



## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Contact: Sharon Cichy, Chief Strategy Officer, Main Street Connect  
301.580.1531 | [sharonc@mainstreetconnect.org](mailto:sharonc@mainstreetconnect.org)



Date: April 22, 2022

## The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Awards Grant To Main Street Connect, Furthering Movement of Inclusion

(ROCKVILLE, MD) - [Main Street Connect](https://www.mainstreetconnect.org) is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from The Cafritz Foundation.

This grant supports Main Street's mission to create dynamic opportunities through affordable, inclusive housing and community engagement so people with all abilities can live their best lives.

Today, fewer than 1 in 4 adults with disabilities live independently and most lack meaningful engagement in their communities. Main Street offers a solution, and a model for others to replicate locally and nationwide. With a robust calendar of in-person and virtual [programs](#) centered around culture, movement and more, Main Street is a model for equity across abilities and backgrounds.

*"We are overwhelmed with gratitude to be a grant recipient of The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation! This incredibly generous gift will allow us to continue promoting wellness, connection and engagement. We are improving the quality of life for our residents, members and community!!"*

- Jillian Copeland, Founder and Executive Director, Main Street Connect

### About Main Street Connect

[Main Street Connect](https://www.mainstreetconnect.org) (501c3) is the first community-oriented, affordable, accessible housing solution to redefine the concept of inclusion through membership and programming for people of all abilities. Our community is a culture of kindness, opportunity and possibility, improving quality of life for everyone and moving the needle for more inclusive communities across the nation.

### About The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

[The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation](https://www.morrisandgwendolyncafritz.org) is deeply committed to improving the quality of life for all Washington, DC metropolitan area residents. The Foundation responds to community needs and opportunities in the areas of Arts and Humanities, Community Services, Education, the Environment and Health. As the largest private, independent foundation focused exclusively on the DC region, the Foundation is proud to have supported hundreds of organizations since its founding in 1948.

THE MORRIS & GWENDOLYN  
CAFTRITZ FOUNDATION