Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative
Fellows Look to Expand Program’s Reach

When the pandemic expedited Leigh Sempeles, JD, and her husband, Mark Ording’s, return to Dayton, she wanted to find an opportunity to contribute to the community and employ her more than 20 years of experience in business and nonprofit leadership roles.

“The opportunity to work as a Dayton Foundation Del Mar Encore Fellow with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission’s Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities on establishing age-friendly initiatives in the region was particularly exciting,” said Leigh, who started working as a fellow for MVRPC in 2021.

Thanks in part to her leadership, nine area communities recently became part of AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, which helped the Miami Valley also to earn the designation of becoming Ohio’s first Age-Friendly Region.

“I am grateful to have led a robust community engagement process, encouraging MVRPC’s members, partners and stakeholders to transform policies, places and programs within their communities so that they may ensure we all can live better as we age,” Leigh said.

She found the work so rewarding that when Noreen Willhelm, the Foundation’s former senior fellow overseeing the Initiative, announced her retirement earlier this year, Leigh eagerly threw her hat in the ring and applied.

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David Miller Is the Foundation’s New Board Chair

A lifelong resident of Greater Dayton, David T. Miller has witnessed the region’s many ups and downs over the years. Much like how he’s faced his own life experiences, including overcoming a traumatic accident at age 16, he believes the region’s future is bright and will continue to be a place where everyone can play a part in its continued success. All that is needed, he says, is perseverance, the support of our neighbors and a commitment to faith.

“We’ve seen such a show of strength and resiliency in recent years – from the tornadoes and Oregon District tragedy in 2019, to more recently the impact of COVID-19,” said David, retired president and CEO of DTM Advisors and retired vice president of Finance and CFO for Dayton Children’s. “Each time, the community has rallied together in support of our neighbors. When we work together, so much can be achieved. The depth of giving here is transformational.”

David is applying his vast professional and volunteer experience to his new position as chair of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board. A Board member since 2013, he has chaired both the Foundation’s Finance and Audit...
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“This is an exciting time for the Foundation. As we take on new challenges, we see our work move forward. Our programs and initiatives are shaping the future of the community, and the support of our donors is critical.”

David and his wife, Mary, hiked Ireland’s countryside for their 40th wedding anniversary. “We have an obligation to keep moving forward and help others. Whether it’s having water balloon fights at Hocking Hills State Park or going for ice cream in our jammies, you’re never too old to experience the joys of being young.”

David comes from a lineage of financial professionals. His dad was an accountant, and his grandfather was a bank examiner. “My family owned a small bank until the depression hit, so I keep a photo of the building to ward off hubris,” he said.

His faith lies close to his heart, and he finds the joys of leading people with hope and help rewarding. Once a year, David travels to Dakar, the capital of Senegal in West Africa, to teach business classes to budding entrepreneurs. “Experiences like these give me a broader perspective and appreciation for different cultures,” David reflected. “But no matter where someone lives, the same basic values—to provide and care for your family and neighbors—stays true and strong.”

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“I’m continually in awe of the Foundation’s staff and volunteers and the work they accomplish for our region. They do it very well, and it shows through the high level of trust and respect the community holds for the Foundation,” David said. “We’re standing on the shoulders of giants like John Moore, Sr., Fred Smith, Sr., Anne Greene and so many others like them who have served on its Governing Board. We have an obligation to keep moving forward and have a long-term focus. There’s no limit to what we can do to help others, and, with 4,000-plus charitable funds under management, there’s no limit to how many more people can join us in this effort.”

When asked what inspired David most about his position as Governing Board chair, his answer is heartfelt.

“The Foundation celebrated a wonderful 100th anniversary with the community in 2021,” David said. “I don’t wish to close this chapter of the Foundation’s history and just move on. I hope to lead the Board over the next two years in keeping the momentum going for another hundred years or more. In the future, we will see even more impact, thanks to the generosity of others, and perhaps growth we never dreamed of as more people give and serve. That’s what inspires me and gives me hope for Greater Dayton.”
Renewable and Completion Scholarship Funds
Continuing Support Helps Students Make It to the Finish Line

Dayton Foundation donor Pat Meadows knows firsthand the challenges of paying for and staying in college. As the only daughter of four children, her parents and maternal grandmother set high expectations for her to ensure she was accepted into college after high school graduation.

“My grandmother paid a portion of my tuition, and along with a student loan and a work study job, I was able to cover the costs and complete my degree in four years,” Pat said.

Her gratitude for her family’s support, coupled with her desire to honor her late husband, Charles, inspired Pat to establish a renewable scholarship fund through the African-American Community Fund of The Dayton Foundation in 2021.

“As the son of an educator and one himself, Charles understood the importance and advantage of earning a degree. In our culture, advancing our education is one way to rise above limited resources and opportunities,” Pat said. “Through his work and community involvement, Charles knew how students struggle to pay for school. I hope this scholarship will honor my husband’s legacy and lighten the load for students to complete their goals.”

Nadja Dewberry, a Dayton Foundation scholarship recipient

Another Foundation donor who knows the struggles of attaining an affordable education is Dr. David Ponitz, president emeritus of Sinclair Community College. In his 22 years as president, he worked to keep tuition costs down, with rates remaining the same during the last five years of his tenure.

Today, Dr. Ponitz continues to help make education affordable through the David Ponitz Completion Scholarship at Sinclair Community College, a fund which was established by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute through The Dayton Foundation to honor his years of service as a board member. Last year he donated an additional $50,000 to the fund, a gesture he made as part of the Foundation’s 100 Gifts to the Community centennial campaign. To date, $10,000 has been awarded from the fund to assist Sinclair students who demonstrate financial need and are nearing completion of their degrees.

“So often students may be only one quarter away from finishing their degrees and run out of the funding they need to complete them,” David said. “My hope is that my scholarship fund will help ensure more students are finishing their education, which I believe is key to personal development and success.”

Though the increase in educational costs has slowed some in recent years due to COVID-19 and other factors, the majority of students still are taking on a serious amount of debt to complete their education. According to College Board, 55 percent of bachelor’s degree recipients from public and private nonprofit four-year colleges and universities in the 2019-20 academic year had an average debt of $28,400 upon graduation. Even more staggering is that 10 percent of student loan borrowers owed $80,000 or more as of March 2021.

Traditionally, scholarships have been offered primarily to help graduating high school seniors with costs for their first year of college. But rising costs aren’t just a barrier for students trying to get to college, says Michelle Brown, director of scholarship services for The Dayton Foundation, but also for students who are trying to finish their degrees.

“I often have students reaching out for help because they’ve exhausted other funding and can’t take on more debt,” Michelle said. “Of the 300 scholarship funds held by The Dayton Foundation, only 44 are renewable or completion scholarships. I hope to see this number increase, because while all of our scholarships are critical in helping youth pursue their education, renewable and

End-of-Year Giving and Grantmaking

The holiday season is upon us, and The Dayton Foundation wants to help you with your end-of-year charitable giving needs. Please keep in mind the following information and contact Jill Koomdyk, director of donor services, at jkoomdyk@daytonfoundation.org or (937) 225-9944, with any questions.

» When making a gift of appreciated assets to your fund, be sure your brokerage firm has an account with the Foundation. Once verified, please provide written instructions to both your broker and to us so we may identify the Foundation fund to be credited with the gift. For more information on making a gift to your Dayton Foundation fund, contact Tracie Boshears, senior staff accountant, at tboshears@daytonfoundation.org or (937) 225-9967.

» If you are making a grant to a nonprofit organization and would like it to receive your contribution by December 31, 2022, you must submit your grant request by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16.

» The deadline to make a contribution to your fund and have it count toward your 2022 tax return is midnight on Saturday, December 31. Envelopes must be postmarked on or before the 31st, or you may deposit your checks in the secure drop box located outside the Foundation’s staff entrance at 1401 South Main St., Dayton, Ohio 45409. Donations must be dropped off by midnight on December 31.

» To make a gift online via credit card or direct bank transfer, please visit daytonfoundation.org/donate.html by midnight on December 31, 2022.

From all of us at The Dayton Foundation, we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for letting us help you help others this year!”
DEI as a Community-wide Strategy Makes Greater Dayton Better for All

Eliminating disparities and advancing equity are two critical elements in building a community where individuals of all backgrounds can thrive. No one understands this concept better than Michael Carter, senior advisor to the president and chief diversity officer for Sinclair Community College, who has become a leading advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion awareness and education. Throughout his career and volunteer work, and as an African-American Community Fund donor, Michael has embodied the description of a change agent in moving Greater Dayton toward a more diverse and inclusive region. I sat down with him recently to discuss the community’s biggest hurdles in achieving DEI and how individuals and organizations can get involved in the fight to further DEI efforts in and out of the workplace.

What do you see as the community’s greatest challenges regarding equity and inclusion?

I love the quote by Mark Twain, “It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you in trouble, it’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.” One of our greatest challenges is the belief that it is impossible to love this great country and still look inward with a critical eye. Our history is complicated, one with amazing accomplishments and shameful cruelty. We must accept and learn from both.

What resources are available for local organizations and individuals who want to get involved and educate themselves about DEI?

Please check out www.sinclair.edu/diversity for the DEI calendar of events. We also provide downloadable resources, links to TED Talks, webinars and videos, and a wealth of other resources. In addition, there is a Regional Equity Calendar supported by Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission that provides information on equity training and activities in the community. If you’re looking for a hands-on experience, Sinclair’s Diversity Office opened an exhibit last September titled Our American Journey: The Black Experience in America. It’s a powerful sampling of books, artifacts and visuals, which has sparked a lot of conversation among the nearly 1,000 visitors who have experienced it.

How does prioritizing DEI work help organizations and their employees succeed?

Although we work in environments where people come from many different backgrounds, religions, political views and social vantage points, we must be welcoming and create a climate that is accepting and inclusive. Leadership must be unwavering in its strong support of DEI efforts in the face of those who may oppose those efforts. Failure to do so is a betrayal to those who have been historically marginalized and underrepresented. Our companies and organizations have a wonderful opportunity to lead the way when it comes to creating cultures of acceptance and understanding. Let’s be mindful that those who need our support most in this space are rarely vocal about needing that support. Lifting them up makes our organizations stronger and creates a more inclusive space for all employees to succeed.

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Another challenge is so many of us have a difficult time “declaring against interest.” This means having the empathy to believe that all of us, regardless of our zip code, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, should have equal and equitable access. Over the last seven years, I have been intimately involved in this work and see great progress. However, the challenge for all of us is to not become satisfied with that progress or become frustrated or intimidated by those who push back against racial and social justice. The work of diversity, equity and inclusion is a journey; not a destination.

You have facilitated more than 300 discussions centered on DEI for more than 10,000 participants. How have these discussions elevated the conversation on DEI in Greater Dayton? We believe in inviting people in, not pushing them out of the conversation. Our work in this effort has provided individuals with the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of DEI topics they probably never would have had without the platform we provided. The key is having the willingness to learn and listen. There often is an inclination to not hear other people’s reality, but when one does hear with an open mind it allows meaningful conversations to occur. Many people are hearing things for the very first time or things that historically have been hidden or covered up. This can be uncomfortable, yet, at the same time, very liberating. All of our events and discussions are open not only to Sinclair students, faculty and staff, but also to the entire community and even the country.

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– Leigh Sempeles, Del Mar Encore senior fellow

Marva Cosby’s two-year term as chair of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board came to a close at the end of June, and we would like to extend our profound appreciation for her outstanding leadership.

Under Marva’s chairwomanship, the Foundation made significant strides in its mission to help individuals and organizations help others through philanthropy and community leadership. These included the awarding of nearly 43,000 grants totaling more than $121 million from all Foundation funds to nonprofit organizations. Of this amount, $1.7 million was awarded in Board-directed discretionary grants and Greenlight Grants” that helped double the number of students receiving mentorship and secondary educational opportunities; aid meal storage to feed individuals and families in need; construct a one-stop health and wellness center; and develop trail systems for better access to recreational and natural resources, among other efforts.

Marva also helped to guide the Foundation in marking its 100th year in operation. This milestone anniversary was highlighted by the award-winning 100 Gifts to the Community campaign, featuring 100 Dayton Foundation fund holders awarding more than $2.1 million in new gifts to Greater Dayton nonprofits; a year-long, multi-media advertising campaign to raise community awareness of the Foundation’s mission; a spectacular gathering of more than 1,000 donors, of the Foundation’s mission; a spectacular gathering of more than 1,000 donors, and the Foundation’s first prime-time television special.

As the region emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, Marva oversaw the Foundation award more than $2.1 million in grants to date from the COVID-19 Response Fund for Greater Dayton to support regional nonprofits in their response. Final distributions from the Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund aided victims and their families from the 2019 mass shooting, and grants from the Greater Dayton Disaster Relief Fund to support tornado recovery for individuals concluded, with funding now directed toward community efforts.

Additionally under Marva’s chairwomanship, the Foundation added 328 new endowed and non-endowed funds to assist individuals, families and organizations in furthering their charitable goals. Included among these funds are 34 new unrestricted and lightly restricted funds that help the Foundation address pressing community needs and opportunities today and long into the future. (Read more about projects supported by unrestricted funds on page 6.)

A record dollar amount in new contributions to all funds plus sound investment management added $387 million in charitable assets since July 2020, bringing the Foundation’s community resources to more than $1 billion for the first time in its history.

Partnerships with other organizations and individuals to lead community initiatives, such as Learn to Earn Dayton and the Institute for Liveable and Equitable Communities, have continued to expand the Foundation’s collaborative role and have further emphasized the importance of inclusive work to build upon regional diversity and equity efforts.

We are sincerely grateful for Marva’s thoughtful and dedicated leadership during The Dayton Foundation’s robust growth period and for launching it into its next century of service. She led the Foundation through many noteworthy accomplishments on behalf of the community and generously has devoted her time and talent since 2015 when she joined the Foundation’s Governing Board and later chaired its Marketing and Public Relations Committee and served on its Executive Committee. Her continued participation as a member of the Governing Board is most appreciated and welcomed. Thank you, Marva!

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Leigh Sempeles, senior fellow for the Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative

in three at the lowest for math, this outreach is helping us reach a critical mass of people in need of literacy services,” Ashley said.

One of the coalition’s members, Preschool Promise, recently used BLC for support in assistance of two of the teachers on the path to higher education and, ultimately, better paying jobs.

“Both teachers are English language learners, so the prospect of taking the paraprofessional exam was very daunting. BLC’s tutors worked with them to enhance their English skills and helped them prepare for the test,” said James Cosby, career advisor and special projects manager for Preschool Promise. “Both teachers passed the exam on the first try, have jobs at local school districts and are pursuing associate’s degrees in education.”

Joni feels fortunate to be a part of a program that is making a difference in so many lives. “We can’t have equity without literacy,” she said. “BLC is life-changing for adults with low literacy, and I am proud to play a part in its success.”

Currently, seven new Del Mar Encore Fellows are taking on roles to aid area nonprofits, including efforts to expand access to affordable housing for vulnerable populations and to develop resources for people with traumatic brain injury, thus bringing the total number of current fellows working in the region to 10.

“This is an exciting time for the Initiative, or as we call it the Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative 2.0,” Leigh said. “Expanding our reach will deepen our impact in making Greater Dayton a better place, not just for older adults, but for all our region’s citizens.”

which has made tremendous strides in education, social services and more. DMEF recently released a five-year evaluation, which reports that the 14 Del Mar Fellows hired to date have provided more than 30,000 total hours (with a value of $155,000 per organization) of expert-level services across 15 Greater Dayton nonprofit host organizations. It’s estimated that for every dollar DMEF invests in the Initiative, host organizations see a $1.31 in savings if they were to hire a consultant to complete the same work – a 31% social return on investment. Even more impressive is that 100 percent of the fellows and their hosts reported high satisfaction with their DMEF experience in a recent survey.

Brunner Literacy Center Executive Director Ashley Lackovich credits the organization’s partnership with DMEF for expanding awareness about low literacy rates in Greater Dayton. Fellow Joni Watson is working with BLC to establish a coalition of organizations and companies whose clients and employees are at risk of low literacy. To date, 20 organizations have joined the BLC Literacy Leaders Coalition.

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The Dayton Foundation recently awarded $632,500 in discretionary grants that were approved by the Foundation’s Governing Board to assist Greater Dayton charities. Additionally, grants totaling $40,825 were awarded through the Foundation’s Greenlight Grants’ program to benefit area nonprofits.

The Foundation’s discretionary and Greenlight Grants programs are made possible by donors who have provided unrestricted or lightly restricted funds. These funds enable the Foundation to act on opportunities for the community and address pressing needs throughout the region.

**Recent discretionary grants help build a better community**

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**East End Community Services**

**East End Community Services ($125,000)** to aid in the renovation of two new warehouse spaces that ultimately will strengthen services to children and families.

**The Foodbank** ($75,000) to purchase a new freezer unit to increase the organization’s ability to respond to future emergencies.

**Friends of Aullwood**

**Friends of Aullwood ($25,000)** to aid in renovations that will make Aullwood accessible for individuals with disabilities.

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton ($62,500)** to assist in replacing the organization’s roof.

**Montgomery County Ohio College Promise**

**Montgomery County Ohio College Promise ($100,000)** to support the Extend the Promise campaign to help an additional 500 students, over the next 10 years, attend college at little or no cost to them or their families.

**WYSO Public Radio** ($25,000) to assist in building a satellite location at the Dayton Arcade for broadcasts and educational opportunities.

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**YMCA of Greater Dayton** ($100,000) in partnership with CountyCorp, CareSource, Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley, The Homeownership Center, Premier Health, United Way of the Greater Dayton Area and Wright State University, to help build a one-stop-shop health and wellness campus in Northwest Dayton.

**Brukner Nature Center**

**Brukner Nature Center ($2,847)** to improve fencing separating visitors and program participants from Wildlife Ambassadors.

**First Dayton Little League**

**First Dayton Little League ($4,000)** to aid in upgrading the dugouts, restrooms, parking lot, concession stand and playing field.

**Greenlight Grants Awards**

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**Gem City Kitties ($4,239)** to help the organization provide services to victims of domestic violence by expanding and updating the current phone system.

**Gem City Vet**

**Gem City Vet ($3,000)** to purchase a truck to provide services that help seniors stay in safe, healthy housing.

**Planned2Give ($2,000)** to upgrade to an all-in-one fundraising and data management tool, enabling the organization to support more nonprofit fundraising events.

**The Historical Society of Germantown**

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**OneFifteen ($1,195)** to provide fitness programs for people recovering from addiction.

**Places Inc. ($7,500)** to purchase appliances and furniture for adults living with mental health challenges.

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Five New Members Welcomed to Governing Board
The Dayton Foundation has appointed five new members to its Governing Board, which provides stewardship for the Foundation and its charitable activities. They are Art Harlan, Valerie Lemmie, Alice O. McCollum, Martha Shaker and Joshua Stucky. Art Harlan joined Henry Penny Corporation in 1992 and served in management roles through 2017, including treasurer, chief financial officer and executive vice president. He currently is an advisor to management and a member of the company’s board of directors. An active member of the Greater Dayton community, Art has served on boards for the American Red Cross Miami Valley Chapter, United Way of the Greater Dayton Area and YMCA of Greater Dayton. Valerie Lemmie has served as city manager for Petersburg, Virginia, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dayton, Ohio, where she was the first woman and first Black person to hold the position. She also was commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and district director and acting chief of staff for Congressman Michael Turner. Today, Valerie is the director of exploratory research for the Charles E. Kettering Foundation. A valued community volunteer, she has held positions on the boards for Dayton History, Initiatives of Change USA, Matriots Ohio and National Civic League. Valerie previously served as a board member for the National Academy of Public Administration, National Forum for Black Public Administrators and SIVIO Institute (Zimbabwe). The Honorable Alice O. McCollum became the first woman judge of the Dayton Municipal Court in 1979 and the first woman and Black person to be elected Montgomery County Probate Judge in 2002. Now retired, Alice serves on the Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation board and is an elder and 40-plus-year member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Her past board memberships include Dayton Children’s, The Dayton Foundation’s Self-Sufficiency Board, Dayton Live, United Theological Seminary and Wright State University Foundation. Martha Shaker has served as president of Concept Rehab, Inc., for 26 years, providing essential rehabilitation services for residents in skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities across multiple states. With a long-standing love of the arts, Martha serves on the board for Dayton Live and is a former member of the Dayton Art Institute Associate Board. She also chairs the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society board and was named its 2015 Woman of the Year. A lifelong resident of the Miami Valley, Josh Stucky is the proprietor of Square Miami Valley, and is an Elementary Education professor for Wright State University. Previously, he taught in the Kettering City School District for 25 years. Josh also is a cofounder of The Rubi Girls, a nonprofit organization supporting LGBTQ+ initiatives that has raised more than $2 million for HIV/AIDS and gay-related causes in the past 30 years. A 2013 TEDx Dayton speaker, Josh is a well-known public speaker on human rights and the impact of the LGBTQ+ community on the American way of life.

Scholarship Advisory Committee Seeks Volunteers
Are you looking for a way to help youth pursue their dreams? Consider joining The Dayton Foundation’s Scholarship Advisory Committee, which reviews and scores scholarship applications online in March, April and May of each year. If you are comfortable using a computer, have good internet connection and enjoy reading about future scholars, this is a perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Your attendance only is required for a few meetings each year, which can be done in person or remotely. If this sounds like an interesting volunteer opportunity, please email Michelle Brown, director of scholarship services, at mbrown@daytonfoundation.org.

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ventureLINX ($1,200) to purchase equipment that will help train students with disabilities to become more employable after graduation.

Yellow Springs Home, Inc. Yellow Springs Home, Inc. ($2,500) to hire an accounting and consulting firm in order to evaluate strategic options for building long-term sustainability as a growing nonprofit, affordable housing development agency. 

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The Dayton Foundation’s 2023 Scholarship Applications are now open. Visit daytonfoundation.org for more information. The application deadline is May 1, 2023.
Establishing a strong foundation for our community’s future is a vision shared by donors who have endowment 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.

**Bent Family Fund** supports the charitable interests of the donors by providing funding to Glen Helen Association and Yellow Springs Community Foundation.

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**Dream Scholarship** provides tuition assistance to incoming freshmen at Purcell Marian Catholic High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Roberta Johnson and her children established this fund in memory of her husband, Dennis “Demie” Johnson, a former Marianist brother and graduate of the University of Dayton, who served as principal of Purcell Marian.

**R. Platt Fund** memorializes this former emergency room director and physician, who supported a myriad of causes, including women’s rights, education in native North American communities and nature conservation. This fund carries on her charitable legacy by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations focused on education, human services and environmental causes.

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**Dayton Contemporary Dance Company**

**Dayton Contemporary Dance Company Endowment Fund** provides annual income for this culturally diverse contemporary dance company, which is committed to reaching the broadest audience through exceptional performance and arts-integrated education.

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**Mary Lynn Dorow Performing Arts Scholarship** honors Mary Lynn Dorow, a devoted dance coach and survivor of ovarian cancer, who is known for her positive outlook and love for performing arts. This fund helps select seniors from Archbishop Alter High School further their education with scholarship assistance.
Scholarships

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completion scholarships absolutely are essential in helping some students to the finish line.”

Ensuring students finish their education without incurring significant debt amid increasing college costs were motivating factors behind Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program’s recent decision to make its scholarship model renewable.

The cost of higher education has increased roughly five times the rate of inflation. In society, earning a degree generally is valued, but students and families now are thinking more critically about that decision and ultimately the return on investment,” said Patrick Gill, PhD, executive director of DMCSP.

“Even though earning a college degree means higher projected lifetime earnings, students are experiencing the costs in real time and missing out on other opportunities. When life happens, higher education often is the first thing to go.”

According to Patrick, DMCSP students now receive a total award of $5,000 with an annual amount that increases for their final two years. “The idea is to incentivize persistence, which ultimately will lead to graduation,” he said.

Renewable funding from The Charles A., Dhel L., and Katharine Funkhouser Memorial Scholarship of The Dayton Foundation is a big part of the reason Ohio State University graduate Nadja Dewberry was able to persist and achieve her dreams to become a graphic designer. When she began her studies in 2017, she found herself in a tricky spot. Her parents didn’t make enough money to pay for all of her tuition costs, but their income was too high for her to qualify for grants and other aid. She credits the consistent scholarship support throughout the entirety of her college career as one of the reasons she was able to obtain her degree.

“My scholarship helped to relieve some of the stress of finding the money to continue my education. I knew that if I kept my grades up, I could rely on those funds for capital expenses at Camp Mohaven in Danville, Ohio. The Camp offers 700 acres of lush forest bordering the Mohican River and is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Weiland Family Foundation supports the charitable interests of Carol Weiland and her late husband Robert “Jim” Weiland. Carol, a longtime community volunteer who loves UD basketball and to travel, and Jim, a longtime financial advisor who obtained a black belt in taekwondo, have served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Associate Board of the Dayton Art Institute.

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.

Joe and Terri Baldassare IRA Fund
Jerry and Tess Bienack Charitable IRA Fund
Clearene Cass and Rand Ray IRA Fund
Geoffrey and Linda Edwards Charitable IRA Fund
Dr. John and Denise German IRA Fund II
Gomez Family Charitable IRA Fund
Hayde/Budzik Student Success IRA Fund II
Art Helmstetter Charitable IRA Fund
Richard and Marilyn Hoback Charitable IRA Fund
Larry Hollar and Karen Cassidy Designated IRA Fund
Bob and Kathy Hutter Charitable IRA Fund
John & Virginia Jauch Charitable IRA Fund II
Kay Lawrence Price Designated IRA Fund
Omer & Sara Keener Charitable IRA Fund
Emily P. and Jean M. Kmetec IRA Fund
Paul H. and Carol G. Lamberger Charitable IRA Fund
Robert C. Laumann IRA Funds
James J. Longley Giving IRA Fund
Judy McCormick Charitable IRA Fund
Dale and Karen Medford IRA Fund
Earl and Linda Moyer Charitable IRA Fund
The L.H. and Elaine A. Rogero Charitable IRA Fund
Toni Sand Charitable IRA Fund
Patty and Glenn Schimpf Charitable IRA Fund III
B. Smith IRA Fund
Stewart Family Charitable IRA Fund IV
Mr. & Mrs. W.G. van Breukelen IRA Fund
Janis Vargo Charitable IRA Fund
Wallbroehl Charitable IRA Fund
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Richard and Marilyn Hoback Charitable IRA Fund
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Bridge to a new trajectory in their lives. Phoebe was a longtime volunteer and active with many charitable organizations in Dayton. Her husband, Harry, was an executive at Huffman and a community leader. Together they raised three children in Dayton.

William D. Stewart Charitable Fund distributes annual income to benefit the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, Kettering Fairmont High School and SCSA.

TCN Behavioral Health Services Fund provides support to this nonprofit organization whose mission is improving lives by providing clinically excellent and accessible behavioral health services through a vision of a strong community of healthy and productive individuals.

Louis, Margaret, Robert, Sue and Paul Turner Fund to Benefit Camp Mohaven distributes funds to the camp for capital expenses, scholarships, and other educational support.

Muse Machine:

day, immersive learning experience in New York City that helps them to create unique learning experiences for the students they serve. For many years, Sharon was a teacher at Northridge High School and enjoyed operating a baton studio after retirement while staying active with drum and bugle corps.

Harry A. and Phoebe Shaw Charitable Fund supports nonprofit organizations that help individuals experiencing hardships

...funds being there for me each year,” Nadja said. “As a college student, having that financial security offered me a degree of reassurance and stability.”

Nadja graduated in 2021 with honors and is fulfilling her dreams by working at an ad agency. She is grateful to work in a field where, as she says, “My passion lives in me on a daily basis.”

“It almost feels like I’m not working, because I enjoy what I do so much,” she said. “I cannot say thank you enough for the scholarship and for investing in my education for four years. Many, many thanks to you!”

“Completion scholarships help students who are nearing graduation to secure the funds they need to finish.”

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“My hope is that my scholarship fund will help ensure more students are finishing their education....”

– Dr. David Ponzit, Foundation donor
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Volunteer and ensure that your gifts don’t just help one child or one family. They help create pathways for residents and encourage non-artists to partake in the arts. SamiDubz Art offers customized artwork in the formats of painting and jewelry and “art fun,” such as face painting, paint and sip parties, and more.

SamiDubz Art

“As an artist, I am excited about this project and the innovative ways it allows for community members, who do not see themselves as artists, to participate in their own creativity,” Sami said. “The community-centered process to co-design the programs and future home of Westside Makerspace has connected me with incredible people, and I am proud to be building with this community.”

Ensuring that community members have a strong voice in the development process is the basis behind the cooperative model. Westside Makerspace is the latest cooperative effort put forth by Co-op Dayton, a nonprofit organization founded on the belief that community and worker ownership can transform Dayton’s Black and working-class neighborhoods by creating jobs and businesses. Gem City Market, Dayton’s first cooperative grocery store, also was incubated under Co-op Dayton.

“Thanks to the Foundation’s grant, the community is able to ensure Westside Makerspace is a reflection of what we need to create, design and build together,” said Cherelle Gardner, program director for Co-op Dayton. “Grants like these allow us to make sure these projects are driven by the people most impacted, and we are developing enterprises that meet community needs, create good-paying jobs and keep businesses rooted in Dayton.”