We believe...in possibilities.

The Dayton Foundation 2012-2013 Report to the Community

Inside:
Stories about how your neighbors are making their dreams for the community possible.
**Message to the Community:**

**Letter from the Chair and the President of The Dayton Foundation**

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“Everything is theoretically impossible, until it is done.” — Robert A. Heinlein

Believing in Greater Dayton

...enlighten’s words aptly describe how Greater Dayton citizenry throughout our region’s history have approached difficult and seemingly impossible challenges. There are countless examples of men and women who have believed in the possibility of something greater for our community. Through the power of positive, compassionate belief, they have driven significant changes and accomplishments for the benefit of others.

The 2013-2014 “I Believe!” Partners

Ten Years of The Dayton Foundation Grants and Charitable Distributions (all in $ millions) – Total: $378.5 million

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

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Operating Fund Contributors

Each year many hundreds of individuals, corporations and financial institutions contribute to funds of The Dayton Foundation, including the Foundation’s operating fund. Operating gifts help the Foundation help others by undertaking critical leadership initiatives and collaborative efforts to benefit our community, maintaining and improving services for donors and non-profit organizations, and ensuring the Foundation’s dedication to improving the quality of life throughout the Dayton Region – now and in the future.

We deeply appreciate all of The Dayton Foundation donors and all that they do for Greater Dayton. In this report, we recognize the following donors who contributed to the Foundation’s operating fund in this past fiscal year (July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013). For those donors who wish to remain anonymous, we respectfully honored that preference.

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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 more than 3,200 individuals and families from nearly every walk of life and background, joined by a common purpose: to help society and the community through charity. These individuals have made a commitment to help today or through their estates. Community foundations are 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 alternative that enable charitable people to find a place at the table. Anyone can be a philanthropist if they have even a modest amount to give and want to help others.

The reasons for using The Dayton Foundation, rather than writing checks to charity or setting up a private foundation, are many. They include: • simplifying the giving process • maximizing tax benefits • minimizing cost • adding flexibility in giving and • gaining new exposure from the Foundation’s knowledgeable about community issues and the charitable vehicles to create the best fit for each individual and family. The Foundation also provides opportunities to support needed leadership initiatives to solve specific community problems. The Dayton Foundation provides people with a vehicle for collective community good. We help you help others.

A love for ice hockey led Kathleen and Patrick Rupp to Dayton. However, it was the community’s warm and welcoming atmosphere that caused the Dayton Gems Hockey player and his wife to adopt the region as their home. It is where they chose to start a successful financial planning firm. To help provide a future for their community, they established a Family Foundation, Rupp Fund through The Dayton Foundation in 2004.

Grants have supported a variety of community projects, including the creation of Western Garden Children’s Discovery Garden, in Paul’s memory.
Learn to Earn Dayton

Learn to Earn Dayton (L2ED) goal is simple: to help ensure that 60 percent of Montgomery County students achieve a specific post-secondary credential by 2025. Achieving this goal, however, is complex and requires the support and commitment of numerous community partners. An initiative of The Dayton Foundation since 2012, L2ED is being led by Executive Director Dr. Thomas J. Lasley II, former dean of the University of Dayton School of Education and Allied Professions. L2ED has documented startling statistics about the kindergartener readiness of Montgomery County’s children. Currently only 38 percent of the county’s children enter kindergarten with the skills necessary to begin learning. Even more troubling is that only 34 percent of students complete a two- or four-year degree within six years of graduating from high school. Without educated or trained workers, it will be impossible for the region to thrive economically, and our community’s children will be unable to compete in our region’s future workforce.

Research shows that students who complete programs of high quality, early learning programs perform better on kindergarten readiness measures, which ultimately can lead to higher high school and college completion rates. To better prepare youth, L2ED and Ready-Set-Go (an early childhood collaborative under L2ED) are working with local school districts and numerous community partners to effect change for the benefit of the community.

Three examples of The Dayton Foundation’s efforts to help lead and inspire community change follow.

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ince 1921 The Dayton Foundation has helped lead innovative efforts and develop community solutions to respond to the opportunities and needs affecting the Dayton Region. Whether it has been bringing together leadership, underwriting problem-solving efforts, or identifying and orchestrating solutions, The Dayton Foundation has been uniquely positioned to effect change for the benefit of the community.

We Believe...in Embracing Diversity

Susan L. & Stanley J. Katz

For Kettering residents Susan and Stanley Katz, giving is second nature. It’s a passion that speaks to the heart of their Jewish upbringing.

“Judaism teaches us ‘tzedik olam,’ which is the act of repairing the world through charity,” said Stanley Katz, founder of CharterFirst Financial Strategies, Inc., and a longtime volunteer on The Dayton Foundation’s Development committee. “We believe there is no greater expression of our commitment to the community than to give our time or dollars to help those in need. It’s our responsibility. It’s what connects us to our community.”

Growing up in the 1950s as one of few Jewish children in a rural Kentucky town, Susan Katz experienced firsthand the prejudice of others and witnessed the effects of a segregated community.

“It was a difficult time for me, and for many others, I’m sure. And although great strides have been made,...

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We help you help others | Page 3
We believe... Greater Daytonians have a long history of working together to make things possible for the greater good. The Dayton Foundation and our more than 3,000 donors are no exception. Touching countless lives by supporting charitable organizations and causes in the Dayton Region and beyond since 1921.

During fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013), The Dayton Foundation and our donors awarded more than 14,000 grants and program distributions totaling $48.1 million – more dollars awarded than any other year in the Foundation’s history. In the last decade, the Foundation has distributed nearly $145 million granting totaling $378.5 million. The impact of these dollars is widespread and speaks to our community’s generosity.

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The Human Race Therapy Company ($30,000) – audience engagement efforts

Continued Here: Strengthening Community through Discretionary Grants

The Dayton Foundation awarded 64 discretionary grants from 71 endowment funds, totaling $1.1 million to help support programs of community efforts. By placing no restrictions on the grants awarded from these funds, a number of donors have enabled the Foundation to help address some of our community’s most pressing needs and opportunities.

Unrestricted funds also supported the Foundation’s leadership initiatives and special efforts (See “2012-13 Message to the Community,” page 2, and “Leading and Inspiring Community Solutions,” page 3). Organizations awarded discretionary grants of more than $5,000 follow.

Big Brothers Big Sisters ($25,000) – efforts to improve school readiness and achievement

CityWide Development Corporation ($25,000) – urban redevelopment in Old North Dayton

Dayton Crayons to Classrooms ($10,000) – expanded services for four new schools

Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity ($50,000) – increased housing placement for families in need

East End Community Services Corporation ($25,000) – Youth Center expansion

FilmDayton ($10,000) – promotion of Greater Dayton for film and television production companies

Good Neighbor House ($25,000) – building renovations for expanded services

Hospice of Dayton Foundation ($10,000) – garden enhancements

House of Bread ($15,000) – kitchen and dining room expansion

Invent Now, Inc. ($20,000) – service expansion for at-risk youths and adults

YMCA of Greater Dayton ($25,000) – childhood obesity prevention program

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other stakeholders to increase the number of qualified early learning centers in Montgomery County. They also have developed a toolkit booklet and online resource (www.readondaytonregion.org) offering individuals practical ways to help improve third grade reading levels and ensure our children’s academic success.

Earlier this year The Dayton Foundation and L2ED also launched ScholarshipCONNECT, a new online scholarship search and application system and college readiness resource to help Greater Dayton students in their quest to attend college. ScholarshipCONNECT is available at www.daytonfoundation.org.

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Since the foundation’s inception, $41 current and deferred trusts have been opened for the benefit of Greater Dayton residents with disabilities. Between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013, 98 new trusts with a total value of $1.6 million were added – more trusts than any other year to date. Additionally, more than $770,000 was distributed to trust recipients, giving peace of mind to families caring for some of our community’s most vulnerable citizens.

American-European Community Fund

In 1992 then-Chair of The Dayton Foundation Governing Board John E. Moore, Sr., and fellow Board Member Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., envisioned a way for African-Americans to permanently reinvest in their community. From this idea the African-American Community Fund (AACF) was born. Established as a components fund group of The Dayton Foundation, AACF was the first such fund group in the nation created and administered solely by African-Americans. It has continued to serve as a bridge for African-Americans in the community to give back and continuing the promise of a permanent community foundation for our future.

The Disability Foundation

Caring for a loved one with disabilities can be an overwhelming and complicated process. A family may take comfort knowing that their loved one’s basic needs are covered through Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income, but sustaining eligibility for those benefits requires the individual with disabilities to have minimal assets. If the individual were to receive an unexpected inheritance or settlement, his or her governmental benefits could be revoked. Until recently, the only way for a family to avoid the loss of any current or future benefits for their loved one was to disinherit the child when formulating their estate plans.

In 1998 The Dayton Foundation established The Disability Foundation as an alternative to government assistance. Over this time the fund has supported programs, such as The Disability Foundation “I Believe...In Investing in Our Children’s Future” (AACF) donors who are giving back and continuing the legacy of helping others in the African-American community,” said Eugene D. Hefflin, wealth advisor and partner for Stratos Wealth Partners, AACF donor and financial advisor to the AACF Board.

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Springboro resident and local entrepreneur Al Wofford believes in the well-known proverb, “it takes a village to raise a child.” As one of five children raised by a single mother in South Carolina, Al credits the example of others for instilling in him a strong work ethic and a thirst for knowledge that has helped him achieve success today.

Working since he was 15 years old to help support his family, Al developed a passion for engineering and technology in high school while taking an electrical technology class and later a computer programming course. After serving as a software developer, systems analyst and program manager for the United States Air Force, Al transitioned into the private sector, eventually launching two successful technology solutions companies, CDO Technologies and VT Design Solutions. According to Al, CDO “appropriately stands for “Can-Do.”

“With hard work, determination and good people to stand beside you, anything is possible,” he said. “I’ve stood by my ‘can-do’ attitude in everything I do – work, community involvement and family.”

With a drive for being involved and making things happen for his community, Al has volunteered with dozens of local boards and special initiatives. These have included serving as chairman of the Dayton Technology Task Force and board member for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Coalition, among others.

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“Helping students, particularly African-American students, develop a better understanding of STEM education is an important part of creating a more diverse business environment and is pivotal to meeting future challenges in clean water, energy, manufacturing and more,” he said. “It’s about awakening kids to what’s cool about science and engineering.”

His involvement with The Dayton Foundation started with the Commission on Minority Inclusion and the Engineering and Science Foundation fund of The Dayton Foundation, both of which Al serves as a board member. Al also has opened two Charitable Checking Accounts” to manage his and his companies’ giving.

“The Dayton Foundation is at the root of efforts that are making our community stronger. They bring people to the table to address diversity and urban education, two issues I feel very strongly about supporting,” he said. “I admire the Foundation for taking the initiative to tackle such bold, and often difficult, issues.”

His commitment to community reflects his “can-do” attitude.

“I owe a lot of my success to the people of this community,” he said. “I’m part of my community, and I know that together we can achieve great things.”

Mark Coens, a promising freshman at Morton Junior High School, was known to combine his fondness for the outdoors with his artistic skill. He once sketched a pristine likeness of a fish going for a lure after he caught the largest fish during a trip to Arkansas. Mark’s life, however, was cut short at the age of 14 following a tragic sledding accident.

“The Dayton Foundation is a solid foundation for our future,” he said. Mark’s life and talents, his parents, and the Foundation are helping to create a solid foundation for our future.}

Eugene Hefflin

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I Believe...In Investing in Our Children’s Future

2013-14 “I Believe!” Partner of The Dayton Foundation

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Foundation Grantmaking Highlights

Over the past fiscal year:

- More than 14,000 grants to charity totaling $48.1 million
- $8.5 million from donor funds to support education
- $5.6 million from donor funds to houses of worship
- An average of $225,900 granted from donor funds each week to improve health and human services and nearly $128,000 granted each week to support the arts, culture and humanities

In the last 10 years:

- Over 145,000 grants totaling $378.5 million
- Nearly $12 million in scholarships helping 9,000 students
- Nearly 4,500 children, who couldn’t otherwise afford to go, were sent to camp by former factory workers Helen and Robert Harmony

Guidance Stories...
ment that characterizes a true community foundation. Ellen S. Ireland, community leader, chair
Craig J. Brown, retired senior vice president, treasurer and CFO, The Standard Register Company, vice chair
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Maureen A. Lynch, community leader

Members of the Governing Board and other professionals volunteer on one of several Foundation standing committees that guide programmatic and philanthropic activities in the community. For a complete listing of these committees and their members, visit www.daytonfoundation.org/gov board.html. In addition, hundreds of community volunteers serve on dozens of fund grantmaking and scholarship committees. Together, they provide the input that characterizes a true community foundation.

Ann & Charles V. Simms

Anita J. Moore

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Charles G. Schroeder, president and owner, Dayton Wine Wheel
Jerome F. Tatar, retired chairman, MeadWestvaco Corporation

What do you think is possible for Greater Dayton? Tell us your story at info@theDaytonFoundation.org.

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To learn more about The Dayton Foundation, visit us at www.daytonfoundation.org or on our Facebook or Twitter pages. You may also call (937) 222-0410 or (877) 222-0410 (toll free). Our receptionist, Regina Dixon, will be happy to direct your call. Or visit our online staff directory at www.daytonfoundation.org/whohelps.html.

Meeting All Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

Governing Board of The Dayton Foundation
(As of June 30, 2013)

Craig J. Brown
Helen E. Jones-Kelley

Widely regarded as “the first black professional in Dayton,” Moses H. Jones was a prominent African-American attorney in the early 1900s. He was highly respected and served as an example to many, including one woman who, through his inspiration, raised all seven of her children to be college graduates, including one woman who, through his inspiration, served as an example to many, including one woman who, through his inspiration, served as an example to many, including one woman who, through his inspiration, served as an example to many, including one woman who, through his inspiration, served as an example to many.

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Oakwood residents Ann and Charles Simms believe that solid foundations are centered on faith, family and education – and that everyone deserves a place to call home.

For nearly 40 years, through land development and residential construction, Charles built hundreds of single-family homes, townhouses and apartments in Greater Dayton. In retirement, he and his wife are helping others secure affordable housing through their work with Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity, one of many organizations they have supported with their Dayton Foundation endowed funds and Charitable Checking Account.

“We want to make the Dayton region viable and maintain the beauty we’ve come to love,” Charles said. “If we help just one family come first for the couple – a tradition they are passing down to their children and grandchildren, as their parents did before them. They view The Dayton Foundation as a key player in helping the community they love continue to thrive. “The Dayton Foundation has been a great catalyst for bringing people together,” Charles said. “It’s a big organization that can make a big impact.”

“I Believe!” Partners of The Dayton Foundation

They began working with Habitat through their church, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, which they also have supported through their Dayton Foundation funds.

“The Foundation is a valuable tool for our charitable giving,” Ann said. “We read about what the Foundation promotes in their newsletters and often support those causes.”

Ann and Charles have a strong belief in education, inspiring them to establish two Dayton Foundation funds to assist students with college expenses. “We’ve worked hard, but we’ve also been blessed,” Charles said. “Our scholarship funds help us give an education to students who haven’t had the opportunities that we’ve had.”

Family comes first for the couple – a tradition they are passing down to their children and grandchildren, as their parents did before them. They wanted to raise their family in the Dayton Region because “it has many of the amenities of bigger cities, but with a small town feel,” Ann said.

“We love this community, and so does our family,” said Charles, a fifth generation Daytonian. “Three of our four children have remained in the area, and our son, Charles H. Simms, took over the family business when I retired.”

“We want to make the Dayton region viable and maintain the beauty we’ve come to love,” Charles said. “If we help just one family through our support for Habitat for Humanity, one student through our scholarship funds, or one person to get their life back on track… then we know we’ve made a difference.”

Photo: Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity

2013-14 “I Believe!” Partners of The Dayton Foundation

On August 23, 2013, The Dayton Foundation launched “I Believe!” Partners, a campaign to raise $10 million that will strengthen the foundation’s capacity to invest in the community. The campaign, which continues until June 30, 2015, is the Foundation’s largest-ever public campaign.

We help you help others.
We Believe...in the Power of Community

Lisa E. Hanauer & Susan G. Spiegel

The desire to give often is sparked from a deeply personal experience. This is especially true for Centerville resident Lisa Hanauer, whose humble beginnings inspired her to help her community later in life.

“Growing up, my family was very poor. We were beneficiaries of governmental programs that helped us get by, so I know what it’s like to be dependent upon others to live from day-to-day,” said Lisa, founder of MED-PASS, Inc., a company she launched in 1989 and sold earlier this year to Reynolds and Reynolds. “I always hoped that someday I would give back what I had received. As my business grew, I was able to do just that. Today I see the fruits of my giving, and it’s so rewarding.”

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In 2000 Lisa and her partner of 25 years, Sue Spiegel, established a deferred endowment fund through The Dayton Foundation and later a Charitable Checking Account® to support the causes and organizations they care about most, including the Foundation’s unrestricted fund.

Lisa and Sue are also passionate volunteers. Lisa currently serves on the boards for both The Dayton Foundation and Hospice of Dayton Foundation. Sue volunteers with AIDS Resource Center (ARC) Ohio as chairwoman of its RED Gala for the third time.

“An HIV diagnosis once was considered a death sentence. Thanks to research and medical advances, people now are able to live full lives,” said Sue, who has raised more than $875,000 for ARC. “We still have the opportunity to create a greater impact on our community than any one organization could accomplish alone.

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1. We are a local organization with deep roots in the community. Since 1921 The Dayton Foundation has been helping the Dayton Region help others by being an effective steward of community charitable resources. Representatives of diverse local leadership appoint the Foundation’s volunteer Governing Board, which oversees all facets of the Foundation’s operations.

2. We build permanent endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies. Each year we assist thousands of donors and award tens of millions of grant dollars to charitable organizations in Greater Dayton and beyond. Our donors take pride in the role we play in carrying out the dreams of our donors.

3. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other endowed grants. Combining unrestricted and field-of-interest contributions from Community Impact Endowment Funds provides a source of funding to help the Foundation respond to community needs through the Foundation’s discretionary grantmaking process and leadership initiatives. Coupled with grants from more than 3,000 donors’ funds, they produce a collective force for community good.

4. We provide highly personalized service, tailored to each individual’s charitable and financial interests. Whether you want to give now or in the future, locally or nationally, we can customize a charitable-giving plan to make your charitable and financial goals a reality.

5. Our charitable funds help you invest in the causes you care about most. We offer an array of endowed fund options that allows your fund to be positioned for growth over time and to provide lasting support for the charitable causes most meaningful to you. You can select the degree of involvement and recognition (or anonymity) you desire in awarding grants to charity. The Foundation’s free Charitable Checking Account® service also provides a great way to handle your regular charitable gifts, such as those made to your place of worship or other favorite charity. You also can open and fund your account and award grants online, including from a mobile device.

6. We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving. You can gift cash, appreciated stock, real estate or other assets and receive maximum charitable and tax benefits. You also can plan future gifts through excess business trusts, life insurance policies and other arrangements. Tools, such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, can provide an income stream for you and/or a loved one, while generating an immediate tax deduction and creating a charitable legacy with the remainder interest.

7. Our professional staff have broad expertise regarding charitable-giving vehicles, as well as community issues and needs. We employ a staff of experts, including two CFRE-certified fundraising executives, to help you and your professional advisors make your giving more effective. We also have grantmaking professionals and three former CENC of local non-profit organizations to offer their knowledge of community issues, opportunities and resources.

8. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving. Local professionals provide invaluable tax-, financial- and estate-planning advice to clients who are charitably inclined. We work with donors and their trusted advisors to develop the best and most tax-wise, customized and effective charitable-giving plans.

9. We offer maximum tax advantages under state and federal laws. Gifts of cash to The Dayton Foundation are deductible up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI), and gifts of appreciated, long-term capital gains property are deductible at fair-market value, up to 30 percent of AGI. We also can offer solutions to help reduce estate-tax liability.

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We care about Greater Dayton and its future. We’re here to stay.” – Centerville resident Lisa Hanauer

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