Foundation Leadership Initiative

$450K Grant to Help Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors

On September 9, 2012, Mary and Ed Lovett woke to the news that their son, Alex, was a passenger in a high-speed car crash. Immediate life-saving surgery stopped a brain bleed and swelling, but it would take seven months and multiple surgeries for the recent high school graduate to regain consciousness. As the result of his injuries, he was robbed of all memories, including those of his parents and friends. He spent the following year relearning how to walk and do other basic tasks.

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– Dr. Susan Davies, University of Dayton Brain Health Collaboratory

Despite Alex’s traumatic brain injury and the life-altering effects it has had on him, the Lovetts are grateful for the many local resources that are available – from the healthcare professionals who saved his life, to community organizations that have helped them navigate his new normal. Getting to this point, however, has not been an easy journey. The strain TBIs put on individuals and their families can seem insurmountable as they reimagine their loved ones’ futures and forge new paths.

“There were so many things we had to learn by trial and error, like applying for disability,” Mary Lovett said. “We only learned about the Montgomery County Board of Development Disabilities Services when Alex went through an evaluation process and found out he was not yet ready to hold a job.”

To help families like the Lovetts, The Dayton Foundation recently awarded a $450,000 grant over three years to the University of Dayton Brain Health Collaboratory, an initiative launched in 2021 by UD Professor Dr. Susan Davies to help coordinate care, education and community outreach for TBIs.

“Our region has many talented healthcare providers, educators and researchers working on issues related to TBIs and brain health,” Dr. Davies said. “This initiative will help coordinate and grow their efforts. We are grateful for this partnership with The Dayton Foundation and its innovative support to the local community.”

In addition to the grant, the Foundation has placed Del Mar Encore Fellow Pam Morgan with BHC, to assist with its efforts, such as developing a marketing and awareness campaign and conducting a survey to collect data on the needs of local families of people with TBIs. This work has helped identify community partners to lead four focus areas and grow their efforts. We are grateful for this partnership with The Dayton Foundation and its innovative support to the local community.”

Yokley-Gamblin Family Scholarship and Foundation Funds

Donor’s Passion for Helping Others Inspires Her Purpose

Whether it was passing out snacks for the teacher or volunteering to tutor kids with their school work, Dayton Foundation donor Jacqueline Gamblin learned early on the importance and joy of helping others. Influenced by a strong faith and the examples of her father, a retired military veteran, and her mother, a retired food service manager, Jackie has made service to others and the community the cornerstone of her career, volunteer work and charitable endeavors.

“At a young age, I realized I had found my purpose to be a helper,” said Jackie, founder and CEO of JYG Innovations, a woman-owned, small technology business founded in 2009. “Every one of us has needed or will need help at some point in our lives.”

Jackie’s academic achievements in high school led her to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where she found out that learning on others doesn’t mean you are any less prepared or capable. It was learning to accept help and the gratitude for those who lifted her up that further cemented Jackie’s desire to give back.

“When we live interdependently, embracing our strengths and weaknesses and are considerate of the same in others, we can all struggle less and celebrate more,” she said.

This philosophy inspired Jackie to establish two charitable funds in 2019 through the African-American Community Fund of The Dayton Foundation. One fund supports causes continued on page 3 »

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Nonprofit Capacity-Building Partnership Aims to Empower Local Organizations

When the nation was struck in 2020 with a series of tragic events that once again brought to light the injustices of inequities for African-Americans and other minority populations, The Dayton Foundation and community partners ramped up efforts to create a fair and equitable community for all our region’s citizens. From this work grew the Nonprofit Capacity-Building Partnership, a collaborative leadership initiative between Mathile Family Foundation and The Dayton Foundation. The initiative is working to strengthen local African-American and African-descent led or majority African-American or African-descent serving nonprofit organizations to better address inequities in Greater Dayton.

“The Mathile Family Foundation is pleased to partner with The Dayton Foundation to ensure all nonprofit leaders have equitable access to high-quality, capacity-building resources,” said Kippy Ungerleider, managing director for Mathile Family Foundation. “We believe the entire Dayton Region benefits when we have a strong, inclusive network of nonprofit organizations meeting the community’s greatest needs.

The effort launched in 2021 with a survey sent to nearly 350 potential participants in hopes of identifying groups in need of greater support to address inequities for the populations they serve. In 2022, after a series of assessments and interviews, the field was narrowed to a cohort of 32 individuals from 21 nonprofits. The cohort regularly meets for training and networking, which includes meetings with Jay Meyer of J. Meyer Strategies, who provides consulting services and strategic and organizational development assistance.

Beyond the training, the individuals and organizations in the cohort network with one another, coming together to brainstorm resources for similar issues and needs they may currently be experiencing. The cohort also has been introduced to additional nonprofit resources and tools in the region, such as the Miami Valley Nonprofit Collaborative and Dayton Metro Library.

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Del Mar Encore Fellow Pam Morgan (left) and Dr. Susan Dawley at the Brain Health Collaboratory’s symposium last March, which brought together 60 educators and medical professionals to learn more about TBIs.

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– Alex Lovett, TBI survivor

“Historically under-resourced against the challenges and critical issues they address,” said Mary Tyler of Mary E. Tyler Consulting LLC, a consultant for the program. Mary has held one-on-one meetings with the cohort’s nonprofits to discuss emerging and existing needs and worked to connect them with community resources. “Building the capacity of these organizations is an essential tool for empowering organizations and building strong communities in Montgomery County.”

An organization in the cohort that has benefited from these additional resources is Friends of the House of the People, a nonprofit organization that began in the 1970s to help provide shelter and a community of resources for its clients. Representatives from both The Dayton Foundation and Mathile Family Foundation conducted site visits and connected them with partners, which has led to plans for renovating the kitchens and bathrooms in some of their housing facilities.

“We have dedicated board members and volunteers who have been working with a minimum budget to keep our houses livable. Most of the houses were built in the early 1900s, so they need major repairs with costs above our means,” said Loic Kiza, president of Friends of the House of the People, which also assists Rwandan refugees and asylees. “The Nonprofit Capacity-Building Partnership came at the right time to give us hope and boost our energy. The coaching sessions helped us

“Wraparound services around TBI patients is crucial in effective and positive outcomes for individuals like Alex. He now works at Dayton Childrens as a cashier in the cafeteria, employment he was able to secure through a program of GESMV that provides him with transportation and a job coach while he works. With this support, Alex has been recognized multiple times for his excellent customer service at Dayton Childrens. He also recently was inducted into the MCBDD’s Hall of Fame.

“Never give up. Disability is nothing. It’s just a word,” said Alex, in a video featuring his induction. “Exceed your limits – at your job, at your life, at anything you do.”

Dayton Foundation Governing Board Member L. Tony Ortiz initiated the Foundation’s decision to adopt this effort as a leadership initiative after meeting Jenness and Mark Sigman. The Sigmans created Play-Payne Foundation, a nonprofit to help TBI survivors after their son, Payne, suffered one as the result of a car accident in 2014. Thanks in part to the care and support he received during his recovery, Payne has since graduated from high school and college, earning a master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling from UD in 2022.

Mary Lovett is encouraged to know that coordinated resources from BHC now will be available in Greater Dayton and will allow families like hers to focus on what’s really important – their loved ones’ recoveries.

“I don’t want to feel like I’m not good enough,” Alex said. “I want to be who I was before I had a TBI. It’s just a word.”
The Dayton Foundation Says Goodbye to Former Governing Board Members

It is with heavy hearts and deep admiration that The Dayton Foundation marks the passing of Burnell Roberts and Richard Glennon, Sr., both of whom were well-respected philanthropists, businessmen, community advocates and longtime Foundation friends. Their combined service on the Foundation’s Governing Board spanned 16 years, starting in 1984 and ending in 2000 with Burnell as then-outgoing chair. During this time, they oversaw unprecedented growth for the Foundation and helped it mature from a small, relatively unknown organization into a force for good in the region. They gave freely of their time, energy and talent to the Foundation, as well as to many other organizations in Greater Dayton.

When Dick Glennon joined the Board in 1984, he was one of five like-minded volunteers, including then-Chair Fred Smith, Sr., Anne Greene, John Moore, Sr., and Jesse Philips. At the time, Dick confessed to not knowing much about the organization, but, as he stated in a 1998 Dayton Foundation article, he quickly was “convinced that the Foundation is the major resource in our community… a qualifying point for a variety of current needs and proposed solutions to those needs.”

This small but mighty group, alongside then-President Fred Bartenstein, laid the groundwork in establishing the Foundation as a modern community foundation, expanding charitable fund options and taking a more direct approach to community grantmaking and leadership initiatives.

Dick’s entrepreneurial spirit, combined with his fascination for innovative technologies, led him to establish several medical device companies in Greater Dayton, including New Dimensions in Medicine, which produced the first disposable electrodes. Servant leadership and living the Marianist mission were hallmarks in the lives of both Dick Glennon and his late wife, Mary. They gave generously to the community they loved, particularly in supporting education for disadvantaged children and the University of Dayton, where Dick also served as a Board member.

Brother Raymond Fitz, SM, PhD, former president of UD, described Dick as “an outstanding member of the University’s Board and the Dayton community. Dick knew how to ask good questions, some of which were very challenging. Often, he was able to move myself and the Board to respond in more innovative and positive directions to the challenges we faced. And, he always did it with his endearing smile. He was of great support to me personally and very supportive of the mission of the University and the community as a whole.”

The Glennons’ commitment to the community will continue through their children and grandchildren through several endowed funds Mary and Dick established at The Dayton Foundation more than 30 years ago. Included among them is an unrestricted fund created with forethought “to respond to future challenges which cannot be predicted today,” Dick said in 2007. “My grandchildren may not be living here in 50 years, but somebody’s grandchildren will. I believe those of us who have done well in this city have a responsibility to those kids. When a community creates opportunities for success, business people must search for ways to give back some of what they’ve taken out. Everyone needs to put something back in the pot. The Dayton Foundation is our way to ensure the quality of life in the 21st century.”

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Burnell Roberts shared a similar commitment to the next generation. “With everyone’s assistance, we can make this good place even better – not just for today, but for our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren,” he said in a 1998 Dayton Foundation article.

Burnell’s commitment to and love for the region led him to join The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board in 1989, serving as its chair from 1998 to 2000. With the Board’s oversight and strategic planning process, the Foundation...
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.

**Choices in Community Living Fund** provides residential programming and advocacy options for a diverse population of citizens with disabilities.

**Nancy and Lawrence Curk Foundation Fund** helps further the education of a graduating Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School senior who is planning to major in the nursing program at Kettering College of Medical Arts.

**Marilyn and Steve Goens Charitable Fund** contributes funds to charitable organizations. The donors solicit the input of their two grandchildren when deciding which nonprofits and causes to support, in order to inspire the next generation of charitable giving in the Goens family.

**Joe’s impact on The Dayton Foundation**

Joseph B. Baldasare, chief development officer and former longtime vice president of Development, is retiring on June 30 after 22 years with the Foundation. During his tenure, Joe’s friendly, approachable spirit made donors and other friends of the Foundation feel like family. Whether he was meeting with donors to establish a fund in memory of a recently lost loved one, or connecting professional advisors with resources for their clients’ charitable giving needs, Joe embodied the Foundation’s mission of helping people help others throughout his career and service to the community.

Joe’s impact on The Dayton Foundation and Greater Dayton is far-reaching and has advanced the Foundation and its work in the community tenfold. Since he joined the Foundation in 2001, Joe has helped grow assets from $214 million to more than $1 billion. This growth is due in part to the special relationships Joe nurtured with donors, financial advisors and nonprofit leaders, and his desire to help others achieve their charitable dreams through thousands of new funds established at the Foundation.

“Joe Baldasare is a true ‘go-getter’ for making others feel included and cared for. He is a great supporter of the Foundation’s mission to help people make a difference. He has been a source of inspiration for many of us and has contributed to making The Dayton Foundation a better place to work.”

– Kitchen & Table Founder and President, Terri Johnson

“I have the greatest job in the world because, all day long, I get to meet good people who want to do good things for the community and the world.”

– Joe Baldasare

The Dayton Foundation sincerely thanks Joe Baldasare for his more than two decades of dedicated and thoughtful service and wishes him much happiness as he retires to spend more time traveling with his wife, Terri, visiting his children and attending his grandchildren’s various sporting and school events. Best of luck, Joe!
Building Capacity—Michael M. Parks

“...I am confident as we continue to educate and unlock misunderstandings about the LGBTQ+ community, we’ll see real change and a future that looks bright for all people.”

– Josh Stucky, Governing Board member

In our ongoing series addressing equity and inclusion, I’d like to take this opportunity to focus on local efforts and organizations working to create a better Dayton for our region’s LGBTQ+ citizens. This issue’s featured equity expert is Josh Stucky, a member of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board, proprietor of Square One Salon & Spas and cofounder of Rubi Girls, a nonprofit organization that supports LGBTQ+ initiatives. Josh, a Miami Valley native, is a well-known speaker on human rights and the LGBTQ+ community’s impact on the American way of life.

Rubi Girls has raised nearly $3 million for HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ+ causes since the troupe started in the 1980s, performing to sold-out audiences locally and beyond. What impact has this work had on the community?

I’m so proud to say that by the end of the year, Rubi Girls will have helped raise $3 million in donations since inception. In 2022, we distributed funds that benefited 70 nonprofits, contributing $150,000 to area charities. In addition, we award scholarships to local students through The Rubi Girls Scholarship Fund of The Dayton Foundation. Beyond the fundraising, and more importantly, our work educates the public. Whether it was spreading awareness of the HIV crisis in the 1980s, the rights of LGBTQ+ in the 1990s, the importance of equity in the 2000s or currently fostering an understanding of all people, our impact has reached far and wide.

How is that possible? Rubi Girls began its mission in the 1980s using humor as an antidote for the HIV crisis. We used wigs, dresses and high heels in a funny way, making sure each show was poignant as well. We linked arms with all people, including individuals living with HIV or working with HIV patients, as well as their parents, friends, children – anyone who needed to feel better, happy or safe. Through our early work, we established ourselves as a group that wanted to help others. Our dollars, large or small, go to help others. This fact startles folks. They can’t believe that for 40 years, this group continues to do whatever it takes to give to people in need. It takes years to build trust, and we’re fortunate to be in Dayton, a city that embraces diversity and ingenuity, where people love us and fully understand our mission.

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

There are quite a few in our great city. PFLAG is for parents and friends of the LGBTQ+ community. Gender Spectrum provides a plethora of information, and The Trevor Project is a national organization offering intervention for families struggling with LGBTQ+ issues. David’s Place, which Rubi Girls helped get off the ground, is housed at Daybreak and gives LGBTQ+ youth a safe and inclusive space. This is so important, as 40 percent of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+ and are at a higher risk of becoming victims of violence, trafficking and housing discrimination.

Other organizations providing resources include Equitas Health, one of the nation’s largest LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS-serving organizations, and The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, which provides a variety of services and information.

How has Greater Dayton become more inclusive? What work remains, and what is the first step?

In many ways, Dayton is ahead of the curve. Our local government has taken steps to provide rights to the LGBTQ+ community long before other communities. I think we’re the “right-sized city.” There is a sense of family here. People know each other or know someone who knows someone, which lends itself to community. It takes a village, and we have a strong one.

As for inclusion, our region’s history speaks volumes. An early HIV warrior and co-founder of the Dayton Area AIDS Task Force, Dr. Robert Brandt, and Ohio’s first elected LGBTQ+ judge, Mary Wiseman, are Dayton natives. The longest-running LGBTQ+ television show in American history, Harper’s Bazaarworld, is filmed here. They are pioneers well ahead of the curve, and that allows others to walk proudly in their footsteps.

In 2015, Dayton was designated the Queerest City in America, according to Advocate Magazine. Inclusion is in our fabric. With places like David’s Place and the new Longfellows Commons Community for LGBTQ+ retirees (see page 7), Dayton is leading in outreach to all age groups. This shows real commitment from city leaders and private businesses to make LGBTQ+ a part of everyday living.

Of course, much work remains. We’re facing some headwinds. Often it’s one step forward, one step back. But I am confident as we continue to educate and unlock misunderstandings about the LGBTQ+ community, we’ll see real change and a future that looks bright for all people.

Thank You

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude and well wishes to my friends and colleague Joe Baldasare, who is retiring after 22 years of dedicated and thoughtful service to The Dayton Foundation. Read more on page 4 about Joe and his remarkable career of helping people help others and making our community a better place to live. Thank you, Joe!

“Building a strong network of support to enhance ongoing learning and growth is the ultimate goal for the cohort, according to Mary Lynn Naughton, managing director for Mathile Family Foundation.

“The Nonprofit Capacity-Building Partnership provides a safe space for participants to be vulnerable with their peers about leadership challenges in the nonprofit sector,” Mary Lynn said. “We hope these talented leaders gain a deeper understanding of the professional management practices that will help their nonprofit organizations thrive and deepen their mission’s impact.”

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– Loic Kiza, president of Friends of the House of the People and cohort member

Michael M. Parks, CFRE
President

Profile Image
The Dayton Foundation recently awarded $280,244 in discretionary grants that were approved by the Foundation’s Governing Board to assist Greater Dayton charities. Additionally, grants totaling $33,087 were awarded through the Foundation’s Greenlight Grants program to benefit area nonprofits.

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

**Greenlight Grants Awards**

- **Black Brothers and Black Sisters Involvement**
- **Black Brothers and Black Sisters Involvement ($6,000)** to support African cultural programming and drumming instruction for students in West, Northwest and Southwest Montgomery County.
- **Boy Scouts of America, Miami Valley Council ($6,000)** to provide the Gem City Scouting program at Emerson Elementary School.
- **Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum ($5,000)** to create STEM-focused interactive displays and educational programs for K-3 grade students.
- **League of Women Voters**
- **League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area ($3,000)** to help build the organization’s capacity by funding a strategic plan.
- **Mission of Mary Cooperative ($5,000)** to replace the outdated water infrastructure so the organization may provide fresh, chemical-free produce to the community.

**Grants Awards**

- **Breast Wishes Foundation**
- **Breast Wishes Foundation ($4,000)** to fund its office relocation.
- **Brukner Nature Center ($1,087)** to add an informational kiosk at River’s Edge Wildlife Preserve to educate visitors about Brukner Nature Center and its trail system.
- **Hatch Architects Design Center ($7,500)** to offer design-build programming in Northwest Dayton in partnership with Omega Community Development Corporation.
- **Humane Society of Greater Dayton ($7,500)** to purchase a multi-use animal trailer to rescue farm and larger domestic animals from dangerous living conditions.
- **Rubi Girls ($4,000)** to aid in the organization’s basement water mitigation project.
- **The Dayton Woman’s Club**
- **The Woman’s Club of Dayton Foundation ($4,000)** to replace necessary kitchen equipment and add an entrance security keypad.

These grants were made possible thanks to the following unrestricted or field-of-interest funds of The Dayton Foundation. For a complete listing of these funds, go to daytonfoundation.org/impactfunds.html.

- James M. Hewitt Child Welfare Fund
- Kenneth O. Huntington Charitable Trust Fund
- Mary J. & Frances P. Hussey Fund
- Eleanor and John Kautz Fund
- Robert H. and Enis N. Kissinger Fund
- Ray Loughman Fund
- Lucia Lee and J. Ramsey McGregor Fund
- Mary Lou McKay Charitable Fund
- Warren E. Miltenberger Fund
- Leon Norman and Mildred Miriam Ninny Memorial Fund
- Kenneth E. and Margaret E. Parnell Fund
- The Robert and Jean Penny Endowment Fund
- Willard E. Talbot Memorial Fund
- The Dayton Woman’s Club

**Community**

- **Agape for Youth**
- **Agape for Youth ($25,000)** to expand the Bridging Hope and Futures program by including individualized case management services for foster youth and teens.

- **Dayton Performing Arts Alliance ($50,000)** to extend the Q the Music afterschool band program in Northwest Dayton.

- **Dayton Playhouse**
- **Dayton Playhouse ($30,000)** to help replace the roof over the theatre and the storage facility that houses props and furniture.

- **Glen Helen Association ($75,000)** to assist with the Campaign to Secure the Future of Glen Helen, reopen the preserve to the public and restart educational programs and ecological stewardship.

- **Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley ($25,244)** to provide adaptive equipment scholarships for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

- **Miami Valley Child Development Centers ($75,000)** to help construct and attach a covered pavilion and drop-off canopy on the East Dayton facility.

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Grant Helps Bring New Life to Northwest Dayton

Inclusive Housing Campus Underway for LGBTQ+ Older Adults and Allies

A transformative and inclusive housing development soon will break ground in Northwest Dayton, thanks to the forward-thinking efforts of United Church Homes, a leading provider of services and affordable housing for older adults. Anchored by the historic Longfellow building, a Salem Avenue landmark that served as a long-time school and headquarters for the American Red Cross during the 1913 flood, The Longfellow Commons Community aims to create a safe and welcoming living space for LGBTQ+ older adults and allies.

“The Grafton Hill and Lower Dayton View historic districts are home to some of Dayton’s most precious community assets, including the Dayton Masonic Center and the Dayton Art Institute. Longfellow is an iconic building that complements the other neighborhood anchors in history and design,” said Gloria Hurwitz, vice president of advancement for UCH. “Longfellow’s revitalized campus embraces its historic bones and brings new life to the neighborhood and to Greater Dayton.”

The Longfellow Commons Community will include 125 market-rate units with a potential to house 200 older adults and their pets. Blighted parcels have been removed from the area to make way for a lighted and beautifully landscaped urban campus, which will feature a bodega, library, theater and hair and nail salon. A clinic with pharmacy services also is planned, giving convenient access to healthcare to The Longfellow Commons Community residents and the 1,000 older adults already living in the area.

Beyond the amenities, the Community will create a space for Greater Dayton LGBTQ+ older adults to feel valued, welcomed and supported. Residents will have opportunities for more abundant living experiences in a place where they can be assured safety and acceptance. This is particularly important for LGBTQ+ older adults, who are twice as likely to face housing discrimination and other significant challenges, such as loneliness and isolation.

“Some in the LGBTQ+ community may have a lack of family to call on while aging, most likely because of the high percentage of individuals who do not have children,” Gloria said. “UCH, comprehending this need, has designed The Longfellow Commons Community to be intentionally welcoming and caring for those in the LGBTQ+ framework. This will nurture an environment for residents to explore their varied talents, hobbies and volunteer interests that enhances not only the campus, but the surrounding community as well.”

In addition to a $75,000 discretionary grant awarded to the project in 2023, the Dayton Foundation extended a 12-month, $250,000, zero-percent loan to UCH in 2020, with the help of several Dayton Foundation fund holders. The loan, which was paid back early in full, helped the organization meet parameters required fundraising in and beyond the Miami Valley.

“The grant comes at a time when additional capital is needed. The project cost increased by 25 percent and has required fundraising in and beyond the Miami Valley,” Gloria said. “The support from The Dayton Foundation and its fund holders has moved us toward the forward-thinking efforts of United Church Homes.”

“The Longfellow Commons Community will provide residential living, while helping to revitalize the area and focus on diversity and inclusion.”

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