Comforting Military Families in Times of Need

$1 Million Donor Gift to Provide Compassionate Care for Region’s Military

Walking into a Fisher House is like walking into a five-star hotel. From the grand entryway to beautifully furnished living spaces and bedroom suites with high-end finishes, the accommodations, some say, are better than the homes of our military’s four-star generals. But for service-members, service-women, veterans and their families seeking care at military and VA hospitals, a Fisher House is their home away from home, providing all the comforts they could need during difficult and trying times.

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Built through public support and the national Fisher House Foundation, Fisher Houses provide short-term lodging at no cost for military members and their families while undergoing medical treatment. Now totaling 70 houses in the United States, England and Germany, these compassionate care facilities help ease the burden and expense of lodging, food and transportation.

“Traveling away from home for medical treatment can be traumatic enough without worrying about finding a place to stay,” said Chris Stanley, executive director of Fisher-Nightingale Houses, Inc., the local nonprofit organization that funds annual operations and other support costs for Fisher House I and Fisher House II located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB). “Whether for a few days or longer, this situation can wear on a family, financially, emotionally and physically.”

Plans to build a 16-bedroom Fisher House at the Dayton VA Medical Center were announced last November, thanks to an extraordinary $1.075 million pledge by Vicki and Randy Gunlock and their Greener Pastures Foundation. With their gift comes a challenge to the Greater Dayton community to raise a minimum of $300,000 to establish a foundation for ongoing support costs. The remaining cost to build this $6 million facility is funded by the national Fisher House Foundation.

Said the Gunlocks, “We feel a tremendous sense of gratitude to the men and women who have risked or given their lives to defend our liberties and give us the opportunity to pursue our dreams. We don’t look at what we’re doing as a gift, but rather a small way to pay back what we owe.”
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Groundbreaking for the new Fisher House is anticipated this summer with a ribbon cutting scheduled to coincide with the Dayton VA Medical Center’s 150th anniversary celebration in September 2017.

“I don’t have enough high praise for the Gunlocks, and the support received from The Dayton Foundation and the community has been outstanding,” Lt. General Reynolds said. “Thanks to them, my fellow veterans will have what they deserve at the Dayton VA Medical Center – a compassionate care facility that provides a magnificent, mutually supportive healing environment.”
Calvary Cemetery Funds

A Dayton Institution Creates the Foundation’s Second Largest Fund

For many individuals, cemeteries represent more than just a final resting place for loved ones. Their well-maintained grounds with lush vegetation provide a tranquil setting for walking, birdwatching, prayer and reflection. For nearly 150 years, Calvary Cemetery has been such a place for the region’s Catholic community and other individuals who visit the grounds.

To help ensure the continued care of this sacred property long into the future, the Calvary Cemetery Association recently transferred assets to The Dayton Foundation to establish the Calvary Cemetery Fund, now the Foundation’s second largest fund. “Growing our endowment for the Cemetery’s continued care and preservation is of the utmost importance,” said Rick Meade, executive director of Calvary Cemetery. “We own and maintain one of the largest green spaces in the region, with 200 acres of turf grass, forests, a lake and walking trails, that offers a place for people to spend some quiet time remembering loved ones. As a Catholic cemetery association, we serve all people throughout the Miami Valley with caring and compassion in the burial and memorialization of deceased loved ones.”

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Sitting high atop the South Patterson Street hill just two miles from downtown Dayton, Calvary provides an ideal view of the city and is an integral part of Dayton’s history. Many notable Dayton figures and clergy and religious leaders are buried within Calvary’s grounds. Included among them are Joseph Desch, the engineer who helped develop the machine that deciphered German codes in World War II; Monsignor Charles Eitel, who was appointed by the Archbishop to organize relief efforts following the historic 1913 flood; Vic Cassano, founder of Cassano’s Pizza and a Dayton Foundation donor; Marion Glass, founder of Marion’s Piazza and Marion’s Ice Cream; and Tom Frericks, a University of Dayton Hall of Famer and former athletic director who was instrumental in the construction of the UD Arena.

“While much has changed in the world since Calvary’s establishment in 1872, Calvary retains the traditions of Catholic burial on sanctified ground as its core mission,” said William Frapwell, a longtime trustee and current president of the Calvary Cemetery Association. “However, we have evolved to welcome cremations, natural burials in our Saint Kateri Preserve and interment of non-Catholic members of our community.”

According to William, 33.3 percent of the proceeds from the sale of each lot are placed into the organization’s endowment, which exceeds Ohio’s law requiring cemetery associations to place 10 percent into an endowed care trust.

“We are pleased to partner with The Dayton Foundation, which has a longstanding reputation for sound investment management, and are grateful for the growth potential of our fund through the Foundation’s new Catholic Values Portfolio,” Rick Meade said.

Managed by The Hale Group at Morgan Stanley, the Catholic Values Portfolio was designed to address the unique needs of donors who practice morally responsible giving as defined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Investment Guidelines. In 2013, the Calvary Cemetery Association established two other funds at The Dayton Foundation that welcome gifts from individuals or charities.

Tips on Charitable Giving

How to Take Advantage of the Permanent IRA Charitable Rollover Law

By Joseph B. Baldassare, MS, CFRE, vice president, Development

In 2006, the Pension Protection Act allowed individuals with traditional IRAs to transfer up to $100,000 to a public charity without having to report it as part of their income. Each succeeding year, legislators would renew the legislation, and it would be signed into law for that year only. In many cases, the legislation would not be passed until late in the year, which did not allow many individuals to take advantage of the transfer in that given calendar year.

Fast forward to December 18, 2015, when President Obama signed the Protect Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act into law. As a result of this passage, the IRA Charitable Rollover has been made a permanent part of the tax code.

What does this mean? Individuals over the age of 70½, who must take a required minimum distribution from their traditional IRA, may transfer up to $100,000 to a 501(c)(3) public charity and not have it show as income for tax purposes. A married couple with two separate IRAs may take up to $200,000 tax free over the same period of time.

This newly passed legislation does have some limitations. Transfers may not be made to a supporting organization, private foundation or donor-advised fund. The Dayton Foundation interprets this to also prohibit transfers to a Charitable Checking Account.

Despite these limitations, The Dayton Foundation offers a number of options to eligible individuals. Transfers may be made to create a scholarship fund, which encourages education by providing scholarships to deserving students based upon academic interest or other criteria. A field-of-interest fund that supports a particular area of interest—such as children, education, the arts, health or the environment—and relies on the Foundation’s expertise to determine where community need is greatest, is another option. IRA Rollover assets also may be used to create a Community Impact Endowment Fund, which enables the Foundation to help address our region’s changing needs by increasing discretionary grants awards and undertaking new initiatives. And finally, one of the most popular ways for individuals to use IRA Rollover assets is to establish a designated fund through the Foundation that will make annual grant awards to a specific charity or charities.

The Dayton Foundation can help you create a fund that will meet your charitable giving needs and benefit the community. For more information, contact me, Joe Baldassare, Kevin McDonald or Whitney Briggs, at (937) 222-0410.
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.

**Endowments**

**Donors and organizations establish funds to help others**

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**Bill and Jan Abbott**

**Bill and Jan Abbott Scholarship for Broadwater Academy** aids students attending Broadwater Academy in Virginia. Both educators, Jan and Bill Abbott were inspired by Jan’s parents, Merritt and Dorothy “Dottie” Culp, whose generosity helped to establish this fund.

**William and Joanne Hussey Fund** memorializes the donors by making unrestricted funds available to The Dayton Foundation to meet pressing community needs and opportunities. Married for 33 years, the Husseys were longtime Oakwood residents.

**Mary Ann and Rich Johnson Fund for Aviation History and Heritage** supports local nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to preserving and fostering aviation heritage and history. The fund was established by the children of Mary Ann and Rich Johnson to honor their parents’ longtime interest in Dayton’s rich aviation legacy and used funds from the Johnsons’ Charitable Checking Account.

**Kesling Family Scholarship Fund** assists Kettering Fairmont High School graduates who show leadership and a great work ethic, among other positive traits, in the school’s music program. The fund was established by Diane, Robert and David Kesling to honor their parents, Betty Kesling Smith and Devon Kesling.

**Northmont Alumni Association-Chunduri Family Healthcare Scholarship Fund** awards scholarships to graduating Northmont High School seniors who plan to attain a healthcare degree. Dr. Jaideep Chunduri, a Northmont alumnus whose father and siblings also practice medicine, benefited from multiple scholarships. He created the fund to give something back to the community that gave him and his family their start.

**Oakwood Band Parents Association Fund** enriches the musical experience of Oakwood City Schools band students by supplying uniforms and other band enhancements that encourage continued participation in the program.

**Oakwood High School Band Directors’ Endowment Fund** honors the memory of this long-time Oakwood High School band director and his successors by awarding funds to the current band director to meet band needs that cannot be met by the district or the Oakwood Band Parents Association.

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**Lawrence and Shirley Porter Family Fund** supports the charitable interests of the donors. Community leaders Larry Porter, retired chief of management operations and facility divisions, Avionics Directorate, Wright Laboratory at WPAFB, and Shirley Porter, retired Dayton Public Schools teacher, established the fund to give back to the community they’ve called home since 1958.

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**Pink Ribbon Girls Fund** provides revenue to this nonprofit organization that brings comfort and compassion to women facing breast and reproductive cancers through direct services, education and support.

**Kolodesh Family Foundation Scholarship Fund** helps Miller Lane Business District employees who reside in Butler Township, as well as their children, further their education.

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**Bevercreek Church of the Nazarene - Senior Adult Ministries Fund** assists in conducting programs in the Beavercreek community that benefit seniors. Founded in 1993, the church’s mission is to lead people to be formed in the image of Christ for the sake of others.

**God’s Grace Charitable Fund** furthers the charitable interests of the donor by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations, particularly those that support education.

**Dale M. Huffman Memorial Fund** celebrates the memory of this beloved Dayton Daily News columnist by providing annual support for Wright State University Libraries Special Collections and Archives. During his 45-year journalism career, Mr. Huffman touched the lives of many individuals and, in 1993, was named the nation’s 1,001st “Point of Light” by President George H.W. Bush for his recurring series that followed 100 kindergarten students to their high school graduation in 2000.

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**The Kesling Family**

**Rafi Rodriguez.**

**Rafi Rodriguez.Samalot Scholarship Fund** awards scholarships to area high school graduates who are majoring in engineering, finance or special needs education at Wright State University.
From the President

New Grant Opportunity for Nonprofits

When I first came on board The Dayton Foundation in 2002, its staff had just completed a series of extensive surveys conducted by the Wright State University Center for Urban and Public Affairs. Asking important questions and listening to the responses from our donors, advisors, nonprofit partners and other friends provided a wealth of information that helped us assess our services to constituents. From these insights, we developed new services, enhanced existing services and realigned resources, all with the intent to help us continue to provide you with the high level of service that you expect.

Over the last 14 years, we’ve deepened our knowledge through follow-up surveys with each group, most recently with a select group of Greater Dayton nonprofit representatives last spring. While their confidential survey responses confirmed the level of regard they hold for The Dayton Foundation, we learned that there is a need for more funding opportunities for small, quick projects. They also told us that the length of time between the application deadline for discretionary grants and notification of an award is sometimes too long. With all this in mind, our Grants department staff and volunteer Grants Committee set to work on finding a solution to address their concerns.

As a result of this work, I’m very pleased to share with you the recent launch of Greenlight Grants, a new competitive grants program for Greater Dayton nonprofits. The Foundation’s Greenlight Grants are small, quick grants, from $500 to $7,500, that can respond to those needs and be better positioned to support our community through leadership initiatives will continue to be a high priority for the Foundation in the years ahead.

...we hope Greenlight Grants will help [nonprofits] in their work to make our community the best it can be today and tomorrow.

We will offer four competitive grant cycles each year and, because it’s a quick award process, all grants will be announced within two weeks after the deadlines. I encourage anyone who is interested in applying for a Greenlight Grant to go online at daytonfoundation.org/greenlightgrants or contact Program Officer Michelle Brown at (937) 225-9965 to learn more.

We are able to offer this new grant opportunity and our existing discretionary grants program thanks to donors who have provided unrestricted or lightly restricted funds to the Foundation. Greenlight Grants are not new Dayton Foundation dollars. Instead, we have realigned our discretionary grants budget in order to be more responsive to the needs expressed by our nonprofit partners. Growing this pool of funding so that we can be better respond to those needs and be better positioned to support our community through leadership initiatives and partners who participated in last year’s survey and we hope Greenlight Grants will help them in their work to make our community the best it can be today and tomorrow.

Compassionate Care for Area Veterans

As you read on the cover of this newsletter, Greater Dayton military veterans and their loved ones will soon benefit from a new Fisher House compassionate care home at the Dayton VA Medical Center, thanks to Vicki and Randy Gunlock and their generous $1.075 million leadership donation through the Greener Pastures Foundation.

We are so pleased to support this project that will bring greater awareness to the needs of our servicemen and women, as well as the good work that Fisher-Nightingale Houses, Inc., is doing to comfort them during their medical treatments. We’ll keep you updated on the progress of the $500,000 community challenge and hope that you will consider making a gift to help provide a financial foundation for this new facility’s operational costs not eligible for government funding.

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

In the second half of 2015, The Dayton Foundation awarded nearly $24 million in grants from donor funds to a wide variety of charitable organizations in Greater Dayton and beyond. A portion of this amount was awarded through the Foundation’s discretionary grants program, made possible by donors who have provided unrestricted or lightly restricted funds. These funds enable the Foundation to act on opportunities for the community and address pressing needs throughout the region.

In December, the Foundation awarded $388,500 in discretionary grants that were approved by the Foundation’s Governing Board to assist Greater Dayton charities. Included in the following list is an additional grant awarded last June.

**AIDS Resource Center**

**AIDS Resource Center Ohio, Inc. ($30,000)** to assist in building a dental clinic to serve individuals diagnosed as HIV-positive.

**Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm ($10,000)** to help expand the STEMing Science into Conservation Action and the Adventures School Program in Dayton Public Schools.

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**Brukner Nature Center**

**Brukner Nature Center ($14,000)** to aid in renovating the Interpretive Building’s main floor to better educate visitors about the Center’s wildlife conservation mission.

**CityWide**

**CityWide ($57,500)** to help develop a community improvement strategy for a safer and more united Westwood neighborhood in Dayton.

**Dayton Metro Library**

**Dayton Metro Library ($35,000)** to expand programming for children and enhance the Main Library’s Imagine! portal with hands-on activities and engaging technologies.

**Dayton Performing Arts Alliance**

**Dayton Performing Arts Alliance ($25,000)** to expand the Q the Music tuition-free, after-school string orchestra program for Dayton’s at-risk children.

**Discover Classical WDPR**

**Discover Classical WDPR ($25,000)** to help build a community recording, broadcast and performance space.

**4C for Children ($20,000)** to help implement a management and financial stability program for early childhood centers.

**Learning Tree Farm**

**Learning Tree Farm ($20,000)** to help build a nature-based preschool for children.

**Life Enrichment Center**

**Life Enrichment Center ($10,000)** to expand the Nonprofit Shared Services Center to allow additional office space for new and small organizations.

**Muse Machine, Inc.**

**Muse Machine, Inc. ($27,000)** to support a pilot, arts-based literacy program for students and teachers at River’s Edge Montessori School and Edison Elementary School. Partners in the program include Dayton Art Institute, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and the Victoria Theatre Association.

**Pink Ribbon Girls**

**Pink Ribbon Girls ($15,000)** to assist in expanding the Simply Fight and No Age No Stage programs into Preble, Darke and Miami counties for women battling breast cancer and other reproductive cancers.

**Reach Out of Montgomery County ($20,000)** to help establish a collaborative wellness center in Jefferson Township in partnership with the Township’s Fire Department and Reach Out’s Free Health Clinic.

**United Rehabilitation Services ($75,000)** to expand programs and specialized therapy services for individuals with disabilities and other special needs in the Miami Valley.

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**Rebuilding Together Dayton**

**Rebuilding Together Dayton ($15,000)** to assist in recruiting and training volunteers to install Fix-It Kits so that low-income senior citizens can improve the safety and energy efficiency of their homes. CityWide serves as a partner in this effort.

**Sinclair Community College Foundation**

**Sinclair Community College Foundation ($100,000)** to support the construction of a health science center, integrating programs currently located in nine buildings into one, with state-of-the-art labs and new clinical spaces to provide care to the underserved.

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Grant Helps Elevate Pediatric Care to New Heights

The emotional impact that a loved one’s illness has on a family can be overwhelming. Dayton Children’s Hospital, the area’s leading children’s hospital for nearly 50 years, specializes in easing the burdens on families with sick or injured children while providing life-saving care to nearly 285,000 pediatric patients each year.

To ensure Dayton Children’s will remain a strong, independent, freestanding children’s hospital for the youth of our region, Dayton Children’s recently developed its Destination 2020 strategic plan. As a result, hospital leaders created a campus renewal plan that includes the construction of a new 260,000-square-foot, eight-story patient tower, complete with new care spaces designed to keep up with modern medical technology and higher patient care expectations, now and in the future.

“While this $133 million project will be funded primarily through hospital resources and financing, Dayton Children’s launched a minimum $25 million capital campaign for special features that elevate the project to the next level. To date, $21 million has been raised, including a $250,000 grant from the Harry A. Toulmin Fund of The Dayton Foundation,” said Jena Pado, CFRE, chief Development officer, Dayton Children’s Hospital.

“We are truly grateful for the grant from the Harry A. Toulmin, Jr. and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund of The Dayton Foundation,” said Jena Pado, CFRE, chief Development officer for Dayton Children’s. “This early leadership gift was an important stamp of approval that inspired others to support the project.”

The patient tower will include a number of child- and family-friendly enhancements to make their stay during treatments more enjoyable. These include indoor/outdoor play spaces and a teen room for children battling cancer and blood disorders; a newborn intensive care unit with single-family rooms to reduce infection and increase privacy; and updated life-saving equipment and care spaces for the Wallace Critical Care Complex. Also relocating to the new tower will be the General Pediatrics unit, a child-friendly healing environment for kids recovering from complex surgeries and other treatments.

“As one of only 45 independent freestanding children’s hospitals in the country, Dayton Children’s is the region’s only medical facility solely dedicated to children,” said Deborah Feldman, president and CEO for Dayton Children’s. “With 70 percent of our current facilities approaching the 40-year mark, the new facility is being built to keep up with the ever-changing world of healthcare, but more importantly, to create the right kind of spaces to provide life-saving and specialized care to our region’s most critically ill and injured children for generations to come.”

For the family of nine-year-old Emma Becker, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in October 2013, Dayton Children’s helped turn a very scary time in their lives into one that was filled with bright spots. Recently Emma finished her chemotherapy treatments, and is “thankful to have the stress off my shoulders and not worrying so much about medicines. I’m really, really happy that I can now swim in the ocean. I’m happy to just be a kid,” she said.

“We are beyond fortunate to have such a cutting-edge healthcare facility in Dayton and an entire community that supports it.”

– Caroline Becker, mother of Emma Becker, a Dayton Children’s patient

“Here’s a recent memory that memory also encourages ‘kindness’ acts. Recently a man changed a tire for a stranded mother and instead of accepting payment, he encouraged her to deliver a pizza to a local fire station. A former coworker of Matt’s was selling a set of motorcycle saddlebags but instead decided to give them away with a request for the recipient to pay it forward. Another young woman paid for someone’s coffee one morning, which helped spur a generosity chain that spanned two hours. And yet another woman purchased a gas card to help a neighbor in need.

“The Dayton Foundation answers our questions and has helped get the word out about the fund. I would not have been able to do this on my own.”

– Jerri Jackson

Matt continued

to the Shawnee Local School District to purchase a new bowling ball for a high school bowler whose family couldn’t afford it.

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A Facebook page dedicated to Matt’s friends’ and coworkers’ days. This fund – and the project is featured in a video at daytonfoundation.org/videos.

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Another young woman paid for someone’s coffee one morning, which helped spur a generosity chain that spanned two hours. And yet another woman purchased a gas card to help a neighbor in need.

“The Dayton Foundation answers our questions and has helped get the word out about the fund. I would not have been able to do this on my own.”

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Emma Becker and her dog, Cheddar

Architect’s rendering of Dayton Children’s new patient tower and entrance

Caroline Becker, Emma’s mother. “We wheeled Emma down to the front lobby to see Cheddar in the breezeway between the automatic doors. It was one of many examples that showed how Dayton Children’s love for the whole child far exceeds anything.”

Emma recently finished her chemotherapy treatments, and is “thankful to have the stress off my shoulders and not worrying so much about medicines. I’m really, really happy that I can now swim in the ocean. I’m happy to just be a kid,” she said.

“We while we pray she never has to stay within the walls of the new tower, we know countless other children will come to know them as the place where they were loved, cared for and healed,” Caroline Becker said. “Inside that tower will be rooms that hold life-saving measures and angels disguised as doctors and nurses. So when we see it growing higher and higher, we know that many more children will be helped.”

“What is equally amazing is how all of Dayton Children’s hospital and its surrounding areas have given time, money, effort and prayer to make this possible,” she continued. “We are beyond fortunate to have such a cutting-edge healthcare facility in Dayton and an entire community that supports it.”

More about Dayton Children’s and how to support this project is featured in a video at daytonfoundation.org/videos.
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery’s Exhibits-To-Go

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Boonshoft Museum of Discovery’s Exhibits-To-Go Program Empowers Youth to Take Charge of Their Health

A lack of funding and the need to maximize in-school hours for learning have led to many local students missing out on field trips in recent years. The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery’s Exhibits-To-Go program helps fill the gap by providing interactive, on-site educational demonstrations that expose students to more engaging and thought-provoking ways of looking at important subject matter.

To help bring the health-related demonstrations of Exhibits-To-Go to area schools, The Physicians’ Charitable Foundation awarded a $15,000 grant in 2014. “From sun safety and healthy eating choices to smoking prevention and the importance of air quality, Exhibits-To-Go brings the museum’s unique brand of learning directly to classrooms,” said Kristy Creel, director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.

“Thanks to the funding from The Physicians’ Charitable Foundation, schools with high ratios of children who are economically disadvantaged now are able to offer these enrichment experiences to their students.”

Said one presenter of Food, Fitness and Fun, a demonstration designed to combat obesity by encouraging healthy eating and exercise, “A student walked in with a two-liter bottle of soda and said that he drinks one or two of them a day. I was shocked and said, ‘Let’s see what you think about that at the end of the program.’ We covered a variety of health topics, including viewing physical education programs, ‘A student walked in with a two-liter bottle of soda and said that he drinks one or two of them a day. I was shocked and said, ‘Let’s see what you think about that at the end of the program.’

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