

Momentum

In Motion

The Dayton Foundation 2021-22 Report to the Community







Momentum in Motion: Our Enduring Gratitude

Our Message to the Community

As time passes, one thing has stayed constant in Greater Dayton – the community’s momentum for building a better tomorrow for all. This feeling has never been stronger at The Dayton Foundation. This past fiscal year, we reached new milestones in giving and continued to expand leadership initiatives and new efforts, thanks to our fund holders and community partners.

More than 4,000 individuals and families like you have entrusted The Dayton Foundation to fulfill their charitable goals since 1921, and we are honored to support your generous and worthy endeavors. We’re proud to steward all of our funds and grateful to those individuals who joined the Foundation’s family last fiscal year as we launched our second century of service. Thanks in part to the outstanding recognition of the Foundation’s 100th anniversary, which concluded in December 2021, we were delighted to welcome 336 new charitable funds in supporting both current and future needs in Greater Dayton and beyond. Included among them were several funds created by local nonprofit organizations to build their financial sustainability through endowments or to lift up special community projects.

The Foundation and its fund holders gave more than ever last year to assist thousands of

charitable efforts. Nearly 24,000 grant awards surpassed \$67 million – an all-time high in the Foundation’s history – bringing total dollars awarded to charity to more than \$1.16 billion since our establishment. These grants supported a wide range of causes, including education; arts and culture; conservation and sustainability; diversity and equity; religion; and more. Additionally, gifts made to new and existing funds held at the Foundation set a new record with \$482.8 million received in a single year. Total assets for all funds under management reached a record high of \$1.04 billion at fiscal year-end.

Whether we’re helping fund holders help others or collaborating with public, private and governmental agencies, we must work together to build a brighter, more equitable and prosperous future for all. The difficult and tragic events, natural and man-made, that transpired in recent years are examples of why this is more important than ever.

Thanks to the dynamic work to rebuild following the 2019 tornadoes, our region today stands stronger. Last fiscal year, the Foundation and dozens of other organizations as part of the Miami Valley Long-Term Recovery



Operations Group concluded individual tornado recovery, with more than 2,000 individuals and families receiving assistance from the Foundation’s Greater Dayton Disaster Relief Fund. This fund was made possible thanks to \$3 million in gifts received from caring individuals. Additional work continues through the fund to support community

projects, including park restoration and community garden development. Plus, qualified tornado-impacted renters are getting support through the Tornado Survivor Pathways to Homeownership Program so they can fulfill their dreams of becoming first-time homeowners. The combined efforts of the MVLTRQG's compassionate leaders made this work possible, and now their innovative, collaborative approach to disaster recovery is being replicated nationwide.

Every day, The Dayton Foundation is called upon to help advance purposeful and transformative community-driven solutions. As you will read in this Report to the Community, significant strides are being made in the Foundation's leadership initiatives. These include harnessing the talents and expertise of older adults to advance area nonprofit initiatives; promoting racial equity through the Nonprofit Capacity-Building Partnership and The Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities; and more.

Also this past year, we witnessed further development of the Northwest Dayton Partnership, a collaboration between The Dayton Foundation, Learn to Earn Dayton, the City of Dayton, CityWide, Dayton Public Schools, Omega CDC, Preschool Promise and others, as well as a wide host of stakeholders. Together, with a steering committee comprised

of individuals who live and work in Northwest Dayton, these partners are developing a vision for their community's future. It's an exciting initiative that puts the planning and funding decisions in the control of area residents. Look for more information about this effort in the months ahead.

To all of you who are part of our collective family by investing your time, talent and treasure, we thank you. Your commitment to The Dayton Foundation and to the charitable causes near and dear to you inspires us each and every day, and it's our privilege to help you help others. We kindly ask you to be a part of our *Momentum in Motion* by sharing this copy of the Foundation's Report to the Community with your family or friends, or you may contact us for additional copies. Together, we can encourage others to become a force for good in our community and beyond.



David T. Miller
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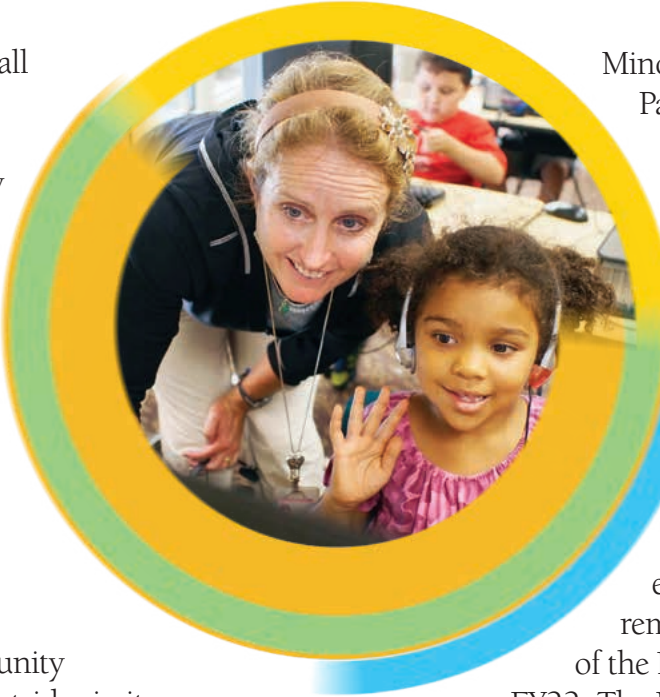
Michael M. Parks, CFRE, President



Momentum in Motion: A Better Community for All

From helping to ensure all individuals have access to the internet, to establishing age-friendly communities, The Dayton Foundation prioritized diversity, equity and inclusion efforts in its leadership initiatives for fiscal year 2022.

The Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative, which employs the talents of skilled, older adults to address community needs, made significant strides in its partnerships with area nonprofit organizations. This past year, eight fellows were at work in the region. One fellow partnered with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and nine communities to help the Miami Valley become Ohio's first designated Age-Friendly Region. Another fellow helped to establish a network with Brunner Literacy Center for nonprofits to aid clients at risk for low levels of literacy. In addition, Fellow Beth Grubb's work with the Dayton Chamber of Commerce's



Minority Business Partnership has helped the organization better serve its constituents by providing meaningful data to foster inclusive growth among minority and economically disadvantaged businesses.

Promoting racial equity and awareness remained at the forefront of the Foundation's work in FY22. The Nonprofit Capacity-

Building Partnership Initiative, a collaboration between The Dayton Foundation and the Mathile Family Foundation, continued efforts to strengthen Black-led nonprofits and organizations predominately serving African Americans. The program offered

robust programming and resources to its 21 member organizations in hopes of creating a network that will help them succeed and better support underserved minorities in the region.

Another Foundation initiative, The Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities, launched several impactful efforts, including the Regional Equity Calendar that promotes opportunities for equity training and events; the Miami Valley Regional Broadband and Digital Equity Forum to discuss and address local issues around broadband infrastructure and access; and the

Environmental Justice Academy, a training program developed





in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for community, nonprofit and environmental leaders to identify and address environmental challenges in their communities.

This innovative program is key to developing a

network of individuals who are committed to building an equitable, healthy and thriving Dayton Region.

Momentum also is building with the Northwest Dayton Partnership, a collaborative, placed-based effort focused on strengthening racial, ethnic and economic equity in this primarily Black-led community. Representatives from governmental, educational and nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups and others are working alongside area

residents and business leaders to develop a comprehensive strategy to align resources and identify opportunities so that together they can create solutions and meaningful change for individuals and families. Learn to Earn Dayton is continuing to facilitate this initiative, with capacity-building assistance and support provided by The Dayton Foundation.



“Our Del Mar Encore fellow led an initiative and conducted a survey focused on understanding the barriers to success for minority businesses in the Dayton area. We never could have done this without our fellow. People are referring to the survey and quoting the data. The impact is huge in helping direct future efforts,” said Belinda Matthews Stenson, vice president of Business Inclusion for the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. “The work we have achieved, thanks to our fellow, has been great. The data is being used by the community, and we have shared the findings with both the State of Ohio and the Small Business Association. It’s critical to have analytics we can use to direct our programming.”



“I was inspired to become a part of the Environmental Justice Academy, because it heightens awareness about the environmental conditions, disparities and deficiencies that are detrimental to the health and well-being of our families and children and contribute to higher mortality rates among people of color,” said Gayle Fowler, a 2022 graduate of the program. Gayle recently was elected vice president for the National Environmental Justice Alumni Association. “EJA provides expanded knowledge and tools for individuals to build community capacity, develop and enhance leadership skills, and become strong advocates to mitigate the disparities in our region. I hope to create engaging and informative opportunities with my cohort and peers in other regions to educate and increase our understanding of environmental justice.”

Momentum in Motion: Impacting Lives

More than 23,700 grants and program distributions totaling \$67.7 million were awarded from Dayton Foundation funds this past fiscal year (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022). Since 1921, the Foundation has distributed

more than 425,000 grants totaling \$1.16 billion – an impressive sum that shows how The Dayton Foundation and its donors have become a force for good over the last century.

The Dayton Foundation's competitive grants programs resumed in 2021, after pausing to direct much-needed resources to nonprofit organizations serving individuals most impacted by the pandemic. More than \$1.2 million in discretionary and Greenlight GrantsSM awards was distributed to 44 area nonprofits in FY2022 for innovative and impactful projects that are changing the landscape of Greater Dayton. Support for these projects is made possible by donors who place little or no restrictions on the grants awarded from their funds, allowing the Foundation to respond to pressing community needs and find proactive, long-term solutions. Organizations awarded discretionary or Greenlight Grants of more than \$5,000 are highlighted here.

Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice (\$25,000) bike and walking trail

Beaver Creek Wetlands Association (\$50,000) regional trail system

Boys & Girls Club of Dayton (\$21,250) new development professional hire

Clothes That Work (\$12,500) mobile outreach vehicle

The Co (\$25,000) larger art exhibition space at the Dayton Arcade

Co-op Dayton-Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative (\$75,000) Westside Makerspace launch

Dayton Art Institute (\$70,000) life-sized sculpture of Paul Laurence Dunbar

Dayton Society of Natural History (\$75,000) Bieser Room of Wonders renovations

East End Community Services (\$125,000) two warehouse space renovations

The Foodbank (\$75,000) new freezer unit
4C for Children (\$5,000) furnishings and equipment

Friends of Aullwood (\$25,000) building renovations for accessibility

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio (\$75,000) “green” shelter at Camp Whip Poor Will

Good Neighbor House (\$75,000) facility and services expansion

Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley (\$24,088) adaptive equipment scholarships

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton (\$62,500) roof replacement





- Learning Tree Farm (\$11,375)** equipment barn construction
- Miami Valley Meals (\$39,000)** walk-in freezer
- Montgomery County Ohio College Promise (\$100,000)** Extend the Promise campaign support
- Overfield Tavern Museum (\$25,000)** historic log building repairs
- Places Inc. (\$7,500)** appliances and furniture

- Senior Resource Connection (\$5,000)** insulated food bags
- St. Anne's Hill Historic Society (\$6,844)** playground equipment
- WYSO Public Radio (\$25,000)** new satellite location at the Dayton Arcade
- YES! For Youth (\$5,000)** network server system
- YMCA of Greater Dayton (\$100,000)** Northwest Dayton health and wellness campus



Arseculeratne, Community Engagement officer, at (937) 225-9966.

Grant Guidelines
 The Dayton Foundation welcomes requests for discretionary and Greenlight GrantsSM from Greater Dayton organizations that are recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation's discretionary grants are awarded for new efforts or expansions of existing projects or initiatives, as well as capital and other special projects that enable organizations to expand services. Projects must represent unique and unduplicated efforts that will affect a substantial number of people. Greenlight Grants are small, quick grants awarded to local, nonprofit organizations in need of funding for special projects, program expansions, capital improvements or capacity building. For more information on these and other grant opportunities, visit daytonfoundation.org/typeofgrnts.html or contact Tania

"We are so thankful for The Dayton Foundation's grant that allowed us to build our new freezer and cooler. With this new space, we have doubled The Foodbank's cold storage capacity, allowing us to accept more donations and distribute more fresh, healthy food to the community," said Mary Beringer, grant writer for The Foodbank. "Protein, produce and dairy are some of our most requested items, and they all require refrigeration. Thanks to The Dayton Foundation, we can deliver more of what our neighbors want and need."



"Grants from The Dayton Foundation supported our expansion of programs and the final phase of construction to open what we consider our community gateway, linking the soon-to-be-bustling Arcade rotunda to The Contemporary Dayton (The Co) through The CoSHOP," said Eva Buttacavoli, executive director of The Co. "We truly are grateful for the Foundation's support, as we were able to leverage this grant to further our goal of making Dayton a thriving art community that utilizes the arts to educate and empower changes in the health and social well-being of its residents."

Momentum in Motion: Your Generosity at Work

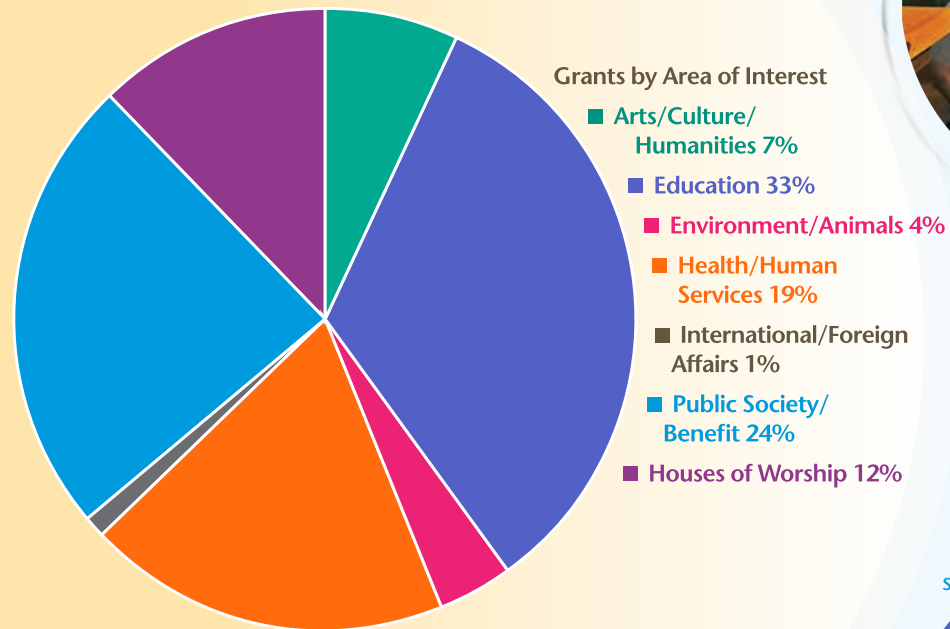


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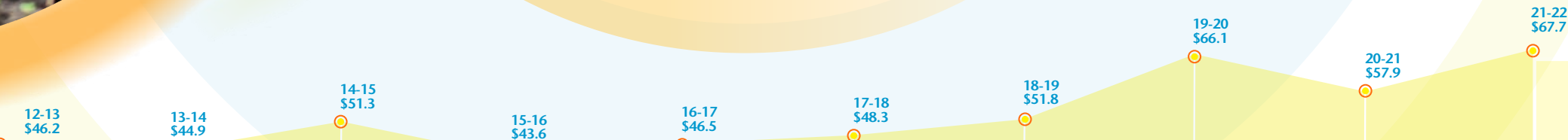
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Grant Distributions From All Funds Over the Past Decade (in millions)

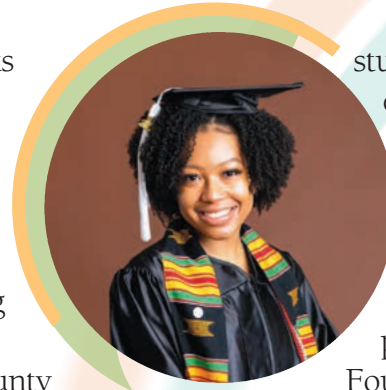
Momentum in Motion: Helping Youth Chase Their Dreams



The Dayton Foundation and its family of donors are putting youth on the road to future success by supporting innovative classroom experiences and awarding scholarships to help students with rising educational costs. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022,

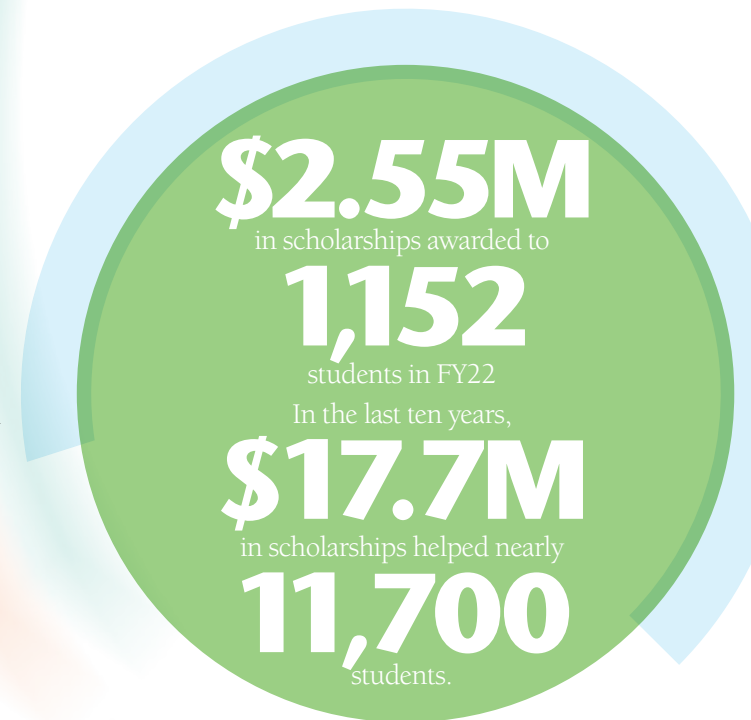
more than \$25.1 million in grants and scholarships was awarded from Dayton Foundation funds to support education. Of this amount, nearly \$2.6 million was awarded in scholarships to aid 1,152 students who are pursuing their dreams.

The Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program and Montgomery County Ohio College Promise, two component funds of The Dayton Foundation, are building significant momentum on efforts to ensure all area youth have the resources they need to attain higher educational degrees. Together, these funds awarded \$809,183 in scholarships to 697 students in fiscal year 2022. DMCSF, which began offering renewable scholarships in 2021 to help boost college completion rates, and MCOCP, which recently wrapped up its Extend the Promise Campaign that raised \$2.81 million to give additional students access to higher education, are instrumental in providing youth whose lives are impacted by poverty with an opportunity to not only go to college, but to persist and complete their degrees. MCOCP's model has been particularly successful, with 77 percent of its scholars earning post-secondary credentials or still persisting, which is 19 percent higher than Montgomery County



students as a whole. The fundraising campaign's success brings the total number of students who will be impacted by the program over two decades to 1,000.

In addition, 14 education and community foundations partnered with The Dayton Foundation to award nearly \$1.8 million in grants to enhance area school districts. These foundations and all Dayton Foundation fund holders have access to a wealth of charitable giving resources and the





included equipment and materials for a drone technology and design course at Butler High School; playground equipment for special needs and other students at Demmitt Elementary School; technology upgrades in the Vandalia-Butler Planetarium at Smith Middle School; and more. Partnerships The Dayton Foundation shares with area foundations, like the one with Vandalia-Butler Foundation, are strengthening area school districts and enriching the educational experiences of students throughout our region.

guidance of Foundation staff.

Affiliated and component funds are led by local individuals who have a vested interest in their particular community or charitable cause. They also benefit from The Dayton Foundation's services, including investment management, grant and donation processing, fund development, marketing support, and much more.

One such fund had a particularly impactful year. The Vandalia-Butler Foundation awarded a record \$35,873 in educational grants and funded \$22,500 in future commitments for innovative classroom initiatives. Projects supported by these grants, primarily awarded through its VISIONS Endowment Fund,



"College Promise originally raised enough money to fund the program for more than a decade," said Patrick Gill, PhD, executive director of Montgomery County Ohio College Promise. "This was the first time we returned to

the community for a renewed investment, and we received contributions from nearly 100 new donors. We couldn't have met our goal without The Dayton Foundation, which contributed directly to the campaign and helped us make new connections. Clearly, Greater Dayton is committed to closing the achievement gap for under-resourced students."

"By completing a college degree, a new world of possibilities will be open to me. A college education will increase my knowledge, outlook on life and earning potential. It will help end generational poverty and set a new pathway for

me. These are all things that help people reach their full potential, and I want to be one of those people," said Joel Martin, a Wittenberg University freshman, who participates in club soccer and men's track and field. "Thank you for providing me with this scholarship. This has meant the world to me, and I will cherish it with every accomplishment, remembering who helped me get here."



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The Dayton Foundation and its charitable activities are governed by a Board of 15 experienced civic leaders, who also serve as the Board of Trustees for charitable organizations within the Foundation and on standing Board committees. Additionally, hundreds of community volunteers serve on fund grantmaking and scholarship committees. Learn more at daytonfoundation.org/govboard.html.

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Momentum in Motion: A Force for Good

Springboro residents Heather and Jesse Maleszewski find joy in supporting their community. Although they once considered leaving for better professional opportunities, they chose to stay close to home and share their blessings with neighbors in need.

“Seeing the region rebound from its challenges over the years to build a new, vibrant workforce and support each other through difficulties and heartaches, all while being near friends and family, has been a delightful part of our lives,” said Jesse, cofounder of Evolutionary Health Solutions, LLC and Sand Hill, Inc. “Contributing in our small way to broader revitalization has been gratifying.”

The organizations they support through their Dayton Foundation Donor-Advised Fund



Jesse and Heather Maleszewski with their children

are near and dear to their hearts. The couple’s twins spent two weeks in the NICU at Dayton Children’s when they were born in 2019, prompting them to help fund equipment and other needs for the hospital.

“It’s such a scary situation when you have a sick child in the hospital. Knowing there is such an astonishing resource in Dayton, with state-of-the-art equipment to help children in need, provides peace of mind that your child is in good hands,” said Heather, chief operating officer of Sand Hill, Inc.

They also support The Dayton Compassion Church, a local Rwandan refugee church, where Jesse serves as president. The church helps

members learn how to live within and understand the American culture.

“Many of them have been through some of the most horrible situations due to witnessing genocide or their experiences in refugee camps,” Jesse said. “Despite these horrific challenges, our members are some of the most joyous and thankful individuals. We’re happy to call them our friends and family.”

The Maleszewskis feel it is important to demonstrate charitable giving to their twins as they grow up and often involve them in giving through their church, visiting patients at Dayton Children’s or making baked goods for neighbors and friends in need.

“Supporting people, who find themselves in the circumstance of need and are striving to make their lives better, is the perfect way to help in the short term,” Heather said. “In the long term, hopefully, those people will find themselves in the position to give, not just with money, but with time, love, hope, etc. This will help us to build the momentum toward a better future.”

Dr. Edmund Moore comes by his charitable spirit naturally. Raised by parents who dedicated their lives and careers to helping others, Edmund credits their generosity as his inspiration to give back through his volunteerism and charitable funds.

“My parents volunteered through their church, fraternities, sororities and other civic



**Dr. Edmund Moore
with his daughters**

groups. They even had a garden to provide fruits and vegetables for neighbors and those in need,” said Edmund, a senior engineer and program manager at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Born and raised in Georgia, Edmund has called Dayton home for most of his adult life, immersing himself in service for organizations, including Parity Inc., and Omega Baptist Church. He also has volunteered for local community development projects and most recently chaired the 2022 Dayton District Combined Federal Campaign, which helped more than 5,000 local and worldwide charities garner critical support. In addition, he recently published his third book, *Financial Freedom: Doing Nothing is an Option*, as he said, “to help individuals put themselves in a position of being a giver.”

Becoming a part of the Foundation’s family and its momentum as the region’s charitable leader was his reasoning behind establishing a Charitable Checking AccountSM in 2012, a designated endowed fund in 2017 and a designated non-endowed fund in 2021 through the African-American Community Fund, a component fund of The Dayton Foundation.

“The connections made with the staff and other donors bear fruit in other ways

through a cross-pollination process, whereby one’s giving in time and dollars are boosted. By joining with the greater community, one has more opportunities to give back beyond dollars,” Edmund said. “Plenty of times I have shared what the Foundation is doing in the community with others who have never heard of it. Often, they get more involved in charitable giving afterwards.”

Edmund particularly is proud to support causes that lift up the African-American community and hopes to inspire others to do the same.

“It is important to give. One never knows when unforeseen circumstances will strike them in this life and require the support of others,” he said. “As much as we may think it, we are not islands. We never know when we may require the kindness and generosity of others. This is why I give.” 🌿

Whether they’re helping people through their careers, volunteerism or church, Dayton residents Carol and Jim Marker believe in the power of sharing with others. They credit a deep faith rooted in the bible passage, “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” as the inspiration for their desire to give back.

“We live in one of the most blessed countries in the world, yet we have neighbors,

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Carol and
Jim Marker

friends and loved ones in Greater Dayton who need help and support. Local nonprofits rely on charitably inclined individuals and families to provide the resources necessary to fulfill their purpose,” said Carol, a registered nurse who, along with Jim, is active in her church. “Dayton is a great place to live and work, and it becomes better every day. We’re proud to support the charities which are working hard to make that a reality.”

To simplify their charitable giving, the Markers established a Charitable Checking AccountSM through The Dayton Foundation in

2010, a service Jim recommends to his clients in his work as a financial planner for The Borland Group.

“When we heard about the service, we were drawn to the ease of contributing to our fund for income tax purposes with the ability to suggest which charities would receive that money now or in the future,” Jim said. “It was a perfect fit.”

The Markers feel it is “exciting to be a part of the momentum of good things happening through The Dayton Foundation” and encourage others to do the same.

“We all have interests that capture our hearts, and we should reach out to find the charities serving those interests and find ways to support them with our financial resources and time,” Jim said. “We feel privileged to have the opportunity to join with the Foundation and its supporters in making a real difference in our community.”

When Lauren and Yusaku Kawai met at Oakwood High School in the late 1990s, little did they know that together they would build a life centered on family, community and giving back. Today, their roles as philanthropists and servant leaders are making a difference in the region they have called home for most of their lives.

The desire to give back led the Kawai to

create a more permanent charitable legacy. In 2021, they created a Donor-Advised Fund through The Dayton Foundation in hopes of one day passing it on to their three children.

“We are fortunate to be able to give back and feel it is the right thing to do,” said Yusaku, a software engineer for Lockheed Martin. “The Dayton Foundation’s history and reputation, plus the easy, straightforward process of working with them, made opening a fund an easy decision.”

In addition to their charitable giving, the Kawai are active in the community. Lauren serves on the Oakwood Board of Education and volunteers at several Oakwood schools. Yusaku serves as a trustee on the Oakwood Schools Foundation, a member of the city’s Budget Review Committee and a soccer coach for OHS. They have supported various projects, such as OSF’s Flourish campaign to enhance performing arts at OHS, a computer center in the newly renovated children’s space at Wright Library and a new playground at Smith Elementary, with both their time and treasure.

They enjoy being a part of the momentum of The Dayton Foundation and Greater Dayton as a whole, which they feel expands the depth of their giving throughout the region.

“Most of our focus is on causes that are personally meaningful to us. The Foundation

allows us to broaden that scope. We often look at its publications or the discretionary grant awards listed on its website to see what giving opportunities exist in the area of which we may be unaware,” Yusaku said.

This is important, Lauren said, because many organizations rely on donations and community support to operate.

“Any amount can make a difference,” she said. “Margaret Mead’s quote nicely sums up the importance of giving. ‘Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.’” 🌱



Yusaku and
Lauren Kawai with
their children



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