Innovative Women of The Dayton Foundation

Born in 1863, Julia Shaw Patterson Carnell was no ordinary woman of that era. Known for her astute business sense and financial savvy, Julia was the first woman in Dayton to serve on a bank's board of directors and was a major underwriter for the Dayton Art Institute. The well-known community leader and philanthropist’s $93,750 stock gift – combined with her brother-in-law John Patterson and nephew Robert Patterson's gifts – provided the $250,000 seed money to give The Dayton Foundation its start in 1921.

Julia's story is one of many examples over the last 100 years of women associated with The Dayton Foundation who have made their marks in the community and the world. Here are a few other stories of the trailblazers, innovators and “firsts” who have helped shape Greater Dayton into what it is today.

Anne Greene

When Anne Greene signed on in 1980 as The Dayton Foundation’s first female Governing Board member, she brought with her a tenacity and enthusiasm to effect change in Greater Dayton. Already an accomplished community leader, Anne was a self-proclaimed “professional volunteer” and the impetus behind many community-changing efforts, such as advocating for racial equity in the 1960s and working to save Victoria Theatre from bankruptcy in the 1980s.

“She was perfectly willing to step out front personally and do all the hard work required to make a difference.”
– Fred Smith, former Governing Board chair

Anne, a leader in race relations in her day, agreed to chair the Dayton Human Relations Commission in 1964. It was a racially tense time in the city's history.

Anne's propensity to make an impact through her volunteer work was matched only by her generosity. She and her husband John Greene, an investment broker, gave liberally and often anonymously, supporting a wide variety of nonprofit organizations through their Dayton Foundation funds.

Anne, who died in 2003 at age 83, is remembered as a trailblazer who exuded dignity and grace with a commanding presence. “Because of Anne’s legacy, community leaders quickly recognized that there’s no reason to put a third-grade man on the board when you can get a first-class woman,” Fred Smith said.

Thyrsa Svager

Though she was a brilliant mathematician with a genius level IQ, Dr. Thyrsa Svager's true calling throughout her long and distinguished career at Central State University (CSU) was to help her students thrive.

“Education was very important to her,” said Aleksandar Svager, Thyrsa’s husband, in 2009. “She once paid for a student’s full tuition, because she wanted the student to have an opportunity to succeed.”

Centennial Culmination Event Was a Night to Remember!

Foundation Announced Gifts to the Community Campaign Total $2.1 Million

More than 1,000 donors, community leaders, advisors and friends came together on September 30 to celebrate The Dayton Foundation’s Centennial Culmination Event and the launch of its next century of service. Carillon Historical Park provided the perfect setting for the celebration presentation, including a thank you to the 100 Gifts to the Community donors and receiving organizations. Guests also were treated to a special concert

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Education was a value instilled in her by her parents while growing up in Wilberforce, Ohio. A child prodigy, Thyrsa graduated from the Wilberforce University Preparatory Academy at age 15 and went on to graduate from Antioch College. She was one of only four African-American students at Antioch, and was close friends with fellow student Coretta Scott King. After college she earned a master’s degree and ultimately a doctorate in mathematics, becoming one of the first females in the country to achieve this feat.

Thyrsa was an amazing, beautiful woman,” Aleksandar said. “She always had the best interests of her students at heart and wanted them to have the same opportunities that she had. This fund is her legacy.”

**Judy McCormick**

It seems only fitting that for The Dayton Foundation’s first female Governing Board Chair, Judy McCormick, “people” are at the root of everything she does.

“This region has so many advantages, the most important of which may be its quality of life,” Judy said. “I appreciate the warmth of the people who live here and a person’s ability to have an impact. I hear from people who have lived elsewhere, as I did, how extraordinary the welcoming culture is in our community.”

Although originally from Colorado, Judy was impressed with everything Dayton had to offer when she and her late husband, Bill McCormick, decided to call it home in the 1960s. The former classroom teacher has dedicated herself to dozens of local and national nonprofit organizations over the years, including the National Kidney Foundation Board, the Dayton Philharmonic Volunteer Association Board and the Children’s Medical Center (now Dayton Children’s) Women’s Board and Executive Committee.

She was first introduced to the Foundation in 1999, when she served as a Governing Board Member, and became its first female Governing Board Chair in 2004. Under her leadership, the Foundation grew by $43 million, delivered $68 million in grants over two years to nonprofits, continued the important work of the Diversity Task Force and launched the Neighborhood School Centers initiative with Dayton Public Schools to help rebuild neighborhoods in Dayton and assist families. She was deeply engaged during her tenure with the Foundation and has continued to serve on its Marketing and Public Relations Committee.

Judy credits her generous spirit with being raised by parents who taught her to give back. She manages several charitable funds through the Foundation, including a Charitable Checking Account and a Family Foundation Plus Fund to make her charitable giving easier.

“In the living out of ‘loving thy neighbor as thyself,’ how better can we do this than by helping others?”

– Judy McCormick, former Governing Board chair

**Jenell Ross**

As president of Bob Ross Auto Group and a dedicated community leader, Jenell Ross carries on a vision her parents started when they founded their company back in the 1970s. Bob and Norma Ross were pioneers in the industry as the first African-American male and female to own a Mercedes-Benz dealership, thus creating a foundation for a successful family business that continues today.

“I am most proud of continuing the Bob Ross Auto Group that was founded by my parents 47 years ago. I am in my 24th year, and I still feel that I am trying to fill the boots – not shoes – that my parents left behind,” said Jenell, who recently was listed as one of 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry. “It is a privilege and an honor to continue the legacy of my late parents.”

Her parents also inspired her to pay forward her blessings. She credits their examples of community service and helping minorities and other individuals who may not otherwise be invited to participate for spurring her desire to help others.

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Donor Photos, Stories Remind Us of Why We Are Here

By Gina Sandoval

Three, maybe four times a day while I’m at work, my eyes catch the photo of Adam Broock, an Oakwood High School student whose untimely passing in 1990 inspired his parents to establish a scholarship fund in his name. His photo hangs in one of the many donor photo collages displayed throughout The Dayton Foundation’s office. The sleek silver mounting brackets and brightly colored name blocks give the two-dimensional frames a modern feel, but the sentiments behind these photos goes much deeper. The smiling faces that line our hallways and offices remind us of why we are here.

Adam’s photo is reminiscent of one I would have seen in my high school yearbook. With his thick, sandy-colored hair, blue eyes and open-mouth smile, one can see why he was described as a popular, well-rounded student. His photo, like so many that grace the walls of the Foundation, represents a life gone too soon. But family and schoolmates – or in guitar-playing Adam’s case, his parents and bandmates – wanted to honor their loved one’s life by doing good for others in his or her name.

“The hardest and the easiest part of what I do every day is meeting the families behind the funds. It can be very emotional at times, but I feel good being able to comfort them in some small way and help to keep their loved one’s memory and what they meant to this world alive through their fund,” said Michelle Lovely, CFRE, vice president of Development and Donor Services. “Our donors’ spirit of generosity is so heartwarming, and the individuals behind those funds are ensuring that future generations are involved in giving back.”

The donor collage down the hall from Adam’s includes a photo of Robert and Helen Harmony. These longtime factory workers decided to establish the Robert and Helen Harmony Fund for Needy Children so kids could experience camp, educating others. These are just a sampling of the faces and stories that make up the more than 4,000 donors whose funds have awarded over $1 billion since the Foundation’s establishment 100 years ago.

One of the greatest joys of my job as Marketing and Communications Officer for The Dayton Foundation is archiving the photos and biographical information of our fund holders. I love learning what motivated you to create your fund and putting your story into words. Although your stories are as diverse as the photos that are displayed on our walls, you all share one important and unifying characteristic. Whether moved by personal tragedy, triumph or empathy, you created a charitable fund because you wanted to do something to help others. This higher calling is what led you to become a part of The Dayton Foundation family.

The staff here at the Foundation feel privileged to be connected, even in a small way, to the good work you are doing. You are the stories we tell at our dinner tables. You are the examples we point out to prospective fund holders who are looking for inspiration. You are the lessons we share with our children on how to make a difference in the world. More importantly, helping to fulfill your charitable legacies is why we take pride in our work and feel like we’re a part of something greater than ourselves.

“I have the greatest job because all day long, I get to meet good people who want to do good things for the community and the world,” said Joe Baldasare, chief Development officer for The Dayton Foundation. “What could be better than that?”
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.

**Ted and Irita Black Legacy Gift** originally was established as a deferred fund to meet human needs and improve the quality of life in Greater Dayton. Ted Black, founder of Gem City Controls, and his wife, Irita, a longtime community volunteer, were married for 64 years.

**Mound Cold War Discovery Center**

**Fund for the Mound Cold War Discovery Center** awards grants to Dayton History to support the Mound Cold War Discovery Center. As the nation’s first permanent Atomic Energy Commission site, Mound Laboratory in Miamisburg was an innovative research site from 1948-1995 that developed and manufactured the initiators of the early atomic bomb.

**House of Bread**

**House of Bread Funds** support this nonprofit organization that prevents hunger by offering free lunchtime meals and assistance in accessing local resources to individuals in need.

**James P. Hudson Legacy Fund** helps address emergent local needs and supports innovative, collaborative and dynamic community projects, as directed by The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board.

**Macy P. Janney Advanced Teacher Training Seminar (ATTS) Scholarship** helps teachers attend a five-day, arts-immersive learning experience in New York City. The fund honors longtime Muse Machine supporter Macy Janney, the mother of Oscar-winning actress Allison Janney.

**Jude 2 Foundation in the Name of Jesus Christ** supports Christian-centered charities in the Miami Valley and internationally.

**Agraria Center for Regenerative Practices**

**The Braxton Miller Foundation** empowers tomorrow’s leaders through education, sports and mentoring. With the power and platform of this former Ohio State University football player and graduate and NFL superstar, and the help of generous donors, sponsors and volunteers, the Braxton Miller Foundation is expanding youth sports opportunities, STEM education and mentoring to make a transformative impact on kids in Ohio.

**Jean Penny Scholarship** awards scholarships to help Greater Dayton students further their education. Jean Penny, who co-founded Penny and Penny Advertising with her husband, Robert, in 1949, loved to travel and play golf. Her generous spirit and value for education will live on through helping students complete their college degrees.

**Richard H. Schaefer Legacy Fund** provides discretionary grants to enhance the quality of life in Greater Dayton.

**The Schaeffer Family Fund** furthers the charitable interests of the donors. Beth Schaeffer, a retired attorney, and Alan Schaeffer, a partner for the law firm Pickled Schaeffer and Ebeling, are ardent supporters of the arts in Greater Dayton.

**Doug Weikert Memorial Scholarship** helps select athletes graduating from Kettering Fairmont High School further their education at a two- or four-year university or college. Doug Weikert, an award-winning teacher and coach who was known as “Mr. Algebra,” took great pride in teaching his students math in a creative and fun way. He was equally dedicated to coaching track and field and basketball throughout his career.

**Cheryl A. Young Scholarship** honors the memory of this devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. The fund was established to honor Cheryl’s generous spirit by helping select Dayton Public Schools graduates or Sinclair Community College students further their education with school assistance.

**Coach Ed Zink Scholarship** honors the 46-year career of this Beavercreek City Schools coach by awarding scholarships to help students further their education. When Coach Zink retired in 2021, he was the all-time winningest girls’ basketball coach in Ohio, with 810 wins and three state titles.

**Macy P. Janney**

**Cheryl A. Young**

**Coach Ed Zink**

**Stanley R. and Elaine L. Donenfeld**

Stanley R. and Elaine L. Donenfeld Fund carries on the charitable legacies of Stanley Donenfeld, co-owner of Donenfeld’s department store, and his wife, Elaine, a jewelry designer and creator. The Donenfelds were married for 53 years.

**Generational Futures Fund** provides support for the Agraria Center for Regenerative Practices in Yellow Springs, whose mission is to cultivate community resilience by modeling regenerative practices that restore ecosystem health, heal our relationship with the land and grow just and equitable food systems.

**Ron Hill Noble County Scholars Fund** awards scholarships to help graduating seniors from Noble County, Ohio, further their education. The fund remembers Ron Hill, a successful business owner and family man who found great joy in the small things in life.
Collective Action Is Key to Making Significant Impact

As we wrap up The Dayton Foundation’s Centennial Celebration year and launch its next 100 years of service, it only seems fitting that I continue to spotlight equity and inclusion. These efforts align with one of the Foundation’s founding principles, to help create access and opportunities for individuals who wouldn’t otherwise have them.

This column’s featured expert is Mary Tyler. During her long career, Mary has worked in communities in four different states, served in various leadership roles within the United Way National Diversity and Inclusion Council and as director of The National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton. Her background offers her a unique perspective in her work now as a diversity, equity, inclusion and access consultant.

What similarities do you see as far as racial disparities nationally compared with those we are facing in Greater Dayton?

Just like Greater Dayton, communities in other parts of the country attempt to address racial disparities. However, there appears to be only increased attention and efforts following a highly publicized event. Then fatigue sets in and communities, except for select dedicated individuals and groups, return to business as usual. Addressing and dismantling historically authorized racial systems and policies is complex, intense, challenging and messy. It’s a journey!

Building trust between those who possess power and those without power is required to move this work forward. I have observed marginalized individuals or underrepresented groups when decisions are being made that impact them in other communities. Often, this dynamic plays out when it’s stated that we want to be inclusive, yet the same individuals are invited to the table or there’s another table where those in power invite a hand-picked few to participate in a meeting where plans and decisions actually occur. Only when those in power understand that it’s not a win-lose proposition but a win-win for all will change happen and power, information and access can be shared.

There are many individuals working in this space of racial injustice within those communities and Greater Dayton. However, there are few centralized and coordinated efforts with stated metrics. There can be a more significant impact from collective action. Individuals want and deserve change that includes economic, social and cultural rights.

I hope the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities’ work, spearheaded by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC), will demonstrate our courage and resolute leadership. We are a nationally recognized community of innovation. When we apply the same level of ingenuity, attention and determination to overcome racial disparities, we can become a model for the country.

In your consulting work, you conduct countywide equity listening sessions. What are some common themes that have been uncovered during these sessions?

We were fortunate to have a diverse group of individuals candidly participate in the equity listening sessions. It was evident that we needed to increase awareness of what equity means in the content of the county leadership’s desire to create a community-wide equity culture. The comments convey a need to develop some common language residents may use. We asked participants to identify their top two needs or areas vital to them and their families. The results in ranking order were: health, opportunity and neighborhood (tied), housing, environment, transportation and engagement.

An overwhelming number of attendees agreed that organizations and institutions must set goals to have leadership and staffing that mirrors the community’s demographics. Overall, the participants shared a host of creative ideas. Individuals appreciated the opportunity to weigh in and requested updates on the progress made.

How is the work of the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities helping to address diversity, equity and inclusion in Greater Dayton?

In partnership with MVRPC, Learn to Earn Dayton, The Dayton Foundation, PNC Bank and many other organizations, we introduced the traveling “Undesign the Redline” exhibit, which will be on display until 2022.

Residents can experience the exhibit’s visually captivating storyline that illustrates how communities like Greater Dayton often are racially segregated. The project includes research from MVRPC’s Miami Valley Equity Regional Profile, where individuals can learn how government authorized and promoted policies created many of the social issues and injustices we experience today. The exhibit encourages discussion about race, wealth, power and opportunity to lead to an equity-focused movement.

In addition, MVRPC recently kicked off the inaugural Environmental Justice Academy with 27 first cohort members. The academy consists of a nine-month program of courses, assignments and projects. Participants learn collaborative problem-solving among local governments, small businesses, academic institutions and industry to create a shared vision among them so that all parts of a community have a voice in addressing local environmental justice concerns.

How can individual businesses get involved with efforts to promote diversity, equity and inclusion?

The first step is educating oneself about the history of racial injustices and being open to reviewing this information through an equity lens. Once educated, individuals can consistently speak out when they witness or experience inequitable policies, practices and behavior.

Businesses might consider conducting an audit of their policies and practices and making the necessary changes to promote an equitable culture. Additionally, the ongoing support of African-American or African-descent-led nonprofit organizations is essential to their success in serving individuals and families. Equally important is the investment and patronage of black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. This backing promotes wealth building, fosters job creation, serves as a model of accountability for other companies, encourages individual stewardship and empowers local communities.

We live in a rich and vibrant region, and I count it a blessing to serve in a leadership role. As my mother taught me, when we witness or experience harm, we have an obligation to speak up when we observe someone harmed by another or treated unfairly. She also said it’s our responsibility to be part of the solution. I am committed to this work and look forward to the undeniable change on the horizon.

Michael M. Parks, CFRE
President
New Initiative Aims to Build Economic and Racial Equity

When the Northwest Dayton Partnership launched in August, the announcement about this collaborative, place-based effort to build economic and racial equity brought a renewed sense of excitement to the region. 

“The Northwest Dayton Partnership is the culmination of years of discussions and planning for how to improve outcomes for kids and families in this critical corner of our city,” said Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley. “I am thrilled that this work is moving forward to intentionally focus on investing in existing community leadership and creating better outcomes for Black students. I’m grateful for the leadership of all of the partners involved and look forward to seeing this work come to fruition.”

Boosted by an $8 million grant from Blue Meridian Partners, the Northwest Dayton Partnership brings together people and organizations working to dramatically improve results at a population level and reduce racial disparities with sustained, systemic solutions. The effort aims to take a two-generation approach to building well-being by intentionally and simultaneously working with both children and the adults in their lives. Efforts include building high-quality, early childhood education and shifting power to deeply connected, primarily African-American-led community organizations, among others.

As part of its Place Matters portfolio, national funder Blue Meridian Partners is providing catalytic support for the Northwest Dayton Partnership. The two-year, $8 million grant will help the partners develop a comprehensive six- to ten-year vision that aligns opportunities, bolsters the infrastructure critical for the community’s success and equips families to pursue their goals and thrive. Other national support for the initiative will be provided by Harlem Children’s Zone, which is sharing best practices to reinforce the Northwest Dayton Partnership’s success.

“We at Harlem Children’s Zone are committed to cradle-to-career models across the nation, and we have a generation of data to prove the effectiveness of place-based work,” said Kwame Owusu-Kesse, CEO of Harlem Children’s Zone. “We are inspired by the Northwest Dayton Partnership’s impactful, on-the-ground work and are excited to see the effect on the future outcomes of young people here in Dayton.”

Learn to Earn Dayton, a supporting organization of The Dayton Foundation, will convene the partners and provide them with core support to achieve a shared vision.

“The hope is that the Partnership’s impact not only will be felt locally, but have a national reach as well. “We are looking for models around the country on how to effectively address the complexities of race, poverty and education,” said Geoffrey Canada, founder and president of Harlem Children’s Zone. “The Northwest Dayton Partnership has the potential to serve as a model on how to address, and ultimately solve, these profound issues.”

“Our job as the backbone organization is to accelerate the amazing work being done by deeply connected community leaders and facilitate collaboration so that all the organizations in Northwest Dayton can work towards their common goals,” said Kristina Scott, CEO of Learn to Earn Dayton.

The Dayton Foundation’s role is to provide Northwest Dayton Partnership’s team members with technical assistance on capacity building, impact investing and leveraging philanthropic investment to support partnership goals. The Foundation also is leading efforts to analyze the infrastructure needs of African American-led agencies in the community and help them to build capacity.

“Blue Meridian Partner’s generous investment in the Dayton community comes at a critical time in closing the economic gap,” said Michael M. Parks, CFRE, president of The Dayton Foundation. “Thanks to this grant, the Northwest Dayton Partnership can align and leverage resources, as well as increase linkages across agencies, to build equitable neighborhoods and improve life outcomes for area youth and families.”

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Kristina Scott, CEO of Learn to Earn Dayton, and Mike Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation, speak at the August press conference announcing the Northwest Dayton Partnership.

Northwest Dayton Partnership aims to create two-generation, place-based programs that result in racial and economic equity.
CARE House

Grant Helps Children Feel “Safe, Supported and Believed”

In the mid-1990s, Montgomery County’s child protection system was under review by a task force of community leaders trying to determine why children were dying at the hands of their parents and caregivers. The task force, led by Brother Raymond Fitz, made recommendations on how better to serve the county’s children, and, as a result, Montgomery County made available $3 million for child protection initiatives.

At the time, Libby Nicholson was employed as a social worker on the front lines at Dayton Children’s. She observed how recounting painful stories of abuse to multiple agencies impacted the children and wanted to do something to make the process easier on them.

“I witnessed firsthand the disjointed response. I knew we could do better,” said Libby, director of CARE House since 1999. “Children were falling through the cracks because of a fragmented response by those investigating cases. I learned about the children’s advocacy center model, in which children came to a child-focused facility where cases were coordinated.”

Libby decided to approach Dayton Children’s leadership about a child-advocacy center. With their support and a $55,000 grant from Montgomery County, CARE House was established in 1998.

“Each child who comes through our doors is forensically interviewed, and if indicated, is assessed for trauma symptoms and is referred for mental health services and a medical evaluation,” Libby said. “Our multidisciplinary team is onsite and meets weekly to review cases to ensure that information is exchanged and gaps in the service delivery system are addressed. A comprehensive approach to this child-centered care has proven to strengthen cases by better protecting children and, when possible, holding offenders accountable.”

Patricia and Richard Glennon, Jr., are avid supporters of CARE House and recently supported the nonprofit organization with a $10,000 grant from a Donor-Advised Fund they established through The Dayton Foundation in 2013. Although CARE House falls under the fiscal nonprofit umbrella of Dayton Children’s, the advocacy center relies heavily on private dollars to support its programming.

“We are so thankful for the Glennon family, who have embraced the mission of CARE House and understand the importance of addressing the trauma of childhood abuse through strong and effective mental health service delivery,” Libby said. “We have used their generous support over the years to sustain and enhance our services to this vulnerable population of children. It really does take a village to raise a child, and the Glennon family’s support is an example of that.”

Grants like the one from the Glennons’ fund are more important than ever, as the number of children served annually has nearly doubled to almost 1,000 in recent years and public support through the Victims of Crime Act is dwindling.

“The Glennons encourage others to support this safe haven that has served more than 10,000 children and families to date and helped them to feel safe, supported and believed.

“All have lived difficult situations to go through for my daughter and for me as well. Thank you.”

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Michelle Lovely Named to Philanthropy Ohio’s Board of Trustees

Philanthropy Ohio members recently elected four new members to its Board of Trustees, including Dayton Foundation Vice President of Development and Donor Services Michelle Lovely, CFRE.

Joining The Dayton Foundation in 2016, Michelle is responsible for overseeing outgoing donor grant requests, fund development and gift planning activities. A lifelong Preble County resident, Michelle earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University. She’s also a very active community volunteer and has served on numerous not-for-profit boards and committees, including the American Heart Association.

Philanthropy Ohio is a statewide membership association that provides the network, tools and knowledge to help people engaged in philanthropy become more effective, powerful change agents in their communities. Michelle’s three-year term on the board will begin in January 2022.

Important Note When Making Gifts of Appreciated Assets

With the holidays approaching, please follow these steps to help ensure gifts made to your Dayton Foundation fund are processed in a timely manner.

Before making a gift of appreciated assets to your fund, be sure to check that your brokerage firm has an account with The Dayton Foundation. Once you have verified this, provide written instructions to both your broker and to us so we may identify the Foundation fund that is to be credited with the gift. For more information on making a gift to your Dayton Foundation fund, contact Tracie Boshears at tboshears@daytonfoundation.org or (937) 225-9967.

Gift Acknowledgement Letters Go Electronic

Gift acknowledgements have gone paperless! The Dayton Foundation has launched a new system that sends contribution receipts by email. When your gift is processed, an email from GiftReceipt@daytonfoundation.org will be sent to your preferred email address with an attached letter for your records.

To be sure that the Foundation has your email address on file, please provide it when sending in your next donation or email us at GiftReceipt@daytonfoundation.org.
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Thank you to our generous sponsors, who made The Dayton Foundation’s year-long Centennial Celebration – 100 Years of Helping You Help Others – possible! Presenting sponsor is PNC, with Lead sponsor J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Partner sponsors Buckingham Advisors and Fifth Third Bank. Additional support provided by Supporting sponsors Bieser Greer; The Cornell/Nicholson Team of UBS Financial Services; Eubel Brady & Suttman Investment + Wealth Management; Flagel Huber Flagel; The Hale Group at Morgan Stanley; James Investment; Johnson Investment Counsel; KeyBank; and Marsh & McLennan Agency, Inc. Media support provided by Cox Media Group; Dayton Daily News; and Key-Ads.

No matter your interests or means, there is a place for everyone at the Foundation.

–Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation

by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra while 100 drones lit up the sky thanks to Firefly Drone Shows. It was a night to remember!

“What binds us together is the shared belief in all that is good, to give back to those in need, to lift spirits, to improve lives and to provide hope and opportunity for the future. Because of caring individuals like you, The Dayton Foundation stands 100 years later, representing all that is good in Dayton,” said Michael M. Parks, CFRE, president of The Dayton Foundation, in his speech. “True to our founders’ vision 100 years ago, The Dayton Foundation is about helping you help others. No matter your interests or means, there is a place for everyone at the Foundation.”

The event capped off the Foundation’s centennial year by celebrating the conclusion of its 100 Gifts to the Community campaign. The campaign featured 100 of the Foundation’s fund holders who awarded special, one-time grants in honor of the Foundation’s milestone anniversary to the nonprofit organizations of their choice. More than $2.1 million in gifts, ranging from $1,000 to more than $100,000, were awarded to local nonprofit organizations through this effort.

To learn more about the 100 Gifts, visit www.daytonfoundation.org or follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter.