

# Main Street Community Foundation gives music students more than \$1,000 in scholarships

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BRISTOL – The Main Street Community Foundation recently presented Bristol music students with more than \$1,000 in scholarships from the Dan Cistulli Memorial Music Fund.

A scholarship reception was held Sept. 1 at the Main Street Foundation's office for seven Bristol students in grades 4 to 8, who were this year's scholarship recipients, along with members of the Cistulli family.

"Last week, Main Street Community Foundation awarded seven Bristol students grants to further their love of music," said Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation. "The students were awarded a total of \$1,020 from the Dan Cistulli Memorial Music Fund at MSCF to support voice or instrumental lessons."

The Dan Cistulli Memorial Music Fund was established by the family of Dante (Dan) Dominic Cistulli II after his death in Jan. 2004. The fund assists young people in Bristol with a love for music, who need financial assistance with lessons and/or instruments.

This year's scholarship recipients ranged from singers to saxophone, clarinet and bassoon players.

"Depending on their skill level, the students received either three one-hour music lessons or six to seven half-hour music lessons this summer," said Rajotte.

Additionally, each student received a certificate to congratulate them on their hard work and completing their summer lessons.

Rajotte said that the reception was an opportunity for the students and their families to meet each other, as well as the Cistulli family, and connect over their shared love of music.

"Music was my brother's life," said John Cistulli, Dan Cistulli's brother. "He lived it, he played it, he wanted other people to have a part of that music. Our family feels very grateful to have the ability to give these awards out to these young musicians. Dan would be very pleased to know his love of music is being carried on."

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Dan Cistulli Memorial Music Fund can donate at [mainstreetfoundation.org](http://mainstreetfoundation.org) or by sending a donation to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

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Scholarship recipients from the Main Street Community Foundation's Dan Cistulli Memorial Music Fund meet members of the Cistulli family at a reception. -Photo submitted by Samantha Rajotte