

FUNDING FOR HEALTH



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Southington Community Cultural Arts received a grant to support its All Access program for neuro-diverse adults.

Barnes Trust donates \$280k to Southington orgs

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SOUTHINGTON – The Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust at the Main Street Community Foundation

has awarded more than \$280,000 to seven non-profit organizations working to improve health outcomes for town residents.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the

Main Street Community Foundation, said that the recently-awarded grants total \$283,705.

“They all support behavioral health, healthcare needs for the aging population, and healthy initiatives and

lifestyle,” she said.

Since the beginning of the year, the Main Street Community Foundation has awarded more than \$910,000 from the Trust. The most recent grants awarded are:

– Bread For Life –

\$43,000 – Continuing support for the meal program for Southington’s food-insecure population totaling over 350 clients, many of whom are homeless. Specifically, the grant will assist with

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Barnes Trust donations total \$910k in 2024, supporting health initiatives

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the purchase of food, related items for packaging, and expenses for meal delivery to home-bound residents, such as gas and vehicle maintenance.

– Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington – \$28,425 – Health, safety and well-being initiatives for Southington’s young children and their caregivers are being supported for the fourth year. Each initiative in the program focuses on a different topic and is delivered in-person at events, through the ECCS website, social media channels and via webinars.

– Friends of Southington Community Services – \$10,000 – Funds will be used for emergency food purchases and other basic needs of Southington residents.

– Southington Community Cultural Arts (SoCCA) – \$25,000 – This grant will support the All Access program for neuro-diverse adults with learning differences. The program teaches

creative work skills, provides a source of income for participants through the sale of their art, and increases socialization and self-confidence.

– Southington Education Foundation (SEF) – \$44,280 – A collaboration between the SEF, STEPS, and the Southington Public Schools will design and implement a new social-emotional learning curriculum in all K-12 classrooms.

– The Orchards at Southington – \$33,000 – Adaptive exercise equipment is being purchased for a newly-renovated gym, which has expanded capacity for residents of the Orchards’ independent and assisted living center as well as community members.

– UCONN Health – \$100,000 – For the third year, a grant supports UConn Health’s Child and Family Development Program, which provides an array of mental-health services for children and families in Southington. The center provides parent support groups, behavior-

al management groups, prevention groups to improve children’s emotional competence, drop-in consultation hours and psychological evaluations for medication.

The Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust was established more than 50 years ago with the express purpose of providing funds for the benefit and betterment of Southington. Since the Main Street Community Foundation was appointed trustee of the Trust in 2004, the Foundation has awarded over \$14 million to local organizations that work to improve the health and wellbeing of Southington residents.

For more information on the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust, or Main Street Community Foundation, call 860-583-6363 or visit mainstreetfoundation.org.

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