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## Boccardi Desroches fund donates to the ‘Little Chef’ cooking, gardening program

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BRISTOL – The Myra Boccardi Desroches Advancing Young Minds Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation (MSCF) recently presented a \$1,000 grant to support the Bristol Child Development Center’s

“Little Chef” program. The Little Chef program provides a hands-on culinary and gardening experience for children and their families. Participants gain cooking and gardening skills and learn nutritional recipes with local produce.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, said the grant will allow the Center to purchase related books for the program to expand their library and enhance the learning experience

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for the students.

“The Myra Boccardi Desroches Advancing Young Minds Fund was established at MSCF in 2022 by Myra’s family to honor her life and her passion for teaching and literacy,” Rajotte

said. “The Fund’s advisors, Michael Desroches and Rebecca Boccardi Zappone, Myra’s husband and sister respectively, support the Fund’s mission by recommending grants to organizations that provide literacy services and resources needed to make

literature more accessible to young minds.”

For more information on the Myra Boccardi Desroches Advancing Young Minds Fund at Main Street Community Foundation, or to donate, visit [fundraising.advancingyoungminds.org](https://fundraising.advancingyoungminds.org).