A Passion for Community and Philanthropy
Charles Jones Is New Board Chair

Roots are a powerful and centering force in a person's life. The roots provided by his family and his rural Kentucky childhood were formative to The Dayton Foundation’s new Governing Board Chair Charles A. Jones. The roots he later put down in Dayton tested and forged him. With each has come commitment to people, place and a vision for something better.

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worked with them to farm the land and support their family. “When you grow up in a very large family, sharing with siblings is a value learned early in life. My parents always sacrificed for family and community. They didn’t have financial wealth, but they were always sharing their produce with others who needed it. They were very hard-working,” he said, “and my mother was unrelenting about the importance of a good education. In later years, my father and mother purchased their own farm. It’s incredible to me that they could do this as sharecroppers with 11 children. These experiences informed my life.”

But there were to be other pivotal experiences in his young life.

When he was an elementary school student in Campbellsburg, the segregationist Day Law still was in effect in Kentucky. An effect of the law was the segregation of black and favorites of the visiting pet therapy program.

“As large as he is, he knew how to behave in the Center. He’d walk the halls with Lura and know right where he was needed and which rooms he should visit,” said Marcia Pittman, a longtime friend and fellow pet therapy program volunteer. “Lura got tremendous joy from these visits, knowing she was helping others and spreading her love of dogs.”

When Lura McEvoy realized that her three-year battle with cancer was coming to an end last October, she and her husband, Jack McEvoy, contacted The Dayton Foundation to create a charitable fund that would perpetuate her love of animals. Days before Mrs. McEvoy passed away, they established the Lura I. McEvoy Fund to benefit Mrs. McEvoy’s favorite charities, including the Greater Dayton Labrador Retriever Rescue and Referral Group. “Animal rescue and adoption were very important to Lura,” said Jack McEvoy, who,

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white students. But a forward-thinking higher education institution had found a way for children like Charles Jones to bypass the educational disadvantages inherent in the Day Law.

"Berea College admitted black students as early as 1865 and was at the forefront of integration," he said. "After the Day Law, Berea donated money to help create a boarding school – the Lincoln Institute in Shelby County."

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Kentucky – where African-Americans throughout Kentucky would be able to obtain a quality education." The Lincoln Institute drew top-tier teachers and other staff to the school that he and all of his siblings attended. It was the first time he had exposure to African-American professionals other than his pastor and elementary school teachers. It changed his life.

After graduating from Kentucky State University and working in public education, he came to Dayton in 1965 as a community organizer and executive director of the West Dayton Self-Help Center, working with Dayton’s Health and Welfare Planning Council. In 1970, he entered public administration in Dayton’s city government and served with the city until his retirement in 1994. During this time, he earned a master’s degree in public administration and provided oversight of and managed virtually every City of Dayton department, including directing the Office of Planning and Development, the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Affairs, and the Department of Human and Neighborhood Resources.

During his tenure with the city, he played a leadership role in helping to protect our region’s precious underground aquifers, in building the first computer-aided police and fire dispatch center, and in creating a well field protection program, among other landmark accomplishments.

Upon retirement, he had risen to the role of Deputy City Manager, overseeing 90 percent of the City of Dayton’s employees and their departments’ day-to-day functions. Since then, he has been hired by organizations and governmental entities that have been in transition, to make needed change or to steer the organization safely to the next manager.

What all this experience did was to give Charles Jones not only a long pattern of service, but also a vision for the future and tools to help realize that vision. His personal vision today includes a progressively better future for all of Greater Dayton’s diverse people and an increasingly visible community presence for The Dayton Foundation. Among the tools that he possesses is an unusually keen ability to listen with an open mind to the viewpoints of others and to help forge sometimes divergent views into an actionable consensus. He has demonstrated this not only in his career, but at The Dayton Foundation where he has been a member of the Governing Board since 2002 and a member of several of its committees, including the Executive Committee. He also chairs the Foundation’s Neighborhood School Centers’ Oversight Committee and serves for the Foundation on the Commission on Minority Inclusion (formerly the Foundation’s Diversity Task Force). He has held numerous leadership positions with many other not-for-profits as well.

"The community and philanthropy are two of my great passions," he said. "I am very passionate about The Dayton Foundation and would like people to better understand the Foundation’s historic role in so many positive changes to Greater Dayton. The Dayton Foundation historically has taken a backseat in being recognized for its leadership efforts. It’s vital that others see the unique position the Foundation holds as a neutral party able to act as a community convener in situations where no one else can. To be able to more fully act on the opportunities that will benefit our community, The Dayton Foundation will need the flexibility we can only have if we are successful in growing our unrestricted assets. I’m convinced that we can and will do this."

"Undoubtedly Dayton has significant economic issues today, but Dayton also has many pluses. What I hope for Greater Dayton," he continued, "is a healthy and diverse community that has successfully made the transition from manufacturing to a high-technology economy. The Dayton Foundation is on the cusp of so much positive community change. We have the leadership of an outstanding Governing Board, supported by an excellent staff, to help forward that positive change. I am very hopeful about our region’s future."

"As with so many others, Dayton has been a real gift to my family," he concluded. "It has afforded us the opportunity to work hard, contribute and achieve – an opportunity almost unheard of in the past for a person like myself from a proud but humble beginning. My wife and I have been able to raise and educate three children in integrated neighborhoods and to have them attend integrated schools. We are grateful to this community and we have worked hard to repay this gift.

"We have been fortunate as well to be able to establish an endowed scholarship fund at The Dayton Foundation – as part of the African-American Community Fund to enable disadvantaged, Dayton-area African-American students to broaden their education through travel and study abroad. It is one more way to repay our debt of gratitude."

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Minority Economic Development Council

Closing the Gap in Minority Business and Economic Development

Disparities between minorities and Caucasians exist in every facet of daily life in the Greater Dayton Region, including education, medical care, home ownership and income, as well as business success. This can have a huge impact on the region's overall economic health and quality of life.

In the City of Dayton, for example, African-Americans represent approximately 45 percent of the population, yet only 15 percent of the city's businesses are owned by minorities, according to the 2002 US Census of Business Owners. These businesses generate a mere $94 million in sales, roughly 0.57 percent of the city's total sales. On a regional level, the numbers are equally alarming, with only 4.8 percent of all businesses being minority owned and generating just .76 percent of total sales.

"Minority-owned businesses are seriously under-represented in our local economy," said John E. Moore, Sr., Emeritus Governing Board member and former chair of The Dayton Foundation and the Foundation's Diversity Task Force.

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Established in 1999, the Foundation's Diversity Task Force was focused on studying issues and developing solutions for diversity and inclusion in the community. Now disbanded, the Diversity Task Force has evolved into the Commission on Minority Inclusion.

The Commission represents a groundbreaking partnership between The Dayton Foundation and the Dayton Business Committee and includes representatives from both minority and majority business owners and community leaders. Taking the lead in this monumental endeavor are John Moore and Brother Raymond Fitz, former president of the University of Dayton, who are co-chairing the Commission.

Channon Lemon discusses next steps for the Minority Economic Development Council with co-chairs (left to right) Bruce Feldman and Al Wofford.

"Try to imagine what your job would be like if you didn't have the tools you needed. Imagine the loss in time and productivity. That's what many children and teachers endure every day," said Steve Rubenstein, the new executive director of C2C. "Teachers face numerous challenges in their jobs. Having the basic tools they need to teach and to help their students learn shouldn't be one of them. By providing free school supplies to qualifying teachers, Crayons to Classrooms will help enrich the educational lives of Dayton-area students."

"By targeting those schools with the highest participation in NSLP, we hopefully can have the greatest impact." - David Clapper, chairman, Crayons to Classrooms

New Foundation Initiative Brings Crayons to Classrooms

There's no question that education is the building block to a successful future, but for some students it's not as easy as learning your ABCs. Many parents today can't afford the basic school supplies their children need, and teachers are reaching into their own pockets, as much as $500 to $1,000 per year, to purchase items cut from their schools' budgets.

This situation isn't limited to schools in major metropolitan cities. It happens on a daily basis in schools throughout the country, including the Greater Dayton area.

To help address this need, The Dayton Foundation and the Mathile Family Foundation have launched a new community initiative to provide free educational supplies for teachers. As the first teacher resource center of its kind in the Dayton area, Crayons to Classrooms (C2C) will make available basic educational tools, such as paper, pencils and notebooks, as well as a wide variety of arts and crafts supplies, to qualifying teachers for children in need.

C2C plans to open its doors sometime later this year. By providing free school supplies to qualifying teachers, Crayons to Classroom will help enrich the educational lives of Dayton-area students.

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Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program

Puts College in Reach of Students

When Social Security benefits for many eligible students' post-secondary education were eliminated in the early 1980s, Ruth Richardson, then director of counseling for Dayton Public Schools, knew she had to do something.

“Parents were coming to me in tears, because they were counting on this money being available to them,” she said. “When it was gone, they were left struggling to find a way to help pay for their children’s college education.”

Through the advice and assistance of community leader John E. Moore, Sr., Mrs. Richardson established the Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program (DMCSP) in 1981 with gifts totaling $25,000. The program provided scholarships to help graduating Dayton Public School students pay dollars at most for each student, but they gave students the boost they needed,” Mrs. Richardson recalled. “Once these students had their foot in the door, they would find a way to pay for their remaining years.”

Word of the program spread quickly, as Ruth Richardson and others went to local companies and donors to ask for financial assistance. It wasn’t long before news of her efforts reached Jesse Phillips, a longtime community leader and former chair of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board, who surprised her with a $1 million gift to grow the program. Gifts from John W. Berry, Sr., also a former member of the Foundation’s Governing Board, and NCR Corporation, among others, soon followed.

Now a fund of The Dayton Foundation, the nearly $16 million DMCSP has awarded a total of $12 million in scholarships to more than 10,900 graduating seniors or students who have received their GED equivalent. For the 2007-2008 school year, DMCSP committed $640,000 to 517 students.

“The demand for financial assistance is increasing continuously, especially in Montgomery County,” according to Dr. Donald R. Thompson, executive director of DMCSP. “For example, about 75 percent of City of Dayton students come from low-income families, and one in five Montgomery County children live in poverty. Our goal is to get as much money as possible in the hands of students and help close the growing gap between affordability and participation in post-secondary education. We owe it to ourselves to see that everyone has a chance at a brighter future.”

“If you are a graduating senior from one of the 28 participating Montgomery County high schools,” Dr. Thompson continued, “and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5, demonstrate financial need and plan to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college or university in the United States, then you will receive a scholarship. It’s that simple.”

According to Ruth Richardson, DMCSP also opened some students’ eyes to the possibility of furthering their education.

“Many of my students didn’t have the encouragement of their family or knew they didn’t have the financial means to pay for college, so continuing their education just didn’t occur to them,” she said. “This program gave them the opportunity to think beyond their means and to see that it was possible.”

A former DMCSP board member, Mrs. Richardson still serves an honorary role and continues to promote the program. “I’m so proud of what DMCSP has been able to do for these students. They are our future and deserve a chance to further their education.”

Best Friend continued

along with his wife, had adopted Brewster and several other dogs during their 48 years of marriage. “She always was promoting the message of adoption over purchasing an animal from a local pet store. She definitely saw the value of adopting an unwanted or lost pet and giving it a good, loving home.”

As a regular visitor at Grandview and several other hospitals and nursing homes over the last decade, Lura McEvoy found great enjoyment in her work with patients. Her gentle and therapeutic nature helped to bring out the best in patients, often encouraging them to come out of their shells and engaging them both physically and emotionally, according to Belinda Isaac, an occupational therapist.

“Lura was very positive and proud of her work,” she said. “She and Brewster were named the Center’s Employees of the Month for their work. They made a great team, and we miss them terribly.”

Jack McEvoy recalled one elderly woman who found particular pleasure and comfort from his wife’s visits. “For several weeks Lura would take Brewster to visit a woman who was in a coma,” he said. “At each visit Lura would place the woman’s hand on Brewster’s head, until one day the woman moved her own hand to scratch Brewster. Not long after that she spoke Brewster’s name. It was her first word in a very long time. I still get emotional thinking about what a difference Lura had made in this woman’s life.”

As retired certified financial planners and longtime Charles Checking Account donors, the McEvoy’s understood the value of giving back to their community, as well as the importance of planning one’s estate.

“The Dayton Foundation is wonderful, and their staff was so helpful and kind in setting up this fund. I trust them 100 percent with my charitable funds and recommend that others use the Foundation for their giving, as well,” he said. “Lura gave of herself to so many people during her life. I know this fund was her wish for continuing her legacy.”
A Hopeful Future

Michael M. Parks

Projections for Our Region

Recently The Dayton Foundation participated in a research effort that yielded some fascinating statistics for the Greater Dayton Region. In 1999, two researchers from Boston College published a landmark study projecting the national transfer of wealth between generations over the next 50 years to be at least $41 trillion. But no one knew what that meant for people today and in the future.

The Dayton Foundation joined a cooperative of community foundations in the Midwest to commission a transfer of wealth study by county, with the help of a sizable Kellogg Foundation grant. Projections derived from the research include that over the next 10 years in The Dayton Foundation’s service area—Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren Counties—$14.5 billion will transfer, and over the next 50 years, $100 billion will pass between generations.

There was a campaign many years ago, urging people to give 5 percent of what they earned to charity. Think for a moment about what it could mean if people left 5 percent of their estates to local charities. In our service area, that would accrue to $724 million in just over 10 years. If these gifts went into endowments so they would sustain the community long into the future—that would mean $36 million a year and a growing endowment to revitalize and expand services and opportunities to aid our community’s people today and in the future. That’s almost again as much as The Dayton Foundation makes in grants each year. And over 50 years, the numbers would be far greater. You can see the possibilities.

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So what I would ask of you to consider is that if you haven’t already provided for the local organizations you care about after your lifetime, please consider sustaining them by making a legacy gift of 5 percent (or greater if you can). This can be through the establishment of a fund at The Dayton Foundation to administer your wishes in perpetuity, or by making a direct legacy gift to your special charities.

We can offer a no-pressure discussion of your options with you and your estate advisors, if appropriate, and help develop alternatives for you that are tailored to your specific circumstances.

A New Foundation Initiative

As you will be aware from the Crayons to Classrooms (C2C) article in this newsletter issue, The Dayton Foundation has undertaken a new community initiative with the Mathile Family Foundation to make classroom supplies available to local children who cannot afford them. The Dayton Foundation’s help in funding and organizing this effort is made possible by unrestricted funds given to us over time by Foundation donors.

Notebooks, pens, arts supplies, etc., may seem like a small thing amid the broad needs of educating our children. But for a poor child, not having what may seem like little essentials for classroom participation and success tools that set them apart from other children—can seem insurmountable. It is a gap that needs to be filled for our young people, and The Dayton Foundation, the Mathile Family Foundation and other partners are committed to filling it.

If you would like to help fund this effort, you may do so by making a contribution to the Crayons to Classrooms Fund of The Dayton Foundation. The need for Greater Dayton-area children is estimated at 23,000. Any assistance with this will be deeply appreciated.

Welcome and Thanks

I am pleased to welcome our new Governing Board Chair Charles A. Jones, who will serve a two-year term as chair. As you will see from the article introducing him in this newsletter issue, he has a vast resource of experience and a track record of accomplishment that will be immensely helpful to The Dayton Foundation as we move into this next phase in our development.

We are so fortunate that he has accepted this position and that we will have his well-tested leadership to rely upon over the coming years.

Having recently completed two years as the Foundation’s chair is Fred C. Setzer, Jr. He has done an absolutely outstanding job under circumstances that were not always easy. He led the Foundation through growth and many important accomplishments on behalf of the community, for which we have our great gratitude. We are pleased that we will have his trusted counsel on the Board for the remainder of his term.

Special Thanks to Fred C. Setzer, Jr.

The Dayton Foundation would like to thank Fred C. Setzer, Jr., for his outstanding leadership as chair of the Foundation’s Governing Board over the past two years. He saw the Foundation through a strong growth period and a challenging time following the Kettering Tower fire, including our displacement from our offices and relocation to new ones in the Tower. His drive to get things done, while honoring the people involved, always has been apparent and appreciated, as has his sense of humor. Among the goals he cited when he first became Board chair, was the growth of community collaborations between The Dayton Foundation and other organizations.

The outgrowth of that philosophy has continued support for the Out-of-School-Youth Program and fostered development of the Neighborhood School Centers Program, the Diversity Initiative (which now has reached a new phase as the Greater Dayton Area Commission on Minority Inclusion, the result of a collaboration with the Dayton Business Committee), the new Crayons to Classrooms Initiative, the Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program’s affiliation with the Foundation, among other collaborations.

During his tenure as chair, the Foundation made it possible for the Wright Family Foundation of The Dayton Foundation to accept the complex gift of the Wright Brothers’ home, Hawthorn Hill, from NCR Corporation, helping to preserve this important landmark for the region and the nation. Also during his chairmanship, The Dayton Foundation assisted in the successful merger of Carroll County Historical Society into Dayton History.

In this time period, the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations and the national Council on Foundations awarded The Dayton Foundation rigorous state and national accreditations, respectively. In addition, the Foundation grew by $85.5 million in assets and made $75.5 million in charitable distributions.

We are deeply grateful for all that Fred Setzer has done to grow The Dayton Foundation’s ability to deliver service to make Greater Dayton a better place to live. We welcome his continuation on the Board for the remainder of his term and look forward to all the ways he will help further the work of the Foundation and the community he cares so much about.

Thank you, Fred!
Establishing a strong foundation for our community's future is a vision shared by donors who have endowment funds at The Dayton Foundation. Donors have started the following new funds to support our region and their special charitable causes, now and in the future.

In order to be timely in reporting these new funds to our readers, we are including the descriptions of 64 funds established within the last year. A complete list of more than 800 Dayton Foundation funds and their descriptions is located on our web site at www.daytonfoundation.org/funds.html.

Advancing God’s Mission Foundation Fund sustains the goals of Advancing God’s Mission Foundation of the Southern Ohio Synod.

AIA Dayton Blueprint for Your Neighborhood Fund commemorates the American Institute of Architects’ 150th anniversary. Through the Blueprint for Your Neighborhood program, AIA Dayton volunteers are developing a vision for revitalizing neighborhoods.

Alliance Community Schools Endowment Fund promotes educational activities, undertakings and institutions in Dayton, as directed by Alliance Community Schools.

Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Disorders Endowment Fund was established to provide annual, unrestricted operating revenue for the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association, Miami Valley Chapter.

The Antioch Company Fund continues the long-time charitable work of this printing company in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Giving back to the community has been a vital part of The Antioch Company’s corporate philosophy since 1926.

The Brabender Family Tim, Susie, Ben and Abbi Brabender Charitable Fund supports the collective charitable wishes of the Brabender family. Tim Brabender is the president of McGohan Brabender, Inc.

The Children’s Medical Center The Children’s Medical Center of Dayton Fund provides annual, unrestricted operating revenue for the region’s only dedicated pediatric hospital.

Cityfolk Jazznet Fund was created to promote jazz music as an important American cultural legacy through the presentation of high-quality jazz artists and the development of jazz education programs in the Miami Valley region.

Crayons to Classrooms Fund provides basic educational supplies at no cost to qualifying Dayton-area teachers for children in need. The Crayons to Classroom effort, initiated by The Dayton Foundation and the Mathile Family Foundation, is helping to fill a pressing community need by provisioning students with the tools necessary for classroom success.

Kevin and Karen Crotty Family Foundation supports the charitable organizations of the donors’ choosing.

Dayton History Term Endowment Fund supports the operation of Dayton History and the many programs that celebrate and preserve the region’s rich heritage.

Dayton Public Schools Improvement Fund encourages educational improvement in the Dayton Public Schools through program reform and operational excellence.

Ditzel Family Foundation was established to fulfill the charitable giving wishes of the Ditzel family.

James and Frances Graham Drake Scholarship Fund was established from a bequest by Frances DeCou Graham Drake to assist individuals in furthering their studies at The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law.

Fund for Equal Justice supports nonprofit law firms, such as Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc., and Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc., in providing quality legal assistance in civil matters to low-income individuals and groups in western Ohio. The fund promotes self-reliance, equal justice and economic opportunity.

Fannie Vought Fink Memorial Scholarship Fund helps single mothers further their studies at an accredited college, university, vocational school or trade program. Fannie Vought Fink’s granddaughter established this fund to remember her grandmother’s unconditional love, generous spirit and unyielding dedication to helping others.

William and Mary Furlong William and Mary Furlong Scholarship Fund awards academic scholarships to Tippecanoe High School graduates to further their studies at an accredited college or university.
an institution of higher learn-
ing. Major Harris, who was a JROTC instructor at Grace A. Greene Military Academy before his passing in 1995, believed that all students deserve a chance to earn an education to become self-sufficient.

Brad and Chris Hausfeld Family Foundation aids the charitable organizations of the donors’ choosing.

Thomas and Lori Hausfeld Family Foundation was created by the Hausfelds to support the nonprofit organizations of their choice.

James and Jeanne Hochman Foundation carries out the donors’ charitable wishes. Jim Hochman, a Dayton native who would ride his bike to the Dayton Art Institute as a boy, and Janne Hochman, who grew up listening to the Metropolitan Opera every Saturday with her father, believe that their legacy is to leave Dayton’s future generations with the same cultural opportunities that they grew up enjoying.

Human Services Fund aids the agenda of the human services levy by providing financial support for community-wide, non-partisan polling and other activities related to the levy.

James Capital Alliance Fund promotes the charitable interests of this investment corporation located in Alpha, Ohio.

Max May Memorial Holocaust Art & Essay Fund was established to help fund this long-running, annual contest for local children administered by the Dayton Holocaust Resource Center through the Jewish Federation Foundation.

as to provide a means for their children to continue charitable giving in the future.

Lura I. McEvoy Fund provides annual income to various charitable organizations, including Hospice of Dayton and the Epiphany Lutheran Church in Centerville. Lura McEvoy, a certified financial planner and longtime pet therapy program volunteer, established the fund shortly before her passing in 2007.

Mediation Services Fund will fund mediation and conflict management services for individuals who cannot afford representation through the legal system in Dayton and Montgomery County.

The fund, named after the founders of the first Ronald McDonald House, recognizes the McDonald’s Corporation’s commitment to its vision of improving the lives of the region’s children.

Ronald McDonald House Penny Advertising, which later became Penny/Ohlmann/ Neiman, Inc., thanks to the addition of two outstanding partners.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Founder’s Fund supports the operations of Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region and its mission to provide a temporary home for families of critically ill, hospitalized children and to support efforts that improve children’s health within our region.

PACE Community Scholarship Fund provides annual revenue to Parents Advocating Choice in Education for the creation of scholarships.

PACE Mary Queen of Peace School Fund provides students with educational opportunities through scholarships for Mary Queen of Peace School.

Robert and Jean Penny Endowment Fund provides support for The Dayton Foundation, as well as for college scholarships and for services that benefit individuals with disabilities. In 1949, Jean Penny and her late husband, Robert, founded Penny &
Richard and Jacqueline Siefring Foundation aids charitable organizations of the donors’ choosing. Richard Siefring was a senior vice president at Airstory in Dayton for over 28 years before his retirement.

Doris and David Ponitz Ponitz Family Fund to Benefit the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra supports the annual operation of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, of which Doris Ponitz is a lifetime honorary board member. The Ponitzes are longtime supporters of the arts.

Precious Blood Parish Pure Endowment Fund provides annual, unrestricted operating revenue for Precious Blood Parish in Dayton.

Mary Kuhn Preiste Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for students attending Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School in Dayton, Ohio, and Elder High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rion Family Foundation was established by longtime attorney John H. Rion and his wife, Barbara Rion, to further the work of charitable organizations of their choice.

Schade Family Foundation honors the charitable wishes of the Schade family, who created the foundation after the passing of Ralph and Dolores Schade.

Schmidt Family Fund contributes to the charities of the donors’ choosing.

Carole Seymour Memorial Fund, established by Allen Seymour in memory of his wife, provides unrestricted operating revenue for the Needy Patient Fund of The Children’s Medical Center.

Major Jack Siegrist, M.D., Memorial Fund*** finances high-adventure activities, such as scuba diving and rock climbing, for members of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 204.

Willard and Eva Werth Fund carries out the charitable wishes of Eva Werth and her late husband, Willard.

Miley O. Williamson Endowment Fund* was established by the women of Trinity Presbyterian Church to support youth Christian education and to honor the memory of Miley O. Williamson, a legendary leader in Dayton’s early Civil Rights Movement and a devoted church member.

Dorothy R. Yeck’s Children’s Fund for Arts Experiences *** sets aside annual funds for St. George’s Episcopal Church in Dayton, to help children enjoy activities centered on creating and experiencing the arts. The late Bill Yeck, along with his sons, Robert and David, established the fund in honor of his wife, Dorothy. Bill and Dorothy were founding members of the church.

YMCA Endowment Foundation for Scholarships enables children, families and individuals, who don’t have the financial means, to participate in YMCA of Greater Dayton activities.

YMCA of Greater Dayton, Downtown Branch Permanent Endowment Fund will help provide unrestricted operating funds for the Downtown YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of Greater Dayton.

Rosamond M. Young Memorial Scholarship encourages donations to memorialize Rosamond M. Young, author and longtime columnist for the Dayton Daily News. The fund serves to carry on her legacy by awarding scholarships to Montgomery County students pursuing a teaching degree in English.

* African-American Community Fund
** Carlton Historical Park Fund
*** Vandalia-Butler Foundation Fund
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 Miami Valley community.

Grant Sends Comforts of Home to Troops Overseas

Red, white and blue stars, proudly displaying pictures of military sons and daughters, line the large curtain leading into the store. American flags and patriotic memorabilia sit on a red-skirted table, along with a sign that asks passers-by to, “Write a letter, send a card, draw a picture...for Our Troops.”

At first glance, one might think the Blue Star Mothers of America, Miami Valley Chapter #3, have children who are veterans or are on active duty in the armed forces. The largest chapter in Ohio, Blue Star Mothers of America, Miami Valley Chapter #3, has more than 200 members locally and throughout the country.

Thanks to a $2,195 grant from The Dayton Foundation, along with a donated storefront from Town and Country Shopping Center, the chapter was able to move operations from their homes to a centralized location. The Foundation grant helped to cover start-up expenses, such as obtaining an insurance policy as well as purchasing shelving and a loading cart to transport goods.

“We are so appreciative of [The Dayton] Foundation’s Grant. This support enabled us to establish ourselves in a new and more visible location,” said Beverly Kay Peyton, president of the local chapter and mother of disabled veteran Spc. Matthew Peyton. “We were used to working out of our homes, so having all of our goods organized in boxes on shelves in a better location has helped us to accomplish so much more.”

Since moving into the storefront last fall, Mrs. Peyton and the other Blue Star Mothers have been “overwhelmed by the public’s support. The center has become somewhat of a gathering place for shoppers, so much so that they decided to rename it The Troop Support Center.

“Veterans stop to tell their stories, and people who aren’t even volunteers come in and help, including the Boy Scouts,” she said. “The added visibility also has increased their donations dramatically. “In 2006, before the storefront, we had to rely on corporate sponsors to supply us with enough items to send to the troops before Thanksgiving.” Ms. Peyton said. “This past holiday season we had to ask for additional storage space to hold all of our donations because of the public’s generous response. The donations filled our 750 square foot space! In 2007, we helped mail over 3,500 care packages.”

According to Beverly Kay Peyton, not only did their donations increase, but so did their donor base. “One family in Kentucky signed Christmas cards and included phone cards so the troops could call home for the holidays,” she said. “Another young woman and seven of her friends by-passed purchasing Christmas presents for each other, and instead made donated stockings filled with Starbucks coffee and other items to help in our cause.”

“Families gave up their own Christmas presents to send the comforts of home to our troops, who are sacrificing even more to protect our country,” she continued. “It warms our hearts to know that the community is giving our troops so much support.”

The Dayton Foundation News

Foundation President Chairs Statewide Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation and a board member of the Ohio Grantmakers Forum (OGF), has been named chair of OGF’s Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. The committee, which currently is being recruited, will help public and private foundations statewide to explore ways to improve the quality and impact of their work through diversity and inclusion.

“Our goal is to help these groups understand and implement the principles of diversity and inclusion in all aspects of their work, from leadership and operations to programs and community activities,” Mike Parks said.

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Grant Sends Comforts of Home to Troops Overseas

Red, white and blue stars, proudly displaying pictures of military sons and daughters, line the large curtain leading into the store. American flags and patriotic memorabilia sit on a red-skirted table, along with a sign that asks passers-by to, “Write a letter, send a card, draw a picture...for Our Troops.”

At first glance, one might think the Blue Star Mothers of America, Miami Valley Chapter #3, have children who are veterans or are on active duty in the armed forces. The largest chapter in Ohio, Blue Star Mothers of America, Miami Valley Chapter #3, has more than 200 members locally and throughout the country.

Thanks to a $2,195 grant from The Dayton Foundation, along with a donated storefront from Town and Country Shopping Center, the chapter was able to move operations from their homes to a centralized location. The Foundation grant helped to cover start-up expenses, such as obtaining an insurance policy as well as purchasing shelving and a loading cart to transport goods.

“We are so appreciative of [The Dayton] Foundation’s Grant. This support enabled us to establish ourselves in a new and more visible location,” said Beverly Kay Peyton, president of the local chapter and mother of disabled veteran Spc. Matthew Peyton. “We were used to working out of our homes, so having all of our goods organized in boxes on shelves in a better location has helped us to accomplish so much more.”

Since moving into the storefront last fall, Mrs. Peyton and the other Blue Star Mothers have been “overwhelmed by the public’s support. The center has become somewhat of a gathering place for shoppers, so much so that they decided to rename it The Troop Support Center.

“Veterans stop to tell their stories, and people who aren’t even volunteers come in and help, including the Boy Scouts,” she said. “The added visibility also has increased their donations dramatically. “In 2006, before the storefront, we had to rely on corporate sponsors to supply us with enough items to send to the troops before Thanksgiving.” Ms. Peyton said. “This past holiday season we had to ask for additional storage space to hold all of our donations because of the public’s generous response. The donations filled our 750 square foot space! In 2007, we helped mail over 3,500 care packages.”

According to Beverly Kay Peyton, not only did their donations increase, but so did their donor base. “One family in Kentucky signed Christmas cards and included phone cards so the troops could call home for the holidays,” she said. “Another young woman and seven of her friends by-passed purchasing Christmas presents for each other, and instead made donated stockings filled with Starbucks coffee and other items to help in our cause.”

“Families gave up their own Christmas presents to send the comforts of home to our troops, who are sacrificing even more to protect our country,” she continued. “It warms our hearts to know that the community is giving our troops so much support.”

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Crayons continued

Mathile Family Foundation, McGahan Brabender, Inc., MeadWestvaco, Miller-Valentine Group, Montgomery County and Standard Register. Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley also is donating space at their Kunz Road location to house the C2C offices and storefront. “The Dayton Foundation is proud to partner with the Mathile Family Foundation and to work with Goodwill

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- Michael M. Parks, president, The Dayton Foundation

Easter Seals Miami Valley to fill this gap. The work of Crayons to Classrooms will make it possible for children in need to have some of the tools for success that more fortunate children routinely have," said Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation. “Education is critically important to our community, and all children should have the opportunity for educational success.”

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND IN-KIND GIFTS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES CAN BE MADE TO THE CRAYONS TO CLASSROOMS FUND OF THE DAYTON FOUNDATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO HOST A “PUSH 4 PENCILS” WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN, VISIT WWW.DAYTONFOUNDATION.ORG/INITIATIVE.HTML.

Closing the Gap continued

The Commission’s first initiative was the establishment of the Minority Economic Development Council (MEDC) to focus on minority economic inclusion. “We’ve successfully transitioned the work of The Dayton Foundation’s Diversity Task Force to both the Council and the Commission, and we have expanded efforts to promote greater participation and inclusion of minority citizens in all aspects of the community. Our goal is to make minority inclusion a regional priority,” Ms. Lemon said. Initial efforts will focus on four key areas: business, workforce and leadership development, as well as constituent relations. Foremost, the Council is looking to encourage the development and growth of minority businesses in the Dayton area.

According to Channon Lemon, the new director of MEDC, the Council will act as a portal for minority entrepreneurs to access local resources currently available to small businesses and serve as a conduit to connections non-existent in the marketplace. These include referrals for technical business counseling, promotion of supply-chain diversity initiatives, advocacy for funding and financing, facilitation of joint ventures and teaming agreements and pairing of mentor-protégé partners for long-term advice and counsel.

“ council’s role is that of an advocate, collaborator and leader,” Ms. Lemon said. “Our success is contingent upon our ability to leverage existing resources and gain the buy-in and commitment of the region.”

Additionally, the Council hopes to increase the number of minorities gainfully employed, particularly in high-demand, high-paying jobs that reflect the region’s recent transition from manufacturing to a knowledge-based economy.

Engaging minorities in important leadership activities will also help shape the region’s economic future, according to Channon Lemon. “With nearly half of Dayton’s population being African-American, it just makes sense that there should be equal representation and participation in discussions and decisions that impact our community,” she said. “Minorities must have a seat at the table to ensure the community’s interests as a whole must have a seat at the table to ensure the community’s interests as a whole are served. This is vital to our region’s survival.”

- John E. Moore, Sr.

To help stock the store with needed merchandise, Standard Register will host C2C’s first “Push 4 Pencils” (P4P) school supply drive this spring. P4P is a workplace-driven campaign that encourages employees to support C2C with needed product donations.

Over the past 18 months, many committed individuals have worked together to form a steering committee to take the idea of Free Stores from concept to reality. These community partners include CareSource, The Dayton Foundation, Dayton Public Schools, Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, LexisNexis, Cities and leaders of the Greater Dayton Region.

To help teachers create a more productive learning environment.

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If you’ve ever wondered why you should open a Charitable Checking Account through The Dayton Foundation, you might want to consider these valuable benefits.

- Donor direction. You can give to any IRS-approved charity anywhere in the U.S. The Foundation will verify the organizations charitable status for you.
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Some donors, however, have placed no restrictions on how their funds are to be used. These funds enable the Foundation to award discretionary grants to help address needs and opportunities in our community. In 2007, the Foundation awarded $205,500 in discretionary grants, which are approved by the Foundation’s Governing Board, to the following Miami Valley charitable organizations. Discretionary grants represent a small portion of the approximately 15,000 grants awarded to charities annually from Foundation funds.

Access Center for Independent Living ($12,500) – to help provide used medical equipment to individuals with disabilities.

ArtsParts ($8,000) – to assist in hiring a part-time regional arts education coordinator.

Aviation Heritage Foundation ($7,500) – to aid in developing marketing materials that the foundation will distribute at the Farnborough International Air Show in England.

Aviation Trail, Inc. ($10,000) – to help complete the Parachute Museum’s final phase of construction, including adding interactive exhibits and videos.

Aviation Trail, Inc.

Community Blood Center

Community Blood Center ($25,000) – to support Classroom on Wheels, a mobile, interactive vehicle that educates students about blood biology, blood donation and blood circulation.

Dayton Public Radio ($10,000) – to assist in expanding public radio service in the region by building a new broadcast studio for use by WDPR 88.1 FM, WMUH 88.5 FM and WYSO 91.3 FM.

Dayton Urban League ($7,500) – to help transport homeless individuals participating in the LifeReady Transitional Jobs Program to employment opportunities.

Diabetes Association of the Dayton Area ($7,500) – to provide diabetic testing supplies to underinsured or uninsured diabetes patients.

Humane Society of Greater Dayton ($25,000) – to assist in hiring a full-time director of development for a three-year capacity-building project.

Miami Valley Literacy Council ($10,000) – to help purchase educational materials for the Council’s adult literacy programs.

Muse Machine ($10,000) – to help implement an arts residency program in local elementary schools.

National Federation of the Blind Ohio ($10,000) – to enable individuals with physical and visual disabilities to receive local newspapers by touch-tone phone or e-mail.

The Other Place ($10,000) – to help implement a two-part technology enhancement plan to effectively manage a donor database and to solicit new donors.

Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio ($15,000) – to aid in developing a youth empowerment team to advocate for policies and programs that help youth make responsible decisions about their sexuality.

Preble County YMCA

Preble County Youth Foundation ($25,000) – to help expand the Preble County YMCAs facility and programs.

Toward Independence

Toward Independence ($12,500) – to develop new services that enhance the lives of individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
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Display, by the Dayton Visual Arts Center.

As Vincent L. Russell, vice president and portfolio manager for Mead, Adam & Co., said, “What a great event at the Schuster Center. It was a home run – the performances, food, ambiance, etc. The Dayton Foundation truly is driving value into the community.”

Foundation Board Member and Stivers Student Honored at Philanthropy Day Ceremony

Congratulations to Judy D. McCormick, Dayton Foundation Governing Board member and former chair, who received the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Miami Valley Chapter, 2007 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award in November. Judy McCormick (right) is pictured here with Georgie Woesnner, general manager of WDPR Classical 88.1.

Good News is made possible by seven Dayton Foundation donors and families who have stepped forward to become the 2007-2008 “I Believe Partners” of The Dayton Foundation. Their commitment underwrites a full year of Dayton Foundation publications, thereby freeing resources for the Foundation’s other community work.


Congratulations also to Stivers School for the Arts freshman Trey Melvin, the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy (ages 5-17) Award. Trey Melvin, pictured at left with Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation, believes in the importance of giving back to his community. Thanks to his fundraiser, “Making a Way on Valentine’s Day,” and a matching gift from the Foundation’s Governing Board in 2007, Trey presented The Dayton Foundation with $4,000, which was awarded to the Salvation Army for the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. Visit the Foundation’s web site at www.daytonfoundation.org/melvin.html to read Trey Melvin’s story.

On the Web

Visit The Dayton Foundation’s web site for this charitable tip. If you’ve ever wondered how you can receive income for life, earn a charitable tax deduction and leave a lasting legacy for your community, go online to www.daytonfoundation.org/lifeinpd.html to read about life income plan options available through The Dayton Foundation.

Dates to Remember

June 25, 2008 Discretionary Grants Program Orientation
July 11, 2008 Discretionary Grant Letter of Intent Submission Deadline

For more information about both of the above, visit www.daytonfoundation.org/eventcalc.html.