30pm



MVP Breakfast
June 8, 2023
at 8am

RSVP to MSCF Today!

2022: A Year of Building Vibrant Communities

For nearly three decades, MSCF has worked tirelessly to achieve the vision set forth by the Foundation's Founders: to make **Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington** and **Wolcott** better communities in which to live and work. We accomplish this through strategic investments in arts and culture, education, healthcare, social services and many other community programs.

Since 1995, a lot has changed in the world as well as in our communities, but MSCF has been here through it all as a steady, permanent resource for these towns and their residents. A record **\$2.3 million in grants and scholarships were awarded** to benefit local residents, and now over \$26 million has been invested into your communities since 1995.

These accomplishments were celebrated at MSCF's Annual Meeting on March 10, 2023, when three new directors were also elected.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- \$2.3** million awarded in grants and scholarships
- \$1.5** million in contributions received
- 13** new funds established
- 200+** volunteers supporting MSCF



See all 2022 grants awarded.

New Board Members to Lead the Way



Plainville resident
Brent T. Davenport
of Shaffer Beacon
Mechanical



Burlington resident
Virginia Fitzgerald
of Yarde Metals and
Reliance Steel &
Aluminum Co.



Bristol resident
Suzanne M. Passini
of Tunxis Community
College

Welcoming Alicia Krar, Grants Manager



Alicia joined the Foundation in January 2023 in the role of Grants Manager. She provides overall support for all facets of the grant and scholarship programs to ensure they are administered effectively. Alicia brings 15 years of grant experience from her previous role at the Bristol Public Schools where she managed state and federal grants.

Alicia is a Southington resident and feels rewarded to have joined the Main Street Community Foundation team. She is excited to continue her community support through the grant making and scholarship efforts for the six area towns.



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