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## Early Dayton Family's Legacy Rooted in Love of Community

Long before he became the CEO and chairman of Huff Corporation, the company his family founded, Horace "Huffy" Huffman, Jr., met his future wife, Jane, in their Dayton View neighborhood in 1920. Though they were only six years old at the time, their future together seemed predestined.

"Dad's parents moved to Oakwood around 1922," said Tony Huffman, son of Jane Boggs Huffman and Horace McKee Huffman, Jr., a descendant of one of Dayton's early prominent families. "Our mother was born in Michigan, but her family moved to Dayton View in 1920 when her father opened the first Dodge dealership in the area. They moved to Oakwood about the same time as the Huffmans, and mom and dad both graduated from Oakwood High School in 1932."

Their families' close proximity brought them together, but it was Jane and Huffy's shared passion for family, community service and the outdoors that built the foundation for a marriage that lasted until Huffy's passing in 1996.

**"Donating money was just a part of my parents' community service. Their bigger vision was seeing a need and helping in a variety of ways."**

— Lisa Lloyd, Jane and Horace Huffman's daughter

"Dad compared life to a three-legged stool with the legs being family, career and community service," said Steve Huffman, Huffy and Jane's son. "If any leg is missing



Grants from the Huffmans' fund support the planting of trees along the river corridor.

your life is incomplete. In other words, there is more to life than making money and spending it on yourself."

One of the many causes the Huffmans championed was local beautification efforts, which led them to establish the Jane B. and Horace M. Huffman, Jr., Trees for the Rivers Endowment Fund of The Dayton Foundation in 1992.

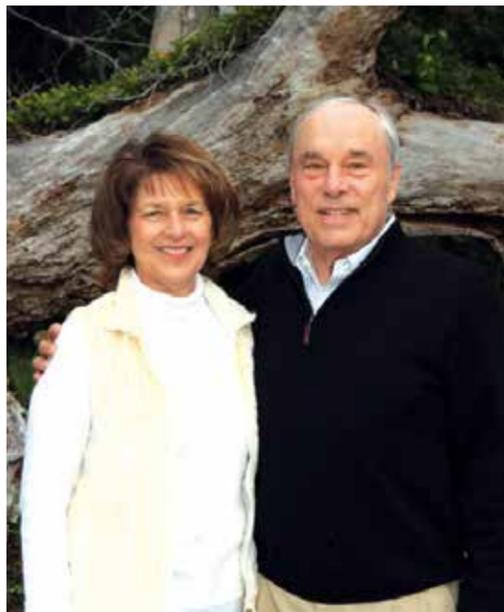
"Since first arriving in Dayton in 1812, the Huffman family has been involved in the growth of this community," Tony said. "When the Miami River was developed

for recreational purposes, dad felt the river needed more trees lining its banks, so he and mom established this fund through The Dayton Foundation."

The endowed fund awards grants in perpetuity to Five Rivers MetroParks to promote tree planting in the area, particularly along the river corridor. More than \$132,000 has been awarded to help beautify the region's landscape, with an estimated 600 trees planted throughout the community, thanks to the Huffmans' fund.

"We are so thankful for the grants from

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New Board Chair J. Norman Eckstein and his wife, Bobbie

## J. Norman Eckstein Is New Board Chair

A Dayton Foundation donor years before joining the Governing Board in 2011, J. Norman Eckstein has a thoughtful view on the Foundation and its services for individuals who want to effect change in their communities.

"The sole purpose of The Dayton Foundation, not unlike the insurance industry, is to help people," said Norm, senior vice president, Brower Insurance, a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC Company. "We want to do everything possible to ensure that the needs and wishes of our donors and clients are met. It's about being an expert in the work that we do, and The Dayton Foundation staff truly are experts in the charitable giving field. They possess a strong commitment to doing

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— J. Norman Eckstein

the best possible good for our region."

A lifelong resident of the Dayton area, Norm grew up in North Dayton and graduated from the then-Chaminade High School and the University of Dayton. In fact, he started working in the insurance industry selling insurance for his father's company on the university's campus. In 1970, he joined Brower Insurance, which has since grown to

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become the largest insurance broker in our region. Being a businessman is only part of what

drives Norm, however. Often described as a cheerleader for the Dayton Region, Norm is a strong advocate for Greater Dayton and is fueled by new challenges and the relationships he's formed with others, all of which have had a lasting impact on his commitment to community.

"There is a community spirit in Dayton – a feeling of togetherness – that's inspiring and very motivating," he said. "My wife, Bobbie, and I have made a lot of friends and created close relationships with the people and organizations that are helping to make the region an even better home for future generations. We love Greater Dayton and all that it offers, so we would never think of leaving."

In addition to his appointment as chair of the Foundation's Governing Board, Norm has a long and active record of community service. He currently serves on the boards for The Hundred Club of Dayton and the YMCA of Greater Dayton, where he has been a board member for more than 30 years and is a past chairman. He holds numerous previous appointments, including former president and board member for Jaycee Towers Housing, Inc., board member for The Children's Medical Center, Goodwill Easter Seals of the Miami Valley, St. Joseph Children's Treatment Center and chair of The Dayton Foundation's Development Committee.



The Eckstein family

One of the things that played a part in his decision to chair the Governing Board is the Foundation's growing role as a convener and financial resource for community efforts that are vital for keeping the region on course for a positive future. His work as co-chair of the Leadership Council that brought the Miami Valley Works initiative to fruition is one example of a recent Dayton Foundation collaborative effort poised for success. As Norm explains, the emphasis of Miami Valley Works is not on finding jobs for people, but alleviating the barriers that cause unemployment and giving motivated individuals the tools they need for successful, lasting employment.

"If we can do something now to lessen the issue of generational poverty, then we need to do it," he said. "Miami Valley Works has the potential to do this and so much more. We could not have launched this effort without the partnership of many dedicated individuals and organizations, including the support and leadership of The Dayton Foundation."

Norm sees the Foundation as "having its pulse on the region, but the needs exceed available resources. The community looks to



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– J. Norman Eckstein

## Special Thanks to Ellen Ireland

Ellen S. Ireland's term as chair of The Dayton Foundation's Governing Board recently has come to a close, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her outstanding leadership of the organization.

Ellen tirelessly has given her time and talent to the Foundation since she joined the Board in 2005, and particularly as chair for the past two years.

She saw the Foundation through a strong growth period that included the awarding of nearly 30,000 grants totaling more than \$91 million to nonprofit organizations. Of this amount, \$2.6 million was awarded in Board-directed discretionary grants that helped local organizations to feed individuals who are homeless or have low incomes; improve the quality of childcare programs; better serve the growing number of youth living on the streets; elevate local arts; recruit and train teachers; enhance therapy programs for individuals with disabilities; and provide safe housing for victims of domestic violence, among other efforts.

The Foundation also assisted individuals, families and organizations in furthering their charitable goals through the creation of 268 new Charitable Checking Accounts<sup>SM</sup> and

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Ellen S. Ireland

152 new endowed funds. New contributions combined with sound investment management added nearly \$88 million in charitable assets, bringing the Foundation's community resources to a total of \$465 million.

Under her leadership, the Foundation adopted a new community initiative to address the underlying causes of generational poverty and put citizens on a successful path to self-sufficiency. Miami Valley Works and

the Foundation for leadership to help fill the void created by corporations and industries that have either left the region or closed their doors in recent years. And, as Dayton continues to evolve, there will be an even greater need for both leadership and dollars."

That's why encouraging people to join in addressing the highest community issues by establishing unrestricted endowment funds through the Foundation is a priority for him during his term as chair. As longtime Dayton Foundation Charitable Checking Account<sup>SM</sup> donors, Norm and Bobbie recently made a personal commitment to this by creating their own unrestricted legacy fund for the Foundation's future use.

"The Foundation controls only five percent of its more than \$460 million in assets under management today. The volunteer Grants Committee and Governing Board award the interest earned from these limited dollars to support the efforts of local nonprofits, as well as find solutions to emerging needs," he said. "Our objective is to help more people understand what their community foundation can do for them and to get more people involved."

"It's an honor to be a part of The Dayton Foundation family – its donors, the Board, staff and volunteers," he continued. "The great service they provide to the people of Greater Dayton is second to none. Few organizations can say they've been as committed to the community for more than 94 years like The Dayton Foundation or will continue to do so for generations to come." 🌱

its proven poverty-to-work model already is helping individuals learn the skills necessary for employment, while removing barriers that prevent them from holding steady work. Further strides also were made on the Learn to Earn Dayton initiative, which is having a marked impact on the education of our children and future workforce.

The Foundation facilitated its first Del Mar Social Innovation Award by the DMH-Dayton, Inc., Fund. A total of nearly \$500,000 was awarded to five area nonprofits for new, innovative programs that assist the physical and emotional well-being of the region's growing older adult population.

Furthermore, the Foundation enhanced its communications with donors and other constituents by launching a new monthly e-newsletter, updating its website, boosting social media activities and featuring stories of its donors through the biweekly "Donor Next Door" column in the *Dayton Daily News*.

By all measures, The Dayton Foundation has grown immensely, better serving the Greater Dayton community, on Ellen's watch. Her passion for helping people is clearly evident. We are so grateful for her thoughtful, creative leadership and welcome her continuation on the Board. Thank you, Ellen! 🌱

## Dayton Bike-Share Fund

# Popular New Program “Links” Residents with Downtown Attractions

**D**owntown frequenters, outdoor enthusiasts and local college students now have an easier way to get around town, thanks to Link, a new bike-share program led by Bike Miami Valley and the Greater Dayton Transit Authority.

“I jump on a bike right outside of my apartment and am at work in about five minutes,” said Andrew Walsh, a research librarian for Sinclair Community College and Link member. “From downtown, the University of Dayton (U.D.) campus is too far to walk during my lunch break, but I don’t really want to drive there, either. Now I can easily get to Brown Street to grab a bite, do some work at U.D.’s library or shoot hoops outside of the rec center.”

To help support the popular new program – which has exceeded usage expectations since its launch on May 5 – Bike Miami Valley created the Dayton Bike-Share Fund through The Dayton Foundation in 2014.

“The Dayton Foundation has been an excellent resource for allowing donors to make gifts to our growing organization,” said Laura Estandia, executive director of Bike Miami Valley. “We wouldn’t have our bike-share program or a vibrant trail network without these generous donors and



Mayor Nan Whaley leads riders at Link’s inaugural bike ride on May 5, 2015.

our volunteers, who help Bike Miami Valley achieve our goal of advocating, promoting and creating all forms of cycling in the community.”

With 225 bikes in its fleet, Link offers riders quick, easy access to local hotspots within a two-mile radius of downtown. During the program’s first six weeks of operations, 350 annual memberships and nearly 2,400 daily memberships were purchased with more than 7,600 trips logged. Twenty-four bike stations are strategically placed in

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– Scott Murphy, president, Bike Miami Valley

Photo: Briana Snyder

proximity of popular area attractions, such as the 2nd Street Market, Dayton Art Institute and RiverScape MetroPark.

Five stations also are spread throughout U.D.’s campus, giving U.D. students easier access to these attractions and drawing more students downtown to businesses and restaurants. The demand for bikes is expected to rise even further when many students return to U.D. in August.

“The launch of the bike-share program is an important step in the continued revitalization of our downtown,” said Scott Murphy, director of business development for Downtown Dayton Partnership and president of Bike Miami Valley. “It provides connectivity between our urban neighborhoods, schools, employment centers and amenities, offering an affordable transportation option to Daytonians who live, learn, work and play in greater downtown Dayton.”

**Want to support this effort? Consider making a gift to the Dayton Bike-Share Fund or visit [linkdayton.org](http://linkdayton.org) to purchase your Link membership.**

The Dayton Bike-Share Fund and the Jane B. and Horace M. Huffman, Jr., Trees for the Rivers Endowment Fund share an interesting connection. Watch a video about how these two funds are connected at [daytonfoundation.org/videos.html](http://daytonfoundation.org/videos.html).

## Huffman continued

the Huffmans’ fund,” said David Nolin, director of Conservation for Five Rivers MetroParks.

“In the past four years the funding has been particularly helpful with the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer, an Asiatic insect that is lethal to all native species of ash. These trees were important shade and forest trees in our parks. The Huffman grants have allowed us to replace dead ash trees in picnic and other public areas with quality hardwood trees.”

The inspiration for the Huffmans’ fund came from a lifelong love for the outdoors. Jane was an ardent supporter of Cox Arboretum and an honorary legacy member of the Garden Club of Dayton. She also supported preservation efforts in her native Michigan where the Huffmans owned a second home. Huffy, an avid bicyclist, began biking to work in the 1930s from Oakwood to his father’s bicycle factory in East Dayton. He co-founded the Dayton Cycling Club

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– Tony Huffman, Jane and Horace Huffman’s son, and donor



Horace “Huffy” Huffman, Jr., and his bike

in 1961 and founded and led the Greater Dayton Bikeway Committee, later named the Miami Valley Regional Bicycle Council. This group formed Bike Miami Valley, a nonprofit organization that drafted one of the nation’s first regional bikeway plans, which recently launched Link, the city-wide, bike-share program. Huffy was instrumental in pushing forward the early development of the downtown Dayton bike path that now bears his name along the Great Miami River.

“Donating money was just a part of my parents’ community service,” said Lisa Lloyd, the Huffmans’ daughter. “Their bigger vision was seeing a need and helping in a variety of ways. It could be organizing, volunteering, fundraising or guiding others to their greatest potential.”

The Huffmans also stressed to their children the importance of giving back. Tony has served on the boards of many area nonprofit organizations, including Cox Arboretum Foundation, Dayton Art Institute and Dayton History. Steve, who lives in California, is active in his church, Rotary International and the Sacramento Pioneer Association. Lisa lives in Michigan and supports the Little Traverse Conservancy, an organization that was near and dear to her parents’ hearts.

“We have been inspired by our parents’ example to serve our communities,” Steve said. “Like Huffy, I use my business experience to help nonprofit organizations to be more effective.”

It’s a legacy the Huffman children cherish and hope to carry on in their family’s name through their community service and their parents’ endowment fund.

“Our parents chose The Dayton Foundation as the perfect steward to entrust with their vision to beautify Greater Dayton and to ensure our family’s legacy of protecting the environment,” Tony said.

“It’s pretty exciting to be from an early Dayton family, to know that you are part of a family whose name is a household word and to walk along the tree-lined parkway at the river’s edge in Dayton,” Lisa added. “It’s nice to know that it’s beautiful because your parents cared enough to create such a magnificent spot for all to enjoy.”



Horace and Jane Huffman

Donors and organizations establish funds to help others

# Endowments

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.



Cheryl M. Abraham

**Cheryl M. Abraham Scholarship Fund** memorializes this longtime Kettering Fairmont High School counselor who dedicated her life to helping her students. The fund awards scholarships in her name to students who have overcome challenges and plan to major in education at a two- or four-year college or university.



Gideon and Funmilayo Adegbile

**Agape Charitable Endowment Fund\*** furthers the charitable interests of Gideon S. A. Adegbile, a family medicine physician, and Funmilayo O. Adegbile, a clinical pharmacologist, by awarding grants to selected nonprofit organizations, academic institutions and agencies of change in Christendom.

**Lovetta and Bertram Blanke Fund**, established through a charitable gift annuity, provides operating revenue

to the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance. The fund memorializes World War II veterans Lovetta Blanke, a retired commander in the Navy Nurse Corps, and Bertram Blanke, a retired colonel with the U.S. Army Reserve. Both were active community volunteers.

**Dr. Michael Bowers Memorial Scholarship Fund** awards scholarships to graduating Northmont High School seniors who excel academically and are band members. The fund remembers Dr. Bowers, a longtime optometrist and Englewood mayor, who believed in serving the community for the greater good.



Dayton Dragons

**Dayton Dragons Foundation Fund** supports Dayton Dragons community programs and efforts, such as the MVP program that reaches more than 1,200 fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms in a five-county area, providing tools and resources to reward and incentivize students to excel.

**Dayton Public Schools Foundation** encourages Dayton Public School students to achieve success by supporting activities, such as mentoring, tutoring, internships, summer programs, teacher grants, field trips and more.

Dayton Public Schools



WYSO

**The Eckstein Community Fund** perpetuates the charitable endeavors of Norm and Bobbie Eckstein by providing unrestricted income to The Dayton Foundation to enhance the quality of life in the Dayton Region through grantmaking.

**The Friends of WYSO Fund** will assure the long-term sustainability of WYSO-FM. A public radio station since 1958, WYSO is located in Yellow Springs and is the only local station that carries National Public Radio programming.

**Honaker Family Foundation** upholds the Honaker family's faith-based values by awarding grants to support local churches, Christian schools and other religious organizations of their choosing.

**Marjorie Wendel Keenoy Charitable Fund** carries on the donor's lifelong support of area charities by awarding

grants to nonprofit organizations in her name. An avid golfer, Mrs. Keenoy was the first female awarded a varsity letter at Oakwood High School, and she played in the first women's NCAA golf tournament.



Pam and Tony Seger

**Seger Family Foundation** promotes the charitable interests of the donors by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations of their choosing.

**St. Mary Development Corporation Leona Smith Fund** distributes funds to this faith-based nonprofit organization that works to provide affordable housing solutions in southwest Ohio.



Dorothea Tamborski

**Dorothea Tamborski Fund**, established from a charitable gift annuity, honors the memory of Dorothea Tamborski, a longtime registered nurse. The fund awards grants to nonprofit organizations, including the American Cancer Society and The Dayton Foundation.

**Frank G. Weigerding and Marvene M. Weigerding Funds** provide perpetual income to the donors' designated nonprofit organizations, including The Dayton Foundation, to address pressing needs in Greater Dayton. The funds honor the memories of Marvene and Frank Weigerding, who were married for 55 years.



The Forbeck family

**Wright Patterson Forbeck Family Scholarship Fund** helps children of enlisted members of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) to further their education. The fund honors the Forbeck family's association with WPAFB, which began in 1941 when Eleanor and Clarence Forbeck started working at Wright and Patterson Fields. 🇺🇸

\*African-American Community Fund



Michael M. Parks

From the President

## What Do You Want Your Legacy to Be?

**W**e all want to be remembered for something. Having a purpose during our lives is important, but so is having meaning after we're gone. Will it be the relationships we've had with family and friends, or perhaps the impact we've made in our company or our community?

When thinking about a charitable legacy, often the steps we take are rooted in our current lives – our family, career, community service, religion, interests or hobbies. The article about the Huffman family featured on the front cover of this newsletter is one such example.

It's inspiring to see what has been accomplished over time because of Foundation donors who demonstrate caring and responsibility for their community by putting aside some of their good fortune to help others. The individual and collective impact of these donor commitments is simply amazing. Let me share a few of their stories.

As the widow of international patent attorney Col. Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., and daughter-in-law to Harry A. Toulmin, Sr., the attorney who secured and defended the Wright Brothers' flying machine patent, Virginia B. Toulmin wanted to cement her family's legacy in the Dayton community. When she passed away in 2010, she left a \$26-million gift to create an unrestricted Foundation fund in her and her husband's name for the benefit of Greater Dayton. Since then, nearly \$6 million in grants have helped to change the community's landscape, funding efforts such as the merger

of Dayton Ballet, Dayton Opera and Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra into the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance and the launch of Learn to Earn Dayton, an education initiative that is better preparing our children for future success. Thanks to her forward-looking generosity, the Toulmin family name forever will be known in the community she called home.

Foundation donor Edythe Lewis saw plenty of needy children suffering from acute health problems during her career as a public health nurse and school nurse in the 1950s and 1960s. So in 1989, she and her husband, Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., a former member of the Dayton City Commission and Dayton Foundation Governing Board, created the Lloyd and Edythe Lewis Fund for Black Children's Health Care. Nearly \$50,000 has been awarded to date to care for children's health needs, including support for an educational breakfast program and an inner-city community kitchen. Although they have both since passed away, the Lewises will long be remembered through their endowed fund.

And then there is Charles E. Hoffman, a retired naval commander, who was known as a dignified and spiritual man with a strong conviction to help others. He set up several endowed funds in the 1980s to perpetuate his legacy and honor his late parents, J. Edward and Jennie B. Hoffman. Over the years, he has inspired more than 50,000 Dayton Public School students through music by sending them to professional music concerts and music education programs, as well as purchased reference books for the local

library and provided program support for the Widows Home and his church, thanks to nearly \$1.1 million in grants from these funds. A modest man, Charles Hoffman never wanted recognition during his lifetime. It wasn't until his passing in 2000 at the age of 97 that his generosity and identity could be acknowledged.

I'm truly humbled by these generous individuals and so many others like them who have made a commitment to the betterment of our community through Dayton Foundation endowed funds. They are a part of the Foundation's family, and we're privileged to honor them and their legacies for generations to come. When you think about the legacy you wish to leave, I encourage you to think not only about your family, but also about your community and what means the most to you.

### We're Expanding

To better serve financial advisors and estate planners and their clients, The Dayton Foundation's Development department soon will open a branch office at Austin Landing in southern Montgomery County. We are excited about this opportunity and thankful to R.G. Properties and the Gunlock family, who have generously provided space within their office for us for one year at no cost. The Foundation's Development office at Austin Landing will be open by appointment Tuesday through Thursday and staffed by a member of the Development department on a rotating basis. You can contact our staff at this branch by dialing the same phone numbers as our downtown location. We sincerely thank the Gunlocks for their wonderful generosity 🐾

Michael M. Parks  
President

## Grants in Action

Grants in Action recognizes the results of notable grant awards, whether large or small, and the significant impact they have on strengthening Greater Dayton and beyond.

### Grant Helps Nonprofit Organization #SpreadtheGood

From barking in the night to alert parents that their daughter is having a seizure, to tracking a child with autism who has wandered from home, the presence of service dogs often can mean the difference between life and death for the humans they serve.

Last fall, 4 Paws for Ability, a nonprofit organization that provides children with disabilities and military veterans with trained service dogs, got a boost with its mission from The Dayton Foundation's #SpreadtheGood social media campaign. The campaign challenged individuals to make a difference by performing a good deed on behalf of area nonprofit organizations, and then share a photo of their effort on The Dayton Foundation's Facebook or Twitter tags to win

a one-time grant. 4 Paws for Ability, which garnered the most retweets and shares for its photo, received the \$1,000 grant from #SpreadtheGood campaign, which concluded on #GivingTuesday.

In addition to receiving the grant, 4 Paws for Ability created quite a buzz about its organization during the campaign, with 569 shares of its photo on Facebook alone.

"We are grateful to The Dayton Foundation," said Kelly Camm, development director for 4 Paws for Ability. "Social media cam-

Right: Arabella and her service dog, Cinderella.

Below: 4 Paws for Ability's #SpreadtheGood photo entry (below) went "viral" with 569 Facebook shares alone.



paigns spread awareness, and as a bonus, this one came with a grant that helped with our expansion efforts to house and train more service dogs to keep up with the staggering demand. The 4 Paws family is geographically dispersed, with many families fundraising, waiting on their pups, with their pups already, fostering and otherwise volunteering. Social media gives people who feel so far away a chance to be involved." 🐾

To watch a video about this grant, go to [daytonfoundation.org/videos.html](http://daytonfoundation.org/videos.html). Follow the Foundation on social media for details about the next #SpreadtheGood challenge.

Recent discretionary grants help build a better community

# Grants

In the first half of 2015, The Dayton Foundation awarded nearly \$19 million in grants from donor funds to a wide variety of charitable organizations in Greater Dayton and beyond. A portion of this amount was awarded through the Foundation's discretionary grants program, 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.

In June, the Foundation awarded \$333,712 in discretionary grants that were approved by the Foundation's Governing Board to assist the following charities in helping Greater Dayton. A significant grant that will be announced at a later date also was awarded.

**Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (\$25,000)** to assist local immigrants in completing immigration relief applications and to conduct outreach efforts to help protect them from scams involving fraudulent services.

**Dayton Contemporary Dance Company (\$25,000)** to help expand the Moving Toward Excellence residency program that enhances literacy instruction for students in kindergarten through third grade.



The Foodbank

**The Foodbank (\$13,612)** to improve operations by purchasing electric-powered forklifts that will safely and efficiently move food supplies in the warehouse.



Advocates for Basic Legal Equality

**K12 Gallery for Young People (\$8,000)** to provide financial assistance to high school juniors and seniors who wish to participate in a new, advanced placement art course with the opportunity to earn college credit and create professional art portfolios.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (\$19,600)** to assist in relocating its administrative offices to the Gateway Shelter for Women and Families, enabling the organization to generate additional and long-term, sustainable revenue.

**Wesley Community Center (\$37,500)** to help low-income individuals who have a passion for culinary arts obtain employment by providing professional food service training at no charge through the Center's new Dayton Cooks! program.

**Yellow Springs Home, Inc. (\$30,000)** to support homeownership opportunities for low-income, first-time homebuyers through a partnership with the Community Land Trust and the Village of Yellow Springs.

Yellow Springs Home, Inc.



Wesley Community Center



YWCA of Dayton

**YWCA of Dayton (\$100,000)** to better serve an increasing number of women and children in need by renovating the domestic violence shelter, including maximizing space for community engagement and increased security.

These discretionary grants were made possible thanks to the following unrestricted or field-of-interest funds of The Dayton Foundation.

6320 Fund

Emerging Community Needs Fund

Monarch/Genesis Fund A

Robert Patterson Memorial Fund

The Robert and Jean Penny Endowment Fund

Jesse Philips Fund

Ellen Jane Lorenz Porter Fund

John E. and Elizabeth Purdy Fund

Hyde E. Ruble & Eleanor F. Ruble Fund

Caroline Patterson Shaw Memorial Fund

Edith Slutzker Fund

Frederick C. Smith Fund

Wallace and Florence B. Stauffer Fund

Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund

Woodhull Family Fund

# Milestone Puts College Promise Scholars Closer to Their Dreams

**W**hen a counselor approached Elon Coleman in eighth grade about applying for the Montgomery County Ohio College Promise program, she knew it was an opportunity she couldn't pass up. Because of her family's low income and her excellent grades, Elon felt she had a good chance of being accepted into the program.

Her hunch was right. This fall, Elon Coleman and 37 other graduates in the first cohort of College Promise students from 18 area high schools will embark on a life-changing journey when they begin college. Many of them, like Elon, will become the first person in their family to attend college, thanks to College Promise.

**"I have enjoyed being Elon's mentor and consider her to be part of my family.... I have no doubt she will be successful."**

—Jenni Guanciale, College Promise mentor

"Going to college has always been my dream, because my parents weren't able to go," said Elon, a 2015 graduate of Trotwood Madison High School. "I plan to major in nursing with a hope of going into the U.S. Air Force after I get my degree."

College Promise's first graduating class signifies an important landmark for the program, which is working to help 500 students from low-income families break the cycle of poverty by earning a college degree at no cost to them or their families. Students accepted into the program make a four-year commitment – freshman through senior year – to



2015 Trotwood Madison High School graduate Elon Coleman (left) with mentor Jenni Guanciale

practice good citizenship and maintain good grades. Elon and most of the other scholars will start at Sinclair Community College and go on to finish their bachelor's degree at one of the program's college or university partners. Several students earned additional scholarships and will go straight to four-year universities.

"We are so proud of our first cohort of scholars and their mentors," said Gary Smiga, executive director of College Promise. "Graduating from high school is the first milestone. We feel confident these students are prepared for the future and wish them the best on attending and graduating from college."

To date, 247 students are on track to go to college, including 53 ninth graders who

**"Going to college has always been my dream.... Because of [my mentor] I made it."**

—Elon Coleman, College Promise student

will begin the program this fall. The Dayton Foundation has supported College Promise since its launch in 2010 with backroom assistance and office support, as well as through significant grants from donor funds, to help put these kids on a path to higher education.

While the scholarship assistance provides the means, it's the student-mentor relationship that has proven key to a student's long-term success. Elon credits her mentor, Jenni Guanciale, who also serves as program assistant for College Promise, for helping her to develop the skills to do well in school.

"Ms. Jenni has kept me on my toes. She has guided me and even felt like a second mother," Elon said. "I remember times when I was struggling in school and trying to find time to get my schoolwork done while working every day. Ms. Jenni lifted my spirits and helped me focus on my education."

"I am in a unique position to have seen first-hand the positive impact all of the mentors have had on our students," Jenni Guanciale said. "They give me great hope for the future of our community."

"Most of all, I have enjoyed being Elon's mentor and consider her to be part of my family," Jenni continued. "Elon amazes me with her resilience and determination. I have no doubt she will be successful."

Elon added, "Ms. Jenni has taught me how to be a mature, dedicated, trustworthy, loving woman and student. Because of her, I made it." 🍷

To watch a video about a few members of the 2015 College Promise graduating class, visit [daytonfoundation.org/videos.html](http://daytonfoundation.org/videos.html).



**By Joseph B. Baldasare, MS, CFRE, vice president, Development**

## Tips on Charitable Giving

*How to Make a Real Community Impact with Your Giving*

**I**n the last year, 16 individuals and families established unrestricted or lightly restricted endowed funds, or designated a portion of their fund for this purpose, through The Dayton Foundation. This is a significant increase from recent years and is evidence of a growing number of individuals who wish to join with the Foundation to support community projects and leadership initiatives that are making a real change in Greater Dayton.

The inspiration to create these funds, known as Community Impact Endowment Funds, varies from donor to donor. Donors who have established deferred Community Impact Endowment Funds often tell me that they don't want to rule from the grave and wish to leave The Dayton Foundation discretion to use the funds where community need is greatest. Some donors simply have watched the community evolve and are certain that the Foundation will make good use of their funds to help the community. The common thread that runs among all of them is the trust they have in the Foundation and its volunteer

Governing Board to make strategic grantmaking decisions that will effect significant and lasting change for our region.

The Dayton Foundation offers several options to donors who wish to establish a Community Impact Endowment Fund. Donors who have a particular area of charitable interest, such as education or the arts, may choose to create a fund with the Foundation awarding grants to support organizations or projects that fit their area of interest. Donors desiring to give the Foundation the greatest possible flexibility to address the region's greatest needs in all areas as they arise may find that establishing a fund with no restrictions would be a good fit. Contributions to these funds may come from a variety of assets, including appreciated stocks, mutual funds or real estate. We also can work with the donor to establish a life income plan or deferred gift option.

Grants from these funds have aided such community efforts as Learn to Earn Dayton, which works to ensure that area youth are ready to learn by kindergarten

and ready to earn upon graduation; Miami Valley Works, which helps individuals who are economically challenged to secure and maintain employment; and the merger of the Dayton Ballet, Dayton Opera and Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra that created the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance.

These innovative, collaborative and dynamic projects are just a sampling of those supported by Community Impact Endowment Funds. If you think this charitable option is right for you, we recommend that you speak with your financial or legal advisor. As always, we are happy to meet with you or your advisor to discuss the many charitable-giving options available through The Dayton Foundation. 🍷

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## Former Astronaut and U.S. Senator Backs New Ohio Civics Website

Project Supported by Grant from The Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation of The Dayton Foundation

Millions of Ohio students soon will learn more about the history and government of their home state, thanks to iCivics Ohio, a new web-based initiative led by the Capitol Square Foundation (CSF), the John Glenn College of Public Affairs and iCivics. The online resource is housed on the iCivics.com website, which was created in 2010 as part of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's drive to develop new and innovative approaches to civics education. The website offers interactive games and resources for teachers and students in an effort to inspire youth to become more active and engaged citizens in the future.

"The initiative reflects my personal commitment to expanding civics education for young people all over this country and illustrates the tremendous strides we can make through collaboration," Justice O'Connor said of iCivics Ohio. "I am enthusiastic about this launch and our wonderful partners, the Capitol Square Foundation and the John Glenn College."

Former astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn and his wife, Annie, are supporters of the project and attended the iCivics Ohio unveiling announcement in May that recognized The Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation of The Dayton Foundation as a



Senator John Glenn speaks at the iCivics Ohio introduction at the Ohio Statehouse on May 14, 2015.

major contributor. The \$100,000 grant from the Eichelberger Foundation to CSF helped provide a large part of the necessary funding for the website's development.

CSF first introduced the concept to offer Ohio civics education through iCivics.com in 2014, with a goal of creating a central resource hub where Ohio educators could easily find high-quality civics education resources that align with Ohio's state standards. The project makes Ohio the first state in the nation to bring together state civics with a corresponding federal civics curriculum. Studies show that students who have received civics education are more likely to vote and develop political opinions in adulthood.

iCivics.com has grown in popularity since

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its launch five years ago. More than 77,000 educators and 8 million students nationwide currently use the website for a quality social studies curriculum each year. iCivics games, such as "Do I Have a Right?" in which students to pretend to run their own firm of lawyers who specialize in constitutional law, and "Crisis of Nations," where students work with other countries to solve international problems, have been played more than 28 million times. While the iCivics Ohio website currently offers only lesson plans and other resources for teachers, additional funding will further enhance it with interactive games and tools in the future.

"Thanks to The Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation, and similar grants, we are able to address the vital needs of Ohio's communities," Senator John Glenn said. "iCivics Ohio is honored to be the recipient of a grant from the Eichelberger Foundation, and we are confident these funds will make a statewide impact." 🌱