It’s been 10 years since former Dayton resident Virginia Bernthal Toulmin passed away, but her legacy, along with that of her husband, Col. Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., is alive and well in Greater Dayton. From supporting innovative arts programming to helping Dayton Children’s construct its state-of-the-art patient tower, the generous $26 million gift Virginia left upon her passing to the Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund of The Dayton Foundation will enhance the community they so loved, today and in the future.

“Over the last decade, the Toulmin Fund has awarded more than $12 million in grants and is building a better Dayton,” said Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation. “These grants have helped make possible community-transforming work that might not have otherwise happened without this support. What an amazing gift and a wonderful legacy for the community that meant so much to the Toulmins.”

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As the adage goes, what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger. For Marva Cosby, SHRM-SCP, CPC, whose husband and son both survived separate, life-threatening motor accidents, nothing could be truer. Originally from Muncie, Indiana, Marva is the model of strength, compassion and humility, which has helped fuel a successful career formerly as the vice president of Human Resources for Kodak and now as a consultant and certified professional leadership coach.

She also is a well-respected community leader. As the new chair of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board, Marva strives to use her talents to build on the Foundation’s legacy as it approaches its second century of service for Greater Dayton.

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The Toulmin Fund also has supported efforts like Montgomery County Ohio College Promise, one of the region’s most impactful programs aiding youth in attending college. Since 2010, nearly 450 youth have been served by the program, which identifies promising underserved eighth grade students, pairs them with a mentor throughout their high school years and leads them to college at little or no cost to their families. While 226 students currently are completing their high school requirements, 224 students have

continued their education at a higher educational institute, thanks to College Promise and support from grants like those from the Toulmin Fund. “The grants awarded to College Promise supported the program’s original fundraising goal,” said Patrick Gill, executive director of Montgomery County Ohio College Promise. “Thanks to the Toulmin Fund’s generous gift, the program got underway and began doing the good work of providing poverty-impacted students with an opportunity to attend and graduate college, an effort that is still thriving today.”

Though she was born in St. Louis, Missouri, Virginia called Dayton home for 41 years after marrying international patent attorney Col. Harry Aubrey Toulmin, Jr., son of the Wright Brothers’ patent attorney, Harry A. Toulmin, Sr. Her husband passed away in 1965, leaving to Virginia a small pharmaceutical business he had saved from bankruptcy. With her keen sense of business and a nursing background, Virginia turned it into a hugely successful venture – with stock prices escalating from $67 per share in 1965 to $13,675 per share when she sold the business in 1995. “When it paid off, I decided to give back. This is the basis of my philanthropy today,” said Virginia in 2008 upon establishing her unrestricted legacy fund through the Foundation. “I think the world of The Dayton Foundation, and I know they will use these dollars wisely. I’m so glad to be doing this for the community that was so good to Harry and me.” It was Virginia’s desire for her gift to be managed and invested for long-term growth that led her to the Foundation, thanks to the advice of her longtime trusted advisors at Key Private Bank. The decision paid off in dividends. Despite distributing more than $10 million in grants over the last decade, her original, invested gift of $26 million – the single largest gift in the Foundation’s history – now stands at more than $27 million. This ensures the Toulmins’ legacy will continue to enhance the community in perpetuity.

“Mrs. Toulmin’s gift has nearly doubled the Foundation’s ability to do responsive grantmaking and heightened our efforts to convene strategic initiatives that benefit Greater Dayton,” said Barbara Stonerock, vice president of Community Engagement for The Dayton Foundation. “Thanks to this support, the Foundation can lift up the important work of our region’s nonprofits and effect real change in our region not just today, but for future generations.”

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Marva’s beliefs are rooted in her upbringing and the experiences that led her to Dayton. Raised by her mother, a nurse, and her father, an electrician, Marva and her three siblings were taught to share what they had to help solve problems and support causes that aligned with their beliefs. Whether collecting for the March of Dimes, soliciting donations for UNICEF while trick-or-treating or dropping coins in the Community Chest’s bucket, she understood that any size gift could make a difference. She also attributes her success to the opportunities presented to her while growing up. “So many people offered kindnesses and opened doors to things that I may never have tried on my own,” Marva recalled. “Several years ago, I met former Dayton Foundation Board Chair John Moore, Sr., and former Sinclair Community College President Ned Sillerlen. Both gentlemen were equally welcoming. They encouraged me to become a part of Dayton’s landscape. It’s comforting to know that a friend-of-a-friend connection can be made so quickly. That’s powerful. That’s Dayton.”

Making a difference is what she says motivates her in both her career and her community commitments.

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“I believe that one’s life plan should include goals after retirement,” she said. “For me, I developed a thoughtful plan to remain engaged with coaching corporate leaders on the behaviors and people strategies that can help them achieve the leadership results they, and their companies, desire. It also includes sharing my skills with life-changing organizations.”

In addition to serving on the Foundation’s Governing Board and having her own charitable fund, Marva formerly served as chair of its Marketing and Public Relations Committee. She also serves on the boards for Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, Premier Health and LPGA-Amateurs Dayton. Previous board experiences include Sinclair Community College and Antioch University.

Marva has been honored for her community contributions byYWCA Dayton as a 2015 Woman of Influence.
Murl E. Huffman Scholarship Fund
Longtime Educator Celebrates 100th Birthday with the Gift of Education

Of all the gifts that Murl E. Huffman received over his 100 birthdays, the greatest gift was the gift of choice. Raised by parents who supported his freedom to make his own choices, Murl worked to give this gift to his students during his 60-plus year career as an educator.

“I gave my students the power and the right to choose,” said Murl, a former teacher at West Carrollton High School and former president of the Ohio Education Association. “I tried to teach them that if you make a choice, you stick with it.”

While attending high school in his hometown of Peru, Indiana, Murl was offered a job teaching Sunday school.

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At first he felt indifferent but was encouraged by others to give it a chance. Eventually he fell in love with teaching and credits this experience, as well as his parents’ influence and a class he was forced to attend in high school after failing Latin, as the reasons he decided to become a teacher.

He applied for and was accepted into the education program at Manchester College (now Manchester University) in 1938, a college that Murl said “took a chance on me.” Upon graduation, he moved to Dayton to teach in the Trotwood-Madison School District. Three years later, he took a teaching position in West Carrollton.

Known for his open discussion, student-led teaching style, Murl worked to help students realize their potential. “Teachers often try to mold their students in their image, and that is not the way to go,” he said. “I see students as a ball of clay molded in their own image.”

Though Murl encouraged his students to go to college, he was an adamant supporter of trade or vocational schools. “I was never one of the straight-A students in school,” Murl said. “But thanks to my good friend, Charles Kettering, who encouraged me to nurture my students’ creative and chance-taking abilities, I believed in those students who were once like me. They were the risk-takers, the dreamers.”

In honor of this lifelong dedication to his students and to celebrate his 100th birthday, Murl established a scholarship fund through The Dayton Foundation in 2019. The fund helps select graduating seniors at West Carrollton High School (WCHS), including WCHS students who attended Miami Valley Career Technology Center, further their education. Applicants must demonstrate innovative and original thinking and character to be considered for the award.

“I wanted a scholarship that also could be used for trade school. We need plumbers. We need electricians,” Murl said. “But most importantly, I wanted to establish a fund for the dreamers, because I am one. I wanted a scholarship that is not based on a standardized test but one that judges students by the quality of their character.”

Murl felt it was his job as an educator to help the kids “get to the top of the mountain.” Though the scholarship fund has been active for less than a year, it already has helped one young man continue his educational journey at The Ohio State University.

“I love to connect with students. My scholarship fund at the Foundation helps me do just that,” Murl said. “Without The Dayton Foundation and the opportunity to establish my fund, I would not have the chance to see students at the top of the mountain. I am happy that a place like the Foundation exists.”

A note from Dawnn Fann, graduate assistant for The Dayton Foundation:

This story was written a few weeks before Mr. Huffman’s passing. When I arrived at Bethany Village to interview Mr. Huffman, I wasn’t aware that I would walk away with more than a story. The zeal he had for life and the passion he felt for education radiated through his every word. I left that interview with insight, wisdom and a friend. To interview Mr. Huffman was a pleasure, and I am grateful for the short time I knew him. He will be missed by many.

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Left to right (front row): Board members Anita Moore, Marva Cosby, (back row) Jerry Tatar (former member), James Pancost and the Dayton Daily News as a 2012 Ten Top Women honoree. An avid golfer, she also is a longtime member of the Madden Women’s Association. Through its named fund with the African-American Community Fund of The Dayton Foundation, the Association awards college scholarships to young African-American women.

“Just like others did for me, I believe in moving pebbles aside to make the path smoother for someone else,” she said. “Your act of kindness could be the very thing that helps others reveal better versions of themselves, be the financial support that makes a college education possible, or ensure that there is access to food or healthcare for someone in need. Any help you provide to clear an obstacle along someone’s path is expected in a community of neighbors.”

On leading the Foundation across its 100th year threshold and into its next century, Marva reflects on the leadership that came before her.

“Some of the most outstanding leaders in Dayton’s history — Fred Smith, John Moore, David Rike, Judy McCormick, and many others — have sat where I am now and serve as exemplary role models. I couldn’t ask for a better group of committed volunteers and community leaders to serve with me on the Governing Board, or a more dedicated staff led by President Mike Parks,” she said.

Fostering collaborations, particularly as they address diversity and equity, as well as growing unrestricted dollars so the Foundation may continue to address critical community initiatives through its discretionary grants process, will be themes for Marva Cosby’s leadership as she and the Governing Board work toward the Foundation’s long-range strategies. “No one person or organization is an island,” Marva said. “By working, learning and growing together, so much more can be accomplished for Greater Dayton’s future. Over the last 100 years, The Dayton Foundation has proven time and again to be a core entity, working alongside corporations, governmental and educational agencies, and other nonprofits, to make good things happen for our community. Together, we can build an even stronger tomorrow.”
Endowments

Establishing a strong foundation for our community’s future is a vision shared by donors who have established funds at The Dayton Foundation. The following funds are some of the new endowments established by donors in recent months to support their special charitable causes and our region, now and in the future.

The Paul David Bach Music Scholarship awards scholarships to students pursuing a music degree at a four-year college or university. Established in remembrance of singer and songwriter Paul David Bach, this fund encourages young musicians to find their own voices.

The Chance Family important to Danette and Andy Chance, along with their daughters, Megan and Ashley. Some of their favorite focus areas for support are children’s services, pet adoption centers that don’t euthanize and education.

COVID-19 Response for Greater Dayton Fund was established by The Dayton Foundation and United Way of the Greater Dayton Area, along with a coalition of philanthropic, government and other individual partners in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This fund distributes resources to nonprofit and community-based organizations that are providing basic human needs during the coronavirus outbreak, particularly for disadvantaged individuals and families in the Dayton Region.

D&A Ernst Family Foundation contributes funding to charitable organizations in the region with a focus on helping local families and animals.

Endurance Education Funds provide annual revenue to support The Opera Guild of Dayton and its educational programs. Visit the Opera Guild of Dayton website for more information.

Murl Huffman Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to graduating seniors from West Carrollton High School who exemplify strong creative and risk-taking abilities. The fund was established on the 100th birthday of Murl Huffman, a music teacher who devoted his life to educating youth.

Eleanor and John Kautz Fund supports ever-changing needs in the Dayton Region by providing assistance for The Dayton Foundation’s discretionary grants program. Eleanor Kautz, a longtime geriatric specialist, and her husband, John, established this fund before their passing so that “Dayton can continue as a healthy and nurturing community.”

Mark Kingsseed Memorial Scholarship encourages Montgomery County graduating seniors, who wish to study history, international studies, political science, urban planning or public administration, to pursue their dreams through scholarship assistance. The fund was established in memory of former City of Centerville Mayor Mark Kingsseed by his wife, Jonnie, and his partners at the Dayton law firm of Coolidge Wall.

Eleanor Kautz

Frederick E. and Juanita B. Koors Family Fund awards grants to further the important work of the Cancer Research Institute, National Museum of the United States Air Force and Great Lakes Mariner’s Museum and Memorial. The Opera Guild of Dayton Endowment and Remembrance Education Funds provide annual revenue to support The Opera Guild of Dayton and its educational programs.

Mark Kingsseed

Orosz Family Charitable Fund furthers the charitable activities of the Orosz family.

St. Charles Borromeo School
St. Charles Covenant, Paxson and Scholarship Funds provide tuition assistance for students of St. Charles Borromeo School in Kettering.

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Don E. Steck Family Fund helps sustain nonprofit organizations, such as St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church, Otterbein College and Graceworks Lutheran Services. Don Steck, a longtime NCR employee, established the fund through a bequest.

Laurie G. Streit C.O.D. (Children of Dayton) Trust Fund carries out the charitable legacy of the donor by awarding grants to Daybreak, Inc., Muse Machine and Oak Tree Corner, Inc., in perpetuity.

Tony and Mary Ann Tomassile Charitable Fund supports nonprofit organizations of significance to the donors, including The Dayton Foundation, Elizabeth’s New Life Center, Inc., St. Christopher’s Catholic Church and the University of Dayton.

COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton

Fund Helps Community Respond to Unprecedented Crisis

When Governor Mike DeWine announced in March a plan to stop the coronavirus spread by shutting down non-essential businesses temporarily in Ohio, it became apparent that many Greater Daytonians would need assistance to weather increased needs for services during the pandemic. The Dayton Foundation and United Way of the Greater Dayton Area, along with a coalition of philanthropic, government and other individual partners, quickly sprung into action by creating the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton.

“From fearing for the health and safety of loved ones, to losing livelihoods due to lockdown restrictions, the

The following funds recently were established by individuals who took advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover, which allows individuals age 70½ or older to transfer up to $100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity, tax-free.

Barry Adamson Charitable Fund II (IRA)
Frank Bendrick Charitable Fund (IRA)
Loss and Donald Bigler Charitable Fund
The Eckstein Family Charitable Fund II
Eddington Family Charitable Fund III
Flynn Family Charitable Fund IRA III
David Fleming Charitable IRA Fund
Francine Gordon Designated (IRA) Fund
Grandpa’s 1920 Charitable Fund

Don E. Steck Family Fund
IRI Charitable Fund III
Richard and Marilyn Hebach Charitable IRA Fund I & II
Larry Hollan and Karen Casedy Charitable Fund
Bruce and Sue Howorth Charitable IRA Fund
Gary and Deborah Hunt Charitable Fund
Judith and Lloyd Lindner Charitable IRA
Arthur and Bessy Marlin Charitable Fund (IRA)
Earl and Linda Moyer Charitable IRA Fund
Wally and Carol Farquhar Nugent Charitable Fund
Douglas and Juliana Prince 2020 QCD Fund
Tinsley A. Richter Charitable Fund
Richard A. and Judith A. Russell Charitable IRA Fund
Richard and Jacqueline Sieging Charitable IRA II
Stiley, Lindquist-Skelly 2019 Fund

COVID-19 outbreak has taken a devastating physical, emotional and economic toll on individuals in our community,” said Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation.

“Thanks to generous contributions from the community, the COVID-19 Response Fund is providing vital funding to nonprofits that are on the ground assisting our neighbors in need during this historic and unprecedented time.”

 Grants from the fund are focused on addressing immediate, basic human needs and mental health services, such as supporting innovative efforts to fill mask shortages for those in need and providing free test kits and medical supplies for diabetics. The Dayton Foundation is waiving all administrative fees and paying all credit card processing fees to ensure that 100 percent of donations assist nonprofits performing this important work during the pandemic.

When schools closed as a result of the outbreak, an urgent need emerged to address the educational digital divide of our region’s students. According to Tom Lasley, PhD, program manager for policy and attainment and CEO emeritus for Learn to Earn Dayton (L2ED), one out of four students in high-poverty households access remote learning as little as once a week or less. By contrast, 83 percent of students in families with incomes of $100,000 or more are engaged in remote experiences every day.

In May, L2ED received a $30,000 grant from the fund to purchase Chromebooks for students in
From the President

Collaborating to Create an Equitable, Age-Friendly and Livable Community for All

Last spring I shared with you the many ways The Dayton Foundation and our community rallied together following the 2019 tragedies to help our neighbors in need. Little did we know the challenges on our horizon, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Like with the tornadoes and mass shooting, the Foundation responded to this health crisis by creating the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton in collaboration with United Way of the Greater Dayton Area and other community partners. The fund gives the community a safe place to donate and help those most impacted by the pandemic. Thanks to the community’s generous support, nearly $1.9 has been raised to date with nearly $1.4 awarded to local nonprofit organizations that are providing basic needs for individuals and families during these unprecedented times. Read more about these efforts on page 3.

Another, more familiar challenge, which unfortunately has plagued our country for generations, continues – racial injustice. As several tragic events unfolded this year, many of us have felt a renewed interest to do something. The Governing Board and staff leadership of The Dayton Foundation, which has a long history of addressing inequity within our region and making it a priority, was propelled to ramp up our efforts. Like others, we need to do more if strides are to be made in leveling the playing field for our underrepresented and minority populations.

In addition to moving forward with the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities, which aims to create an equitable, age-friendly and livable community for all, I am introducing in this column the first in a series of conversations with local experts about the topics of equity, ageism and racism. I will begin with John E. Moore, Sr., who was the first African-American to serve on The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board and later as its chair, as well as co-founder of the African-American Community Fund. A longtime champion of equity efforts, John has worked tirelessly to give a voice to the underrepresented for over 60 years in both his professional career as the first African-American Chief of Civilian Personnel for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and later as a community volunteer for more than 50 nonprofit organizations. I recently spoke with John about Greater Dayton’s historical role in the issues of equity, diversity and inclusion, and how we can reshape our region’s future for the better by making these ideals a priority.

How do you think Greater Dayton has become more inclusive? What work remains, and what is the first step?

John: Greater Dayton has changed considerably, with more integration of its neighborhoods, schools and enterprises. There will be more work and opportunities available if the leaders and citizens are insightful and willing to change and take risks necessary to bring equity efforts to the forefront. Individuals who want to help must look for organizations that promote this work and are doing services in the community. They will have ideas and ways to get involved.

What does an inclusive and equitable community look like?

John: It is important for all people to have a place or representation to have their voices heard. Each individual or group has a special interest in their environment and survival. There should be an opportunity for everyone to give input, provided there is relevance in any way. Unless there is a way to be heard, important information or partnerships will be excluded.

Why is diversity and inclusion so important?

John: When I worked for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, people came from all over the country. They brought to the table a wealth of information because they had moved around a lot and experienced different things. The same goes for underrepresented groups. We all have different experiences, but we often don’t take enough time to sit down and talk about them. When you add these different perspectives to problem-solving or community-enhancing efforts, it helps enrich the conversation and move efforts forward in ways that benefit everyone.

The Dayton Foundation is entering its second century. How do you think we can help reshape the future for our community?

John: The more people the Foundation can get engaged and actively contributing to the effort, the more momentum the effort will have. By sharing the challenge with more people, you expand what you are about and your resources by virtue of having a larger base to work with. Historically, the Foundation has made a point of pushing issues of equity to the forefront and making equity of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and age a priority. It will continue to be a player in this community if it can continue to be selective in choosing Board members who are involved in a range of community affairs, as well as enlist the support of its fund holders in this important work.

Welcome and Thanks

Please join me in welcoming our new Governing Board Chair Marva Cosby, who has been a member of the Board since 2015. She is a longtime community leader and valued Foundation fund holder, as you will read in this issue of Good News. Her vast experience and wise leadership will be a great asset to the Foundation.

I’d also like to acknowledge the many contributions of Jim Pancost, who gave so much as chair of the Governing Board of The Dayton Foundation. He led the Foundation through a very challenging year, as well as significant growth and many accomplishments that have benefited our community. His good counsel has served The Dayton Foundation and our donors well over the years and will continue to do so for the remainder of his term. We are deeply grateful for all that he has done for the Foundation and for the community.

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Michael M. Parks, CFRE

President
Due to developments resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak, The Dayton Foundation’s Grants Committee and Governing Board decided in late March to postpone the application and distribution processes for discretionary and Greenlight Grants awards for the fourth quarter and immediate future. Instead, these dollars will be dedicated to assisting nonprofits in meeting urgent needs related to the coronavirus crisis.

In the first half of 2020, the Foundation awarded $28,590 through the Foundation’s Greenlight Grants program, made possible by donors who have provided unrestricted or lightly restricted funds. These funds enable the Foundation to act on opportunities in the Greater Dayton community and address pressing needs throughout the region.

Following are recent Greenlight Grant awards made earlier this year.

**American Red Cross** ($3,600) to help obtain more blood to provide to regional blood banks.
**Mission of Mary Cooperative** ($3,000) to aid in the purchase and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator.
**Dayton Metro Library** ($3,000) to aid in conducting an equity audit of the Library’s collections, programs, policies, practices, services and staff to further their thoughtful approach to diversity and inclusion.
**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton** ($7,000) to help purchase a portable trailer for home/building sites to store items that can be transported back to Habitat’s ReStore for sale.
**Mission of Mary Cooperative** ($5,400) to aid in purchasing storage systems and a walk-in cooler as part of the organization’s project to repurpose its barn to serve both its farm operations and neighborhood educational programs.
**Therapeutic Riding Institute** ($5,000) to help add a concrete entrance ramp for the organization’s barn that will increase accessibility and safety for its clients with disabilities.
**United Way of the Greater Dayton Area** ($2,500) to help launch Preble County’s Imagination Library, an evidence-based program to enhance the kindergarten readiness of Preble County children up to age five.
To learn more about how you can help organizations that are addressing our community’s immediate, basic human needs during the coronavirus crisis through the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton, visit daytonfoundation.org/covid-response-fund.html. You also may view recent grants awarded from this fund at daytonfoundation.org/covid-grantees.html.

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To help with the transition to make face masks, DSC applied for and received two grants totaling $28,300 from the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton. The fund was established by The Dayton Foundation and the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area, along with a coalition of community partners, to provide flexible resources to nonprofit organizations locally and across the country. Of this amount, $1.3 million was awarded in Board-directed discretionary grants and Greenlight Grants™ that helped local organizations to assist with the tornado recovery and rebuilding efforts, enhance out-of-school youth programs, aid in building a new facility to provide emergency shelter and support services for families in need, construct a healthcare clinic to assist individuals experiencing homelessness, among other efforts.

Additionally, the Foundation added 344 new Charitable Checking Accounts and 305 new endowed and non-endowed funds to assist individuals, families and organizations in furthering their charitable goals. Included among these funds were 37 new unrestricted and lightly restricted funds that help the Foundation address the most pressing community needs and opportunities today and long into the future. A record dollar amount for new contributions combined with sound investment management added more than $30 million in charitable assets, bringing the Foundation’s community resources to almost $600 million.

Under his chairmanship, the Foundation for the first time in its nearly 100-year history established funds in response to major, life-altering events to help our neighbors in need. Collectively, nearly $8 million was contributed to the Greater Dayton Disaster Relief Fund, the Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund and the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton, with more than $6 million awarded in grants to help local nonprofits with relief and rebuilding efforts following the 2019 tornadoes, aid individuals injured and families whose loved ones were taken in the Oregon District mass shooting and provide funds to organizations at the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.

During this time, the Foundation also relocated its office to a new building, setting the stage for greater collaboration with community partners on leadership initiatives such as Learn to Earn Dayton and the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities. This latest effort is working to level the playing field and create opportunities for success for all our region’s citizens.

We are sincerely grateful to Jim for his thoughtful and dedicated leadership during a challenging time for Greater Dayton and a robust growth period for The Dayton Foundation. He has led the Foundation through many noteworthy accomplishments on behalf of the community and generously devoted his time and talents since 2011 when he joined the Foundation’s Governing Board and its Finance Committee. We are pleased to welcome his continuation as a member of the Governing Board.

Thank you, Jim! 🙏
The Making Memories Fund
Loved Ones’ Battles with Alzheimer’s Inspire Donor to Give Back

For Cedric Howard, true success comes from helping others. Born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, Cedric, a production associate for Conagra Brands and former board member of the African-American Community Fund of The Dayton Foundation, believes that in order to be a complete person, one must give back. Whether he is mentoring youth, supporting the Boys Scouts of America or working to improve his neighborhood, Cedric incorporates this philosophy into everything he does.

Cedric supports many charitable interests, but his true passion lies in helping to find a cure for Alzheimer’s. After experiencing the slow death of his aunt from the disease in 2015 and then watching his grandmother suffer from its effects, Cedric was motivated to do something. Shortly after his aunt’s passing, he hosted his first annual golf outing to raise money for the Alzheimer’s Association.

“I was looking for a way to give back,” Cedric said. “I decided to create the Making Memories Golf Classic because I am an avid golfer, and it seemed like a fun way to do so.”

The following year, Cedric’s grandmother passed away from Alzheimer’s. “We had a great relationship,” he said. “Her death had a deep impact on our family.”

His grandmother’s death motivated Cedric to expand his efforts to raise money in hopes of finding a cure for the disease. He reached out to Joe Baldasare, a good friend and chief development officer for The Dayton Foundation, to establish The Making Memories Fund in 2017.

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To date, $1.86 million has been raised through the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton, with 93 grants awarded totaling $1.36 million. Nonprofit and community-based organizations that are serving individuals affected by the coronavirus are eligible to apply for grants from the fund as necessary for continuing needs.

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“We’ve all been affected by COVID-19 in one way or another, but some of our neighbors are particularly vulnerable to the wide-ranging and urgent consequences of this pandemic, including food insecurity, homelessness and mental health needs,” said Barbra Stonerock, vice president of Community Engagement for The Dayton Foundation.

“You can’t always receive, but you have to give. It doesn’t have to be monetary. It can be your time, your advice or yourself,” he said. “When I give, I am looking for fulfillment and being complete. I don’t look for credit. It’s fulfilling to know I have done my part.”

A $30,000 grant from the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton is helping local students in high-poverty school districts participate in remote learning by providing them with Chromebooks.

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Dayton Foundation Staff Recognized for their Work

Congratulations to Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation, who recently was honored by the National Conference for Community & Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ) as a 2020 Humanitarian Award recipient. As one of six outstanding individuals and organizations recognized this year, Mike was chosen for his leadership in addressing systemic racism and advancing Greater Dayton as a diverse and inclusive community.

Additionally, The Dayton Foundation’s 2018-19 Report to the Community, “We Are Here for You,” recently received a top Gem City PR Award from the Dayton Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). The award was presented during a virtual ceremony and recognized the work of the Foundation’s Marketing Department, including Graduate Assistant Holly-Kristina Averette, Public Relations Officer Soteria Brown, Graduate Assistant Dawnn Fann, Marketing & Communications Officer Gina Sandovol and Vice President Christine Smith. This is the ninth consecutive year the department has been recognized by PRSA Dayton for their excellence in communications.

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Centennial Celebration Kicks Off November 12!

The best party in Dayton is going virtual! Mark your calendars for The Dayton Foundation’s Centennial Kick-off – Celebrating 100 Years Together from Afar! – on Thursday, November 12 at 4:30 p.m. Join us as we launch our centennial anniversary with a virtual celebration filled with lively performances, heartwarming stories and a couple of exciting announcements that will positively impact Greater Dayton!

Watch your email, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, or visit our website for more information. We hope you will join us for this one-of-a-kind event!

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