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Manchester College Will Use Donation To Advance Downtown Center

MCC On Main Due To Open In May

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MANCHESTER — —

The Manchester Community College Foundation recently received a \$333,333 donation from the Jarvis Trust, an unrestricted gift that will be used in part for MCC on Main, the arts and education center downtown.

Alexander and Alice Jarvis were prominent real estate [developers](#) in town. As a realtor, contractor and property developer Alexander Jarvis built hundreds of post-World War II Cape Cod-style houses, according to a news release. Also, many of the town's first shopping centers and the Main Street construction of the 1940s were Jarvis hallmarks, the release said.

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This is the second gift to the college from the Jarvis Trust. The initial bequest in 2006 was instrumental in [funding](#) the renovation of the Culinary Arts Center, the release said.

MCC on Main, at the town-owned building at 901 Main St., will [house](#) an arts and education center coordinated by the college. The building was a gift from First Niagara bank to the town and included a \$500,000 unrestricted grant to the MCC Foundation. MCC on Main is expected to open in May, according to the release.

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