Dayton Foundation grant helps Daybreak create
A Safe Haven for Homeless Youth

Nineteen-year-old Sherry returned to Dayton after leaving her boyfriend in Michigan. She wanted to live with her mother until she could find a job or go back to school, but her mother’s boyfriend turned her away.

So Sherry turned to Daybreak, a shelter for homeless youth and young adults. Sherry now lives safely in one of 24 transitional apartments at Daybreak’s new residential and service center located on South Patterson Boulevard in downtown Dayton. The center opened in May, thanks in part to a $50,000 grant from The Dayton Foundation toward Daybreak’s $9.6 million capital campaign to renovate the 100-year-old dilapidated building and enhance the organization’s services for youth.

“The Dayton Foundation’s commitment allowed us to leverage funds from others, so we’re ending our campaign without a gap and without long-term debt,” said Linda Kramer, Daybreak’s executive director. “This grant said our community foundation believes in what Daybreak is doing and how we are doing it.”

Donors with “common touch” leave uncommon gift
$4+ Million Eichelberger Bequest to Be Foundation’s Largest to Date

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From the President

Community Leadership Initiatives

Over the next 12 months, The Dayton Foundation will be taking on one or two new community leadership initiatives to help our Greater Dayton community. These are efforts where a need or gap exists and where The Dayton Foundation is in a unique position to help.

Recent examples include our partnership with the Dayton Business Committee, which led to the creation of the Minority Economic Development Council; promote greater participation and inclusion of minority citizens in the economic fortunes of our region. Neighborhood School Programs, a collaboration with Dayton Public Schools, the Fritz Center for Leadership in Community at the University of Dayton, Montgomery County, United Way and 16 other area funders, is another example. Its purpose is the creation of neighborhood school centers at Dayton public elementary schools being rebuilt over the next several years. They are aimed at improving the lives of children and families in five targeted Dayton neighborhoods. The most recent initiative is Crayons to Classrooms, a partnership with the Mathile Family Foundation and Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, among others, that helps provide classroom supplies for low-income children who can’t afford them. With all three of these initiatives, we have collaborated with incredible community partners to help address important community needs.

But how are we currently arriving at our leadership initiatives? What is the process by which we determine them, and how are they funded?

The Process

Over the past few months, we have engaged in discussions with large numbers of people from across the community, as well as held individual meetings with Foundation Governing Board members and with our Grants and Programs Committee. We have looked at broad community issues and specific problems and opportunities. We also have reviewed data, research and trends.

In essence, we have been assessing the state of our community and listening to people’s views on what can make it better. We are working to determine whether particular community issues can be enhanced by collaborations that we are able to draw together to help our community. We are looking at where Foundation dollars, as well as staff time, can be placed to do the greatest possible good.

To give you a sense of the magnitude of this, we are examining local concerns around homelessness, public education, housing/foreclosures/vacancy issues, workforce development, conservation, neighborhood safety and vitality, nonprofit capacity building, the need for regional collaboration and growth, early learning and rigor in education; race and diversity; our region’s economic competitiveness; and how to keep more of our young people in our region after graduation.

Any one of these has a complexity of interwoven playing fields and issues. No one organization can solve any one of these regional issues. But The Dayton Foundation has a unique role we can play by virtue of our neutral position – our only interest is the well-being of the Greater Dayton Region and its people – and the three legs of the stool of our mission: This is that we help donors; we help worthy causes; and we are a community convener with the ability to bring together public and private partners of all persuasions to identify, assess and ultimately solve some of our region’s issues.

The Fuel and the Hope

Our primary limitation is the amount of Board-directed funds we hold – roughly 8 percent of all Dayton Foundation assets. These assets are those that donors, over time, have given The Dayton Foundation to be used at the discretion of our Governing Board for the greatest need in our community. These not only give us the ability to put money on the table with partners we enlist to tackle a community need, but also allows us to hire the expertise needed to see the effort through.

It’s important for people to understand the care with which we enter into a community leadership initiative. Board-directed funds are a precious resource not just for the Foundation, but for the community. We want to be sure that where we choose to use those resources has the greatest chance for a positive return and in making a difference.

Following the staff research we’ve described here, staff recommendations for our next leadership initiatives are vetted by the Foundation Grants and Programs Committee and ultimately by our Governing Board.

Although the issues our region faces are enormous and complex, we are not discouraged. To the contrary, the deeper we get into them, the more we see individuals and organizations all around us willing to come together to solve issues. Our community has such wealth of committed, caring human capital – people willing to give their all to try to heal our environment or children at risk or neighborhoods in disrepair; caring donors pouring millions of dollars back into local nonprofits at work for our community; our region’s culture of collaboration and innovation. We are optimistic and look forward to reporting back to you on where The Dayton Foundation – with your help – will go to next in our community.

Michael M. Parks

President

Common Touch continued

The Eichelberger Loft Season... of Rehearsing, Persuading, and.allowing... are honored that the Eichelberger Foundation recognizes our programming as a worthy vehicle for continuing Jack and Sally’s legacy. Their generous support in underwriting the Loft Season helps insure that we’ll be able to continue offering the high-caliber productions that reflect their vision.

“The Fuel and the Hope”

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[DAYTON] A LEGACY OF MEMORIES AND OF CHARITABLE INTENT THAT WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY FOR YEARS TO COME.”

– Neal F. Zimmers, Zimmers and Associates

Michael M. Parks

President
The Fund for Higher Education

WSU Founder’s Passion to Expand College Opportunities Lives On

Former NCR Corporation chief executive and Wright State University founder Robert S. Oelman, who left indelible marks on business, civic affairs and higher education in the Miami Valley, passed away in 2007 at age 97. But he also left a charitable legacy through The Dayton Foundation that will improve the quality of and access to higher education in perpetuity.

In 1973 to 1985, Dayton Foundation donor and a member of The Dayton Foundation’s Marketing and Public Relations Committee. “In the early 1970s, Wright State University president Robert J. Kegerreis, retired president, Wright State University — Robert J. Kegerreis, retired president, Wright State University — Robert J. Kegerreis, retired president, Wright State University — Robert J. Kegerreis, retired president, Wright State University — Robert J. Kegerreis, retired president, Wright State University — Robert J. Kegerreis, retired president, Wright State University,” said Dr. Kegerreis. “He was very much a servant leader, and I remained impressed with Bob as long as I knew him.”

“He was always quality-minded,” noted Dr. Kegerreis. He recalled asking with concern for Bob Oelman’s advice about switching from NCR to IBM mainframes, which seemed better suited to the university’s computer science needs in the 1970s. Bob Oelman gave him the nod to choose IBM.

“A narrow-minded, less impressive person would have insisted we stay with NCR,” Dr. Kegerreis said. “He was unquestionably astute and never deviated from the highest principles.”

In the early 1970s, Wright State administrators were preparing the case for a medical school, in spite of significant opposition in political, civic and academic circles. “Bob wisely counseled us to keep trying,” said Dr. Kegerreis. “It had been a longtime ambition of influential people in Ohio and Dayton, especially his good friend Virginia Kettering, to establish a medical school here, which we did in 1973.”

The legacy of Robert Oelman, who believed public higher education should be available to everyone, lives on through The Fund for Higher Education. Examples of grants from his fund to date include a 2007 award of $5,600 to the Clark State Foundation to expand its Champion City Scholars Program and a $7,400 grant to the College Club at Wilmington.

The Champion City Scholars Program provides academic and life-skills training to low-income students in Springfield City Schools, beginning in grade eight through their second year of college. These students receive full, two-year scholarships to Clark State and become the first in their families to earn a college degree.

The grant to the College Club at Wilmington College supports an intervention program that focuses on at-risk or underrepresented middle school students in Clinton County who also would be the first in their families to attend or graduate from college.

“It is impossible to overstate Bob Oelman’s positive and lasting influence on higher education,” Dr. Kegerreis said. “He was very much a servant leader, and I remained impressed with Bob as long as I knew him.”

Robert S. Oelman

A Dayton native born in 1909, Bob Oelman graduated from Dartmouth College in 1931. After graduation, he studied at the University of Vienna, where he met and later married Mary Coolidge, also from Dayton. They were married for 70 years. He worked at NCR for 41 years, becoming president in 1957 and serving as chief executive officer from 1961 to 1974.

One of his greatest corporate challenges was shepherding NCR from electrical-mechanical cash registers to electronic machines, business computers and data processing. He also served on corporate and civic boards, including The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board from 1974 to 1980, and supported urban renewal and corporate community service through Dayton’s Area Progress Council.

As plans for Wright State took shape, Bob Oelman led with authority, co-charting the building fund campaign in 1961 and later heading the campus advisory committee and serving as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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Robert S. Oelman (center) breaks ground for Wright State University in 1963. He is pictured with (left to right) Novice Fawcett, former president of Miami University; Major General T.A. Bennett, former USAF Logistics Command; Stanley Allyn, former NCR chairman; and Fred White, former USAF Logistics Command.
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and in the future.

Marianne and Tom Becker

Tom and Marianne Becker
Family Fund was created by
the Becker Family to honor
the memory of their par-
ents. Thomas E. Becker was
the president of the John A.
Becker Electric Company and
son of the company’s founder.
Marianne Becker was a Miami
Valley Hospital volunteer for
20 years.

Herbert M. Campbell Fund
for the American Cancer
Society* provides assets to
sustain the programs and
services of The American Can-
cer Society in Montgomery
County, Ohio.

Carl J. Davis, Jr., Fund honors
the donor’s memory and love
for animals by providing funds
to The Humane Society and
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retired as vice president of
People’s Bank in 1982 and
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Adèle, for 58 years.

Dayton Opera Association
Artistic Excellence Fund
provides operational funds
to help maintain the opera’s
commitment to excellence in
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Endowment Fund, through
income distributions, sup-
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sessional opera company.

Dayton Opera Association
Gold Standard Fund creates a
board-designated endowment
fund for Dayton Opera to
help maintain the company’s
stability, artistic integrity and
community impact.

Diversity Programs Endow-
ment helps Victoria Theatre
Association bring diverse
entertainment to the Greater
Dayton Region and attract a
wide variety of audiences to
their productions.

Jack W. and Sally D.
Eichelberger Foundation
was established by Jack and
Sally Eichelberger, long-
time Oakwood residents, to
enhance the legal profession,
the arts and the Greater
Dayton community through
the awarding of grants. Jack
Eichelberger was a well-known
Dayton attorney and real
estate investor.

Frances P. Hussey

Mary J. and Frances P.
Hussey Fund carries on the
legacy of these Oakwood sis-
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operating funds to help The
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from Miami Valley Hospital
after 28 years of service in
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Dr. Rita Klosterman Scholar-
ship Fund honors the memory
of this former elementary
school principal and Univer-
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devoted her life to education.
The fund will benefit the
University of Dayton Col-
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financially needy students
attending any Roman Catholic
elementary school in Mont-
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Mark Andrew Kreusch
Memorial Fund** celebrates
the memory and spirit of Mark
Kreusch, the four-year-old son
of Jon and Suzanne Kreusch,
whose life was taken unex-
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will enrich the lives of chil-
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facilities and services that
help children grow, learn and
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The Human Race Theatre
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Term Fund supports The
Human Race Theatre Com-
pany’s mission to present uni-
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The Kuntz Foundation
sustains the charitable, edu-
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The Kuntz Foundation.

Maria Lauterbach

The Maria Lauterbach Fund
for Women *** remembers
Marine Lance Corporal
Maria Lauterbach, whose
tragic death in 2007 attracted
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of abuse and advocate improv-
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tion in abusive situations.

James L. McGraw and
Marjorie McGraw Fund
remembers this beloved
Kettering couple, who met
on a New Jersey beach and
married in 1952. The fund
benefits the University of
Dayton, Culture Works and
the Dayton Theater Guild,
among other organizations.

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Bob and Dee Millat

Michael K. Millat Memorial
Scholarship Fund encourages
children of Millat Industries’
employees to further their edu-
cation. The fund was estab-
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memory of their son, Michael.

Paul R. and Frieda M. Miller
Memorial Scholarship Fund
awards scholarships to African-
American Dayton Public
School graduates, who plan to
major in teaching at a histori-
cally black institution. Marilyn
Miller-Lewis established this
fund in honor of her aunt and
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Dayton Community Charitable Pharmacy
Uninsured get vital medicines, thanks to Foundation grant

Greg, a laid-off autoworker in Dayton now without health insurance, decided to become a truck driver. But when he couldn’t pass a physical examination because of an irregular heartbeat, he suddenly had no access to medicines required to regain employment.

The Dayton Community Charitable Pharmacy, operated by Reach Out of Montgomery County, helped Greg to navigate the health care system, find a cardiologist and obtain the medicines he needed so desperately. Reach Out provides access to health care for underserved and uninsured people in the county. Because of high poverty and unemployment rates in Dayton, the community’s need for a charitable pharmacy is great.

“Every day people like Greg come to our pharmacy window and say, ‘Thank you’ – I don’t know what I’d do if the pharmacy hadn’t stayed open,” said Sharon Sherlock, Reach Out’s executive director.

After Reach Out’s federal grant funds were diverted unexpectedly, the Dayton Foundation stepped forward to award a $15,000 discretionary grant to help the pharmacy continue dispensing medicines to uninsured patients, mostly those released from emergency rooms. The pharmacy, located around the corner from Miami Valley Hospital, now fills 12,000 prescriptions annually.

“Without this grant from The Dayton Foundation, we wouldn’t have stayed open,” Sharon Sherlock said. “It brought forth new individual donors and helped us in our quest for funding from other organizations.”

The pharmacy provides up to three months of free generic medicines to patients like Greg. One part-time and additional volunteer pharmacists teach patients how to administer their medications, answer questions, monitor usage and adjust dosages as needed.

“We do a lot more than fill prescriptions,” said John Miller, a Reach Out board member and former volunteer pharmacist at the charitable pharmacy. “We tell patients about side effects and drug interactions. We explain how their medicine relates to their disease state, now and down the road. People who understand why they are taking a medication are more likely to comply than people who have no clue. So we can impact their long-term health.”

Pharmacists also encourage patients to find a primary care physician in a neighborhood health clinic. A physician can provide ongoing care and access to medications through free or low-cost prescription-assistance programs, or $4 discount plans offered by many retailers. Sharon Sherlock points out that even with the $4 discount plans, some patients may still need assistance from the charitable pharmacy. Discount programs have dosage limitations and don’t cover expensive medicines for chronic conditions, such as diabetes, hypertension or asthma. And for low-income patients needing multiple prescriptions, discounted medicines are still out of reach. The charitable pharmacy helps patients find creative ways to fill these gaps.

“We are the ultimate safety net for a lot of people,” Sharon Sherlock said. “We know we are preventing infections and emergency room readmissions. Patients are feeling better and getting back to work, so we’re enhancing their quality of life. Without this pharmacy, many lives would have been lost.”

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Daybreak Housing Director Karen Garcia VanDyke (left) and volunteers sort through donated household items for the new shelter.

“They became isolated and were at risk for failure,” Linda Kramer explained. “Many weren’t ready for that level of independence, because they didn’t have life-skills training.”

The transitional housing program located in the new facility nurtures, stabilizes and immerses them in on-site services and support. Even pregnant youth or those with babies up to age three are welcome. “We’re moving them off the streets, giving them homes,” she said. “Here they build community and see social workers regularly. It’s a much healthier environment.”

Daybreak has a six-month, renewable lease and “earns” her rent by following house rules and attending counseling. “I get to act like an adult, buy groceries, cook food and do my own dishes,” Sherry said. “I’m working on finding a job, and my caseworker is helping me get back into college.”

As Sherry gains independence, she’ll move out of transitional housing and into a one-bedroom apartment, where she’ll pay a portion of her rent. She’ll graduate from Daybreak’s program when she’s ready to be fully independent.

“That means for the same dollars, we’ll be able to serve even more young people in the future and help more succeed,” Linda Kramer said. “Our community is only as strong as its weakest link, and this is one we are hoping to really strengthen.”

Daybreak
assists hundreds of runaway, homeless and troubled youths each year. Read more about Sherry’s story and other Daybreak youth online at DaytonFoundation.org.
Getting started with The Dayton Foundation
Give the Gift of Charitable Giving

Tired of shopping for the perfect gift? Not sure what to give that special someone who has everything? Instead of giving an unwanted sweater, tie or household knickknack, consider a gift that gives back – a Dayton Foundation Charitable Checking Account.9

That’s what Susan and Don Harker did for each of their four adult children last Christmas. They don’t need gifts of fancy gadgets or other items,” said Susan Harker, a Charitable Checking Account donor since 2004. “These accounts will encourage them to think about and support the organizations and causes they care about most. It’s a great way to teach children of any age about the joy of giving.”

The Charitable Checking Account Service is a flexible and tax-smart option that helps your special someone help others. You can open an account with any dollar amount, with your loved one recommending grants from the account to any IRS-approved public charities, including educational and religious institutions, at any time. Plus, an account can be established in your loved one’s name, further personalizing this gift option.

In addition to cash, you can fund an account with appreciated assets, such as securities or mutual funds. This allows the full value of the assets to be used for charitable purposes, undiminished by long-term capital gains taxes, when donated to the Foundation before the asset is sold. You receive the charitable deduction as the donor contributing the assets.

And best of all, it’s free. There are no fees or fund minimums.

“(The Charitable Checking Account Service) is a great way to teach children of any age about the joy of giving.”

– Susan Harker, Charitable Checking Account donor

“My husband Don and I love our Charitable Checking Account. It’s so easy to use, and the Foundation does all the work for us. They verify the charity’s IRS status, send the grant checks for us – even anonymously, if we want – and provide us with one statement at the end of the year for our tax reporting,” Mrs. Harker said. “I don’t know why more people don’t use the service.”

Opening an account takes just a couple of minutes and can be done online. Your loved one also can do all of his or her giving online, 24/7, through the Foundation’s secure, password-protected service, Donor Express. He or she can monitor the account’s activity, including gift and grant history; check the balance, make grant requests and even add to the account online.

So, how did the Harker children react to their gifts? “They were thrilled and immediately started talking about which charitable causes they were going to support,” Susan Harker replied. “We couldn’t have picked better gifts.”

To learn more about the service or to open an account today, visit www.daytonfoundation.org. Or, if you prefer, you or your financial advisor may call one of the Foundation’s development staff at (937) 222-0410 or toll free at (877) 222-0410.

Tips on charitable giving
Take Advantage of Current Interest Rates to Benefit Charity and Loved Ones

By Angela Clements, CPA, senior development officer

Federal midterm rates are at an all-time low – 3.8 percent in June. This provides a great opportunity for individuals to make a difference for the charities they care about most, while providing for their loved ones, by establishing charitable lead annuity trusts (CLAT).

What Is a Charitable Lead Annuity Trust, and How Does it Work?

A CLAT provides fixed payments to one or more charities for a specified period of years or a lifetime, as determined by the donor. After such time, the remainder returns to the donor or a beneficiary designated by the donor. A CLAT may provide the donor with a gift tax, income tax or estate tax deduction, or all three.

To help illustrate this, consider the following scenario. John Smith wants to support his favorite charities during his lifetime, as well as decrease his potential estate tax and income tax. He also wants to provide for his daughter after his death in a tax-advantaged way, since he will have a taxable estate. After consulting with his attorney, he has decided that the best strategy to accomplish his goals is to transfer appreciated assets to a CLAT.

Mr. Smith transfers $600,000 in long-term marketable securities to a CLAT and names his fund at The Dayton Foundation as the beneficiary for the next ten years with his daughter as the remainder beneficiary. The securities have a basis of $100,000. At a 6 percent annual payout rate, the CLAT provides his donor-advised fund at the Foundation $36,000 annually for ten years, for a total of $360,000. Through his fund, Mr. Smith may make regular distributions to the charities of his choice in the Greater Dayton Region and beyond.

His tax savings is equally beneficial. If Mr. Smith is in the 33 percent tax bracket, his gift tax deduction is $300,025. He also may be able to claim a similar income tax deduction.

Long-term ordinary return on his investment and long-term capital growth has been and remains at 5 percent. After the $360,000 distribution to his fund, Mr. Smith has $975,561 remaining that is passed to his daughter after his death.

The CLAT has provided John Smith with the opportunity to meet his charitable goals, provide for his daughter’s future well-being and save on his estate, gift and income taxes.

This is a broad overview of how a CLAT functions. A CLAT may or may not be an appropriate giving vehicle for you and your family. As you consider your plans, you or your estate planning advisor may contact me, Angela Clements, CPA, senior development officer, to discuss which charitable tool works best for you. You can reach me at (937) 222-0410, or at aclements@daytonfoundation.org.
Jerry Trimbach Scholarship Fund
Successful entrepreneur’s education inspires fund for students

Joan Trimbach vividly remembers driving home to Dayton from Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1955 with her husband, Gerald E. Trimbach, who had just been released from military service. “I was pregnant with our first child, and we had $10 in our pockets,” she recalled.

“We knew if we wanted to raise a family, Jerry needed to get more education. He had a high school diploma and nothing else.”

Jerry Trimbach got a full-time job at Dayton’s Chrysler Air Temp, which inspired him to enroll at Sinclair Community College on the GI Bill to study heating and air conditioning engineering technology. After seven years of night school, he graduated with an associate’s degree, and in 1962 he partnered with a friend to open 2-J Supply, a heating and air conditioning distribution company.

“Night school wasn’t easy because Jerry was working full time, and we were raising a family,” Joan Trimbach said. “He loved college, but sometimes he came home from work tired and didn’t want to go to class. He always gave me a lot of credit for encouraging him to finish his education.”

Sadly, Jerry Trimbach passed away in 2002 at age 70 during a routine heart catheterization. To honor his memory and his dedication to achieving an education, Joan Trimbach transferred the balance of their Charitable Checking Account® at The Dayton Foundation in 2004 to establish the Jerry Trimbach Scholarship Fund. This endowed fund, which helps students further their education at Sinclair Community College, has awarded four scholarships totaling more than $7,800 to date.

“Jerry believed that education was important and always said that Sinclair helped prepare him for a very successful career.” Joan Trimbach said. “Because of Jerry’s background, I wanted to help other Sinclair students further their education like he did.”

Although 2-J Supply’s early years were a struggle, Jerry Trimbach and his partner worked hard to build the business. By 1995, 2-J Supply was one of Dayton’s top 100 privately held companies, according to the Dayton Daily News.

Jerry and Joan Trimbach

Grants in Action

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

Grant Helps Babies Thrive, Provides Relief to New Parents

One of the most important jobs in life often comes with little or no training – parenthood. And while planned pregnancies present obstacles to even the most prepared individuals, the challenges intensify when unplanned pregnancies occur.

Elizabeth’s New Life Center (ENLC) has responded to this growing need through its Learn & Earn program. New mothers and fathers, who participate in the program’s childhood education classes, earn coupons that they can spend in ENLC’s Mother and Child Boutique. Clients can redeem their coupons for items such as clothing, diapers and strollers. Plus, with the help of a $1,000 grant from The Dayton Foundation for ENLC’s Milk for Babies initiative, the boutique now stocks formula as well.

“When another local source stopped carrying free formula, we stepped up with the Milk for Babies initiative to provide mothers with emergency assistance for their babies,” said Vivian Koob, executive director of ENLC.

In addition to earning coupons for formula purchases, clients who don’t have extra money to buy a can of formula when their monthly Women, Infants and Children (WIC) stipend runs out can come to the boutique for emergency assistance up to three times.

“The help of The Dayton Foundation’s grant, we are able to provide excellent, consistent nutrition to their babies through high-quality, pediatrician-recommended formulas,” Koob said. “And with our Learn & Earn program incentivizing our clients to take advantage of our parenting and child development classes, it is a win-win for mother and child.”

Museum Proves Science Is Fun, Offers First-Hand Look at Global Warming

The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery has long fostered a love for science and learning in the Greater Dayton Region. In an effort to attract more youth, the museum offered

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several new opportunities in 2007, thanks in part to a $10,900 grant from The Dayton Foundation. The grant helped the museum purchase high-powered microscopes and video equipment to document scientific findings about the effects of climate change, as well as added a one-week day camp session.

“Finding new and innovative ways to connect and educate youth is crucial to improving science, math and technology skills in the future,” said Susan Pion, vice president of education at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. “To be able to provide children with lab-grade microscopes and equipment to produce documentaries speaks volumes.”

Ms. Pion also sees the effects of the Foundation’s grant as more than just the programs offered and equipment purchased. “We see our grants as leverage,” she said.