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An added benefit for Jaimee is having the trainer come to her home. Her three children, Cooper, Hudson and Julia, see their mother getting stronger. Three-year-old Julia often can be seen trailing behind her mom, making her best attempt at lunges or picking up the weights to try a bicep curl.

“Exercise during this journey has helped me release stress, build strength in mind and body, and gain mobility. It’s one small thing you can control,” Jaimee said. “And my kids can watch me do it. My new life motto is, ‘Straight Ahead, Don’t Know,’” she continued. “Focus on today and it doesn’t matter how much stress you were under. All you can control is what you are doing today.”

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Wright Factory Site Poised to Revitalize West Dayton, Preserve Aviators’ Legacy

From Hawthorn Hill to Huffman Prairie, many area residents are familiar with the local historical sites associated with the Wright Brothers and their breakthroughs in aviation. A site less well known but just as significant is the Wright Factory Unit in West Dayton. Constructed in 1910 and 1911 by Orville and Wilbur Wright, the buildings were home to the Wright Company, the world’s first commercial airplane manufacturer, producing 120 aircraft between 1910 and 1913. “This factory is where aviation history began,” said Tony Sculimbrene, executive director of National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA). “It’s one of the reasons that the U.S. became the global power it is today.”

For many years, the historic buildings were hidden among 1.2-million square feet of modern industrial buildings at the 54-acre former Home Avenue General Motors/Delphi manufacturing facility. When the plant closed in 2008, NAHA and other supporters acted quickly to develop the Dayton Aviation Heritage Redevelopment Project, which includes a plan to restore and preserve the original factory buildings. As a result, Congress passed a law in 2009 to add the 20-acre parcel that houses the Wright Factory to the National Park Service’s Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

Turning the factory into a public attraction presents unique opportunities to redevelop the accompanying land and remaining structures. Plans for the Dayton Aviation Heritage Redevelopment Project also include a business park for aerospace technology companies, and the Dayton Metro Library recently announced it will build a new $10 million branch at the site. While the National Park Service estimates restoration of the historic buildings to be complete in five to seven years, NAHA anticipates the renovation of a third building, which will house a newly constructed replica of the Wright B Flyer and other aviation heritage artifacts, to be complete in 2017. “This project is going to transform West Third Street and Dayton,” Tony Sculimbrene said. “Just the sheer size of the site and its potential for redevelopment is amazing.”

Demolition and remediation of the Delphi facilities were completed in 2014, thanks to a $3 million Clean Ohio Fund grant received by the City of Dayton and Home Avenue Redevelopment LLC, the developer working with NAHA on the project. NAHA’s goal now is to raise funds to acquire the Wright Factory parcel from Home Avenue Redevelopment so that the restoration work by the National Park Service can begin.

NAHA is halfway to its $4 million fundraising goal, thanks in part to grants from The Dayton Foundation and other support, including a recent $1 million grant from the State of Ohio and a $500,000 commitment from the City of Dayton. More than $175,000 in grants have been awarded from Dayton Foundation funds to support the project, including a $50,000 discretionary grant and significant grants from the Harry A. Toulmin Jr. and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund and the Richard and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund.

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Centerville-Washington History received a Greenlight Grant for its History on the Go program.

Nonprofits Given the “Greenlight,” Thanks to a New Grants Program

After receiving an overwhelming response from area nonprofit organizations applying for the first two cycles of Greenlight Grants, The Dayton Foundation awarded $59,777 in grants to 19 nonprofits. Greenlight Grants, the Foundation’s new competitive funding program, provide quick, small grants for special projects, program expansions, capital improvements or capacity building.

Projects receiving funding included purchasing coats, hats and gloves for military veterans in need, horse riding saddles and tack to accommodate children with special needs, and commercial-grade laundry appliances for use at a homeless shelter. For more information about Greenlight Grants and a complete list of the grant awards, see page 6.

Foundation Wins Regional Awards for Outstanding Public Relations Activities

The Dayton Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) recently recognized The Dayton Foundation for excellence in public relations activities. The Foundation earned two Awards of Merit for its publica-

The deadline for the next Greenlight Grants cycle is September 1, 2016. Visit daytonfoundation.org/greenlightgrants.html for more information.

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#SpreadtheGood.

The Dayton Foundation also received a PRism award, PRSAs top honor, for its social media campaign, #SpreadtheGood.

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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, now and in the future.

**Endowments**

**Steffen Brown Foundation**

Steffen Brown, married for 50 years before Michael’s passing in 2014.

**Agricultural Park and Event Center of Montgomery County Fund** supports efforts to create and sustain a new agricultural park and event center in Montgomery County.

**Charles S. Allyn, Jr. Foundation Fund** awards grants in the donor’s name to further health, education, youth and local historical causes in Greater Dayton.

**Scotty Harmon Foundation** honors the life of Scott “Scotty” Harmon, a 2010 Oakwood High School graduate and an Ohio State University student, by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations. Scotty’s love of music and passion for life and sports endeared him to those around him before his sudden passing in 2012.

**Jefferson Township Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund** helps graduating Jefferson Township High School students achieve higher education by awarding scholarships to two- or four-year colleges, universities or technical schools.

**Edward G. and Ruth A. Mack Endowment Fund** supports the Oakwood Historical Society, a nonprofit organization that preserves and promotes the stories, artifacts and environment that make the City of Oakwood, Ohio, unique.

**William Malone Fund** promotes the art and profession of photography by awarding grants to Stivers School for the Arts. The fund, in memory of William Malone, a local businessman and photographer, was established as a charitable remainder trust for his daughter, Georgianna, who passed away in 2015 at age 90.

**David and Mary Miller Fund** fulfills the charitable intents of the donors by dispersing grants to nonprofit organizations. David T. Miller, retired vice president of Finance and chief financial officer of Dayton Children’s Hospital, is a member of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board.

**Carol and Joseph Nealon Fund** provides annual income to the Dayton Right to Life Foundation for The Stork’s Nest Baby Pantry, where young mothers and other clients in need receive emergency supplies necessary to care for their infants.

**Kenneth Quinter Family Conservatory of the Arts Scholarship Fund** awards tuition grants to select Alter High School students who have dedicated passion, time and energy to visual or performing arts and wish to further develop their talents in high school and beyond.

**S and H Family Fund** awards grants to nonprofit organizations, particularly those that support educational causes, as directed by the donors.

**African-American Community Fund**

The following funds recently were established by individuals who took advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover, a permanent part of the tax code that allows individuals of a certain age to transfer up to $100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity, tax-free.

**Virginia and John Jauch Fund** for Catholic Community Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

**Virginia and John Jauch Fund** for Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley

**Virginia and John Jauch Fund** for St. Charles Borromeo Church

**Virginia and John Jauch Fund** for St. Vincent Hotel

**Virginia and John Jauch Fund** for Womanline of Dayton

**Virginia and John Jauch Fund** for Archbishop Alter High School

**Dilip A. Soni Restorative Justice Fund** provides support for programs or initiatives intended to reestablish relationships within the community.

**Valley View Local Schools Funds** benefits students of Valley View Local Schools by awarding grants for activities that enhance their learning, including scholarships for higher education.

**Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church Fund** benefits this Dayton church with annual income. Founded in 1833, Wayman Chapel is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church in the region.

**Sara E. Woodhull Charitable Fund** furthers the charitable interests of the donor by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations.

**Dayton Performing Arts College Foundation** awards scholarships for students of Dayton Performing Arts School.

**Dayton Foundation Fund** supports efforts to create and sustain a new agricultural park and event center in Montgomery County.

**Scotty Harmon**

**Georgianna Malone**

**CARE Walk**

**S and H Family Fund**

**Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church**

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**Dayton Foundation Fund**
Believing in the Next Generation of Donors

Giving USA, which tracks and reports annually on giving activity in the nation, announced last month that overall charitable giving was up over 4 percent in 2015 compared to 2014, with a record dollar amount of $373.25 billion. While figures for The Dayton Foundation’s fiscal year ending June 30 won’t be announced until this fall, we can continue to say with confidence that our donors are some of the most generous and caring in the nation, as 231 new charitable funds were opened. This is the second highest number of new funds established in one year in the Foundation’s 95-year history.

Always on the horizon, however, are the questions who will be the donors of tomorrow, and will they be ready to take the reins in leading giving.

We’ve seen numerous examples in recent years of young adults crowdfunding and using social media to bring attention to their favorite causes. While the way people of all ages choose to give continues to evolve, the reasons they give still have the element of heart involved. I was reminded of this recently at the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team games at Wright State University benefitting the Fisher House at Dayton VA Fund. The fund was established at The Dayton Foundation to help bring a compassionate care house for our military members and veterans receiving treatment at the Dayton VA Medical Center.

Inspired by generations of family members who have served in the military, 18-year-old Alter High School Senior Lauren Ledford decided to create a Wounded Warrior Club through her school. “I thought this club would be a great way to say thanks to our troops and get students involved in helping others,” Lauren told us.

Through bake sales, making and selling rosaries, and collecting donations, Lauren and her team raised $230, which she presented at the games to Lt Gen (ret.) Richard Van Fleet Reynolds, chair of the Dayton VA Fisher House fundraising Support Committee. Said Lt Gen Reynolds, “Lauren’s donation was truly an extraordinary act of kindness and generosity towards our veterans. All of us were deeply touched and tremendously proud of her and her classmates.”

There have been other examples of youth generosity through The Dayton Foundation over the years, including several years ago by then-Sivers School for the Arts student Trey Melvin. Motivated by a desire to help others and to prove that youth can make a difference, Trey wanted to raise funds for The Dayton Foundation’s work to help children and families in need. Like Lauren, his effort was not a class project, but a personal goal to make a difference in his hometown. Following weeks of selling his self-produced newsletter, baked goods and T-shirts, he raised $1,100. Trey’s determination inspired the Foundation’s Governing Board to add $2,900 to make a $4,000 gift, which Trey presented to the Salvation Army for the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center that serves hundreds of thousands of families.

Trey said at the time, “I don’t need to wait until I’m older. I want to do something to help my community now.”

I’m optimistic about the future of giving. Examples like Lauren and Trey give us all hope that the leaders of tomorrow will be in a good position to hold the future of philanthropy in their hands. But what can we, as parents or grandparents, do to help lead the future of giving?

Many of our donors have taken steps to involve their children in giving from a family fund, whether it’s advising a current fund or naming them as successor advisors. Some donors have opened and funded Charitable Checking Accounts® as an alternative gift for a special occasion or during the holidays. If one of these ideas interests you, give us a call. We’re happy to help create a plan that works for you, and ensures your family’s charitable legacy and the causes closest to your heart are supported.

2016 Meeting Celebration

I hope you will join us for our 2016 Meeting Celebration at the Schuster Performing Arts Center on Thursday, September 22. Look for more information on page 8 in this newsletter and for your invitation in the mail soon. It’s an event you won’t want to miss.

Michael M. Parks
President
Recent discretionary grants help build a better community

In the first half of 2016, The Dayton Foundation awarded nearly $18 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.

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Clothes That Work
Clothes That Work ($325,250) to assist with supporting local workforce initiatives by providing professional clothing, education and coaching services to 2,000 clients annually by 2018.

Culture Works ($15,000) to help develop a web-based system for teachers to search for regional arts education opportunities that meet state learning standards.

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Greenlight Grant Awards

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Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum ($2,000) to assist with promoting rail and heritage tourism and leveraging additional funding from the State of Ohio.

The Brunner Literacy Center ($7,500) to begin literacy services at two Catholic Social Services locations.

Centerville-Washington History ($2,000) to create History on the Go learning modules.

Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area ($2,500) to assist with building repairs.

The Salvation Army ($6,000) to support a new after-school reading program for families.

Tecumseh Land Trust ($2,000) to help promote federal tax incentives of donated conservation easements.

Therapeutic Riding Institute ($4,000) to help purchase two riding saddles and tack to accommodate students with special needs.

Town & Country Fine Art Gallery ($2,000) to support an awareness and education campaign.

United Theological Seminary ($3,000) to assist in the Center for Urban Ministry’s renovations.

UpDayton ($2,000) to support the Success Organics project.

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Writing can be a frustrating process, particularly for young students with a disability. When Janelle Vargo, intervention specialist for Northridge City Schools, discovered an interactive LEGO-building tool that inspires children to write, she knew it would be a hit with her first and second graders.

Janelle was able to purchase the LEGO Education StoryStarter materials and software for her classroom, thanks to a $1,015 grant from The Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund of The Dayton Foundation. The fund has received substantial financial support and guidance from the Northridge Optimist Club.

“Writing is one of the most difficult tasks for students to learn and master,” she said. “I cannot count the number of crumpled and ripped papers created by frustrated erasers I have had in my years of teaching. Thanks to the LEGO StoryStarter, no one was frustrated, because they were having fun!”

The program helps children bring their stories to life by constructing scenes using the building bricks and mini-figures, then capturing the scene in writing. With the visual story scene in front of them, students can more closely focus on writing elements, such as spelling and story structure.

“A LEGO creation is a picture of a student’s creative thoughts and ideas,” Janelle Vargo said. “They see the beginning, middle and end of the stories created in their minds, enabling them to work harder on those difficult mechanics.”

The program was a success. One student, who had previously thrown fits during writing exercises, asked to work on his paper during recess. He completed it without complaint, despite leaving the LEGOs inside. Also, because both general education and special education students and students who are offered intervention services participated, the program fostered an inclusive learning environment for all.

“We are so thankful for the grant from The Northridge Polar Bear Foundation Fund for the LEGO StoryStarter, which brings together our students to collaborate on a common project,” Janelle Vargo said. “We couldn’t have done it without this support!”

Grant Moves STEM to the Great Outdoors

As a premier Scoutng location in the Midwest, Woodland Trails Scout Reservation boasts 1,200 acres of forests, fields and streams, offering summer campers unique experiences since 1939. After a recent Boy Scouts of America STEM initiative was launched, Woodland Trails created an indoor center to nurture Scouts’ interests in STEM activities, such as robotics, engineering, space exploration and more.

An outdoor learning deck also was designed to give youth the opportunity to take subjects that typically are taught inside a classroom, outside.

“The great thing about the outdoor learning deck is that you’re not locked in a room working on a computer or in a science lab,” said Eagle Scout David Sangrey, a Woodland Trails staff member. “You can enjoy all of the STEM activities that you love without missing out on the woods and nature all around you.”

The Dayton Foundation supported the project with a $50,000 discretionary grant in 2015, and garnered more support from Foundation donors through its Partners in Giving program. Thanks to these donors, Trails created an indoor center to nurture Scouts’ interests in STEM activities, such as robotics, engineering, space exploration and more. An outdoor learning deck also was designed to give youth the opportunity to take subjects that typically are taught inside a classroom, outside.

Tips on Charitable Giving

Using Your Fund to Support Causes and Nonprofits Around the Country and the World

The Dayton Foundation has been serving residents of Greater Dayton for 95 years. Nearly 3,400 charitable funds have been created to benefit a wide variety of charitable organizations locally, nationally and internationally.

Yes, nationally and internationally. A common misconception is that The Dayton Foundation only serves nonprofits in the Dayton Region. While the Foundation’s primary focus is causes and organizations that serve our community, we also assist donors who wish to support organizations across the country or who themselves have relocated to other parts of the country and want to contribute to organizations in their new location. For example, Mrs. Smith lived and worked in Dayton but in her later years relocated to be close to family in Florida. She has become involved in the local children’s hospital and wants to make contributions to it from her fund. Mrs. Smith can request a grant be awarded from her Dayton Foundation fund to her charity in Florida, and the grant will be sent in her name.

Another example might be Mr. and Mrs. Jones, whose grown children have relocated, one to New York and the other to Montana. Both children are active in their communities and are raising funds for specific nonprofits. When asked for contributions, Mr. and Mrs. Jones send grants from their Donor Advised Fund to the nonprofit organizations in New York and Montana to support the causes with which their children are involved.

International grantmaking also is possible as long as the international nonprofit is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3), either through their own classification with the IRS or from a “parent organization” in the United States. These organizations have the responsibility of receiving the grant distribution and then making sure it gets to the international program overseen by the parent organization. International grantmaking also can be made through the use of an international 501(c)(3) intermediary. Organizations that have a 501(c)(3) status are responsible for making grants to foreign countries for charitable purposes, however an additional fee will be charged by these international intermediaries to use their services.

It has long been assumed that a fund at The Dayton Foundation can only be used for local grantmaking, but that simply is not true. For those occasions when a grant outside of your geographic area makes sense, we want you to know that you can use your charitable fund to make worthwhile grants in the communities that you care about and want to support. As long as the recipient organization is a 501(c)(3) and is in good standing with the IRS, it is eligible to receive a grant from your Dayton Foundation fund. To learn how you can create a Dayton Foundation fund that suits all of your charitable giving needs in Greater Dayton and beyond, contact me at (937) 225-9954 or jhaldasare@daytonfoundation.org. For more information, you can also visit the grants and programs pages of the Dayton Foundation site, or contact Duke Timmons, vice president of Grants and Programs, at (937) 225-9966 or dtimmons@daytonfoundation.org.
Grants in Action continued

the project received an additional $25,000 in grants.

“Without the support of The Dayton Foundation, our outdoor learning deck would not have been possible,” said Jeanie Lawrie, Development director for the Boy Scouts of America Miami Valley Council.

“This project helps us connect STEM with the outdoors, two very important aspects of Scouting in the years to come.”

— Jeanie Lawrie, Development director, Boy Scouts of America Miami Valley Council

The outdoor learning deck also is bringing Scouts together. One troop that previously visited the camp had two groups of boys with divided interests—half shared a love for the outdoors, and the other half were drawn to scouting by STEM activities. The outdoor learning deck activities combined the interests of both groups, and the common ground helped forge bonds of friendship among the boys.

“As we continue to strive to prepare youth for their future careers, STEM-based activities are becoming increasingly important,” Jeanie Lawrie added. “This project helps us connect STEM with the outdoors, two very important aspects of Scouting in the years to come.”

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