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The Dayton Foundation

The Changing Face of the Times

The face of philanthropy is changing...When The Dayton Foundation was founded in 1921, it was started by NCR’s John H. Patterson and his family. Their funds are what sustained the Foundation for many decades.

Today the Foundation represents nearly 3,000 individual donors from all walks of life and their charitable funds. Collectively this past year, they made 14,000 grants through The Dayton Foundation, totaling nearly $39 million and providing untold benefit to Greater Dayton.

It took a sea change of sorts for The Dayton Foundation to evolve to represent so many local families. But that is precisely what a community foundation is designed to do.

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The Dayton Foundation has found itself thrust into the forefront of this leadership change by circumstances and the imperatives of the moment. It was not a position we asked for, but one that person after person said they saw no one else who could assume this role.

This leadership role is one of converter and collaborator, capable of bringing sometimes disparate groups together to tackle tough community issues. It’s not that the Foundation hasn’t played this role before, being a truly neutral, private-sector party that represents no single interest other than the good of the community as a whole.

It comes from being a well-established and trusted organization that is home to the charitable funds of thousands of people who have a wide range of views and charitable interests and have made lasting commitments to this region.

This rare mix of circumstances gives community foundations that have a long history a natural leadership base that individuals and organizations are drawn to when no other solution is working.

In the challenging times we face, the Foundation is being called upon more and more to tackle broader and deeper community issues. The Foundation has the will and the ability to lead in these situations, but we are limited. Often we do not have the staff time to unravel the intricacies of seemingly impossible problems and to work with fine individuals and organizations that often don’t see eye to eye on the issue at hand.

What makes this possible are unrestricted resources, of which The Dayton Foundation has precious few—currently just 5 percent. Continued on page 6

Mission of the Dayton Foundation: To strengthen our community through philanthropy and leadership.

What Is The Dayton Foundation?

When people think of charitable foundations, typically they think of private foundations representing a single philanthropist, family or company. Community foundations like The Dayton Foundation are public charities, created by and for the people in a local area. The Dayton Foundation’s core purpose is to help you help others.

The Dayton Foundation represents nearly 3,000 individuals and families from nearly every walk of life and background, joined by a common purpose: the desire to help society and the community. These individuals have made a commitment to help today or through their estates.

Community foundations are very long-sighted organizations. They are distinguished by their mission to be here in perpetuity and manage donors’ charitable wishes and the “community capital” they have invested to meet Greater Dayton’s changing needs and opportunities.

The beauty of community foundations is in the diversity of their base. People of modest means stand side by side with well-known Dayton philanthropists to form a community philanthropic foundation that is strong and deep beyond measure.

The Dayton Foundation has innovative giving vehicles, from “Charitable Checking Accounts” to private foundation alternatives that enable charitable people to find exactly the dollars, flexibility and give-and-growth that their charitable wishes and goals demand.

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Individual and Other Gifts to the Operating Fund

2006: Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders.

The Foundation funded a study through the University of Dayton’s Community College to focus on student training in fields with the best local employment prospects, ultimately securing a new education school’s future at a time when its future was uncertain.


Funding led braces for children afflicted with polio, easing the unemployment situation during the Great Depression and underwriting after-school programs during World War II. We early focused for Dayton Foundation grants.

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Visionary ($15,000 or Above)


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The Dayton Foundation has a new initiative to help preserve Greater Dayton’s natural environment, Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment. What is this, and why did you take on this community effort?

A: Parks. This is a really exciting initiative that may involve as many as 43 Greater Dayton nonprofit environmental and conservation organizations as potential partners. Our region is blessed with an abundance of nature preserves, parks, rivers and farmland—and nonprofit organizations focused on the preservation and enhancement of them.

We are exploring with these organizations ways we can help them partner to bring new resources to Greater Dayton by securing outside funding for environmental collaborations and to share information and other resources that will strengthen the work and capacity of these nonprofits. The Dayton Foundation is partnering in this initiative with the Miami Conservancy District, with additional support from Five Rivers MetroParks and the Foundation’s Greater Dayton Conservation Fund.

Q: Tell us about The Dayton Foundation’s Nonprofit “Allies Support Program” and why it may be so important to charities at risk in a volatile economy.

A: The changing economy has challenged people from all walks of life. It is no different for nonprofit organizations. As a partner to and supporter of these nonprofits, we have a heightened awareness and deep appreciation of how important they are to the quality of all our lives. Some predictions are that over the next two years nationally, 1 in 10 nonprofit organizations could fail. We cannot let this happen to Greater Dayton. Two other funding partners—DP&L Foundation and Montgomery County—agreed. Earlier this year we gathered 142 representatives from 73 nonprofit organizations to outline a new initiative that will give structured support to a pilot group of organizations.

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Charles A. Jones and President Michael M. Parks

Q&A: The Dayton Foundation Community Leadership Initiatives and Their Impact

An Interview with Foundation Chair

Tracy H. & Irvin G. Bieser, Jr.

The thread of history runs through the Bieser family. Intertwined with a passion for arts and the environment, the thread links generations of the families of Tracy and Irvin G. Bieser. Irvin’s grandmother moved to Dayton as a young career woman. She carried with her the memory of her mother’s love of gardening and the arts, and her family’s support for local charities. “I learned about voluntarism early on,” said Tracy. “It became a part of who I am.”

Her volunteerism and philanthropy span a long list of Greater Dayton arts, environmental, social service and historical organizations, where she’s held numerous leadership positions. Her work on the creation of Sunwatch’s Intermuse Center is close to her heart, in that it “helps children understand the history of our region.”

“It is important to understand what made this region great—great, hard-working people with great ideas.” —Oxford resident Irvin Bieser

The changing economy and recent financial challenges have confronted nonprofit organizations with new obstacles. The Dayton Foundation has responded in a number of ways to stretch the impact of its resources and support Greater Dayton’s nonprofit organizations.

Three initiatives have resulted in The Foundation’s enhanced efforts to support Greater Dayton’s nonprofit organizations:

- The Foundation has been working with Greater Dayton’s nonprofit organizations for many years as a grantmaker. In recent years, The Foundation has become even more involved in helping its nonprofit partners to improve their effectiveness and capacity.
- The Foundation is partnering with Five Rivers MetroParks and area arts organizations to ensure that they are able to continue their important work.

The Foundation is committed to supporting Greater Dayton nonprofit organizations in all their efforts. Through its community leadership initiatives, The Foundation is working to help our region’s nonprofit organizations achieve their goals and continue to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families in Greater Dayton.

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Nonprofit organizations are an important part of our region. They provide services to individuals and families in need, support the arts and culture, and preserve our natural environment. The Dayton Foundation is committed to supporting these organizations and helping them to thrive.

The Foundation has provided grants to a wide variety of nonprofit organizations, including those that provide food and shelter to the homeless, support education and arts programs, and protect our natural resources. These organizations are essential to the well-being of our community, and The Foundation is proud to be a part of their success.

We encourage you to support these organizations and to consider making a donation to The Dayton Foundation. Your generosity will help to ensure that these organizations are able to continue their critical work. Thank you for your support.

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Grantmaking Highlights

In the past decade, the Foundation has distributed more than 141,000 grants totaling $506 million. The impact of these grants is widespread and speaks volumes about our community’s generosity and about how The Dayton Foundation has helped individuals help others.

Scholarships Help Students Focus on Future

Nearl 1,100 Greater Dayton students are getting a boost with their education, thanks to some $31 million in scholarships, awarded by 124 Dayton Foundation funds. Included in this amount is $695,800, awarded by the Dayton-Beckett Scholarship Program, a fund of The Dayton Foundation since 2006. In the last 10 years, more than 6,300 students have received some $7 million in scholarships through The Dayton Foundation.

Kids Can Be Kids, Thanks to Campership Grants

For decades, former workers Robert and Helen Harmony, giving chil- dren an opportunity they did not have as children – a chance to go to camp – was the dream of establishing their Dayton Founda- tion fund. To date, more than $543,000 has been awarded to resident and health-related camps, thanks to their Foundation fund. This has provided 4,515 children in need with the opportunity to go to camp and enjoying their childhood.

This past year, 11 Foundation funds awarded campership grants totaling $89,290, $50,000 from the Harmony’s fund alone.

Strengthening Community Through Discretionary Grants

In addition to nearly $38 million awarded to charity by the request of Foundation donors, additional grants were made through the Foundation’s discretionary grant- making process. By placing no restrictions on the grants awarded from their funds, a number of donors have enabled the Founda- tion to address many of our commu- nity’s most pressing problems and opportunities.

This past year, The Dayton Foundation awarded 80 dis-cretionary grants, totaling $899,829, to support a wide range of com-

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lation is overwhelming – some-
times bringing in 22 cats a day,” said Brian Weltge, executive director of The Humane Society of Greater Dayton. “It is not uncommon for the animals to be overcrowded in some cases, with one shelter reporting 22 cats a day.”

The Humane Society of Greater Dayton is one of the many organizations that benefit from the Dayton Community Foundation’s discretionary grant program. This year, the Foundation awarded $426,000 to 124 organizations, helping them to support a wide range of com-

Dayton Ballet Association ($6,500) – support the marketing of new productions to ballet com-
panies in the United States.

Dayton Contemporary Dance Company ($200,000) – support the development of an arts-inte-
education program.

Dayton History ($75,000) – aid in the construction of Carillon Park’s Heritage Center of Dayton Manu-
facturing & Entrepreneurship.

Dayton Society of Natural Histo-
y ($10,000) – assist in develop-
ing an interactive science exhibit.

Downtown Dayton Partnership ($10,000) – support the develop-
ment of a community-wide plan for Downtown Dayton.

Echoing Hills Village ($8,000) – help purchase a handicapped-
accessible van.

Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment ($700) – and this new leadership initiative to sup-
port the region’s environmental and conser-
evations efforts.

 Hospice of Dayton Foundation ($25,000) – provide pallia-
tive care services for patients with advanced illnesses.

Kids in New Directions ($10,000) – help expand programs for un-
der-served youth.

The Learning Tree Farm ($25,000) – help fund facility and farm improvements program.

OneSource Development Corpora-
tion ($25,000) – provide aid for the construction of a water spray park.

City of Miamisburg ($50,000) – support the renovation of CARE House, an adv-
cacy center for abused children.

CityPark ($25,000) – help enrich underserved neighborhoods by expanding a community arts program.

Dayton Area League of Women Voters ($10,000) – help enable the funding of an education direc-
tor for the Dayton Area League of Women Voters and Kids Voting

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Project CURE ($20,000) – help purchase computer software to better serve individuals addicted to drugs.

Reach Out of Montgomery County ($19,500) – help establish a Chronic Care Clinic for under-
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St. Vincent Hotel ($25,000) – aid in developing a housing program for homeless families with dis-
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Victoria Theatre Association ($8,500) – help fund a mentoring program using arts to empower at-risk children.

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1999: Setting the Stage.

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1999: Enhancing the Region’s Beauty.

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Having lived throughout the country, Beavercreek residents Beth and John Ey never lost touch with their childhood Midwestern values that have guided them through their lives. It’s also what led them to Greater Dayton to pursue careers and raise a family.

We love the feeling of community here and the commitment to hard work and family values,” said Beth Ey, a pediatric radiologist and president of Dayton Pediatric Imaging, Inc. (DPI).

the Ey’s have learned many lessons, including the importance of giving back. Through our paid work and our volunteer activities, we feel a part of a meaningful life. – Kennington donor Kenneth Quinter and his wife, Nancy

love for children is the focus of their careers and of their giving through their Dayton Foundation Charitable Checking Account.

What’s most important to us — our ‘big rocks,’ as we call them — involve children, including giving to our church, the arts, Children’s Medical Center of Dayton and the Miami Valley School (MVS),” said John Ey, who serves on the boards of MVS, Dayton Children’s Foundation and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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A Desire to Help Children

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Helping Donors Like Page 6

Are times tough? Absolutely. But people are continuing to give, often digging deeper to help with growing needs in all sectors. Philanthropy may be challenged, but it is far from dead in Greater Dayton.

The Dayton Foundation has undertaken new leadership initiatives in FY09, aimed at helping the region’s nonprofits to weather the economic storm and strengthen their organizations through increased efficiencies and partnerships. We also continued our efforts to enrich the education of our children and to help grow our region’s economy by fostering economic inclusion for all. (See the Q&A on page 3 for more on these leadership initiatives.)

Giving highlights in FY09 included:

- An estate gift of $3.3 million from Donald and Dottie Spindler and the announcement of the single largest gift in Foundation history from Virginia Toutouni, estimated at $20 million, which will come to The Dayton Foundation at a later date. We cannot begin to state our huge debt of gratitude to Mrs. Toutouni and the Spindlers for these tremendous gifts.
- We are grateful to all of our donors every day and to our four new “I Believe!” Partners and Standard Register for their special assistance to us (see page 2). We also are indebted to them for their willingness to allow us to tell their stories in this report.
- In all, it’s been an unpredictable, but richly rewarding year. Change is where community foundations shine. We are institutions designed to flex to meet the most important needs of the times. And our donors have made our journey possible through their support, encouragement and incredible generosity. We are humbled and deeply grateful for their caring and their commitment.

Our mission is to make a first-class education accessible to everyone. Upon his passing, his children will be successor advisors for half of his family fund, The Dayton Foundation the other half, to help weather the economic storm and helping the region’s nonprofits.

In the last 10 years:
- Over 141,000 grants totaling $366 million
- Nearly $8 million in scholarships helping 6,376 students
- Over 4,000 children who couldn’t otherwise afford to go were sent to camp by former factory workers, Helen and Robert Harmony

Grant Guidelines

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It's a long way from the young girl who loved exploring the creeks, catching water creatures near her Springfield home. Today she has become a major philanthropist who has retained her passion for the environment and all of earth's varied creatures.

“Giving was in his blood,” she said, “and he encouraged so many others to give.”

Having served on The Dayton Foundations’ Governing Board for many years, she found that “it’s critically important to have a community foundation that addresses local needs from a grassroots approach and provides a mechanism to channel gifts without having to set up private foundations. It creates a culture of giving and a real sense of community.”

She has helped many other charities in profound ways, from the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in California, where she serves as a board member, to Dayton’s Humane Society and Planned Parenthood, to help found The Human Race Theatre Company.

Of her Foundation endowment funds, she said, “I like the idea they will be here long after I’m gone, that Foundation people who care about the community will take care of them in perpetuity — a kind of insurance policy for the future. I like that we’re doing what people before us did, passing on something for the community’s future.

“If we are fortunate to be in a position to help others, we bear a responsibility to help them that has been so good to us. Jesse did this. His company was headquartered here. He worked to make Dayton a better place — he always could envision potential.”

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Strengthening Community Through Partnerships

Dayton Crayons to Classrooms

Teamwork is a value most individuals learn as children in school, such as working together on a science project or leading a sports team to victory. But teamwork in the form of collaborative business partnerships can be equally effective, if not invaluable, in solving important community issues.

One such effort involving The Standard Register Company in partnership with The Dayton Foundation, Mathile Family Foundation and other funders is putting school supplies in the hands of teachers for their students in need. Dayton Crayons to Classrooms (DC2C), a Dayton Foundation and Mathile Family Foundation leadership initiative launched in 2008, today is its own not-for-profit organization and the first free store for Dayton-area teachers.

“Thousands of local children go to school without the supplies they need to learn effectively. Many parents can’t afford them, so teachers are spending as much as $1,000 a year to purchase items so their students can have a chance to be successful in school,” said David Clapper, director of facilities management and security for Standard Register and chair of the Standard Register Communities Contributions Council that has helped to fund DC2C along with Sherman Standard Register Foundation. David also serves as chair of DC2Cs Board of Directors.

“Collaborative efforts keep programs like this growing,” he continued. “By utilizing the resources and expertise of others, we saved significant dollars and developed relationships that are building a better community.”

Rather than just “giving something back,” Standard Register sees itself as corporate citizens embracing the educational challenges facing tomorrow’s leaders.

“It’s our responsibility to help adapt young people through education,” said Joe Morgan, president and CEO of Standard Register. “In order to have a vibrant, resilient region, we need people and organizations to work together. That’s why partnering with The Dayton Foundation and others makes good sense.”

According to David Clapper, the need reaches beyond Dayton’s urban core. “Throughout the Greater Dayton Region, students who can’t afford basic school supplies,” he said, “it’ll take time, but through DC2C, we’ll get to them. This is absolutely the right thing to do.”

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