

## **CRUISIN' ON MAIN ANNOUNCES CRUISIN' 2017 MINI GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**Manchester, CT** The Cruisin' on Main Street Committee is proud to announce the grant recipients from its Cruisin' 2017 Mini Grant Program. \$19,930.00 has been awarded to nineteen organizations to be used for programs of benefit to the Manchester community. They are:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church Food Pantry
- Bowers PTA
- Building Healthy Families Inc.
- Cast Inc.
- Department of Leisure, Family & Recreation
- East Side Neighborhood Blockwatch
- Friends of Music at Emanuel
- Imagine Main Street
- Little Theater of Manchester
- MHS Project Graduation
- Manchester Art Assoc.
- Manchester Early Learning Center
- Manchester Garden Club
- Manchester Land Trust
- Manchester Public Library
- MACC
- MARC, Inc.
- Perennial Planters of Manchester
- Rebuilding Together of Manchester

Additional funds distributed by Cruisin' 2017 include:

- \$3,000.00 to the Cruisin' on Main Street John "Randy" Thrall Scholarship administered by the Manchester Scholarship Foundation. The Cruisin' on Main Committee established the scholarship in 2014. This scholarship was established to commemorate John "Randy" Thrall, a longstanding member of the Committee who passed away in March of 2012. Cruisin' on Main Street makes an annual contribution to the scholarship fund.
- \$3,700.00 to the Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT), the Manchester High School Cheerleaders and BPOE Elks Lodge 1893 for support services performed during Cruisin' 2017.

Since its inception Cruisin' on Main Street has awarded \$89,000.00 to local organizations.

Sharing the history and artistry of vintage vehicles within the context of Manchester's historic Downtown, and giving back to the community are the primary motivations of Cruisin' Committee members. The Committee is proud to see the benefits of Cruisin' extend far beyond the day of the event to serve the people of Manchester.