Friends of Levitt Dayton Fund

Strengthening Community Through Music

Picture it. Downtown sidewalks bustling with pedestrians, restaurant patios filled with diners, and thousands of music lovers gathered around a state-of-the-art music pavilion built on what is now a vacant lawn at Dave Hall Plaza at Fourth and Main streets. Turning this scene into a reality is the motivation behind Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton, which recently helped secure the eighth Levitt Pavilion in the nation for downtown Dayton. An initiative of the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, Levitt Pavilions help to empower cities across America to reclaim green spaces, reinvigorate public spaces – like the one at Dave Hall Plaza – and ensure that performing arts are accessible to all. The Levitt Foundation guarantees assistance with funding for 50 free, high-quality concerts a year for the next 50 years at each of its signature pavilions, in addition to aiding with start-up costs.

“Music and art have the ability to transform and bring people together. The connection made between the audience members and the performing artists can be deep and meaningful,” said Sandy Bashaw, a local musician, composer and Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton board member. “This is why we were so excited to bring the Levitt Pavilion to Dayton. We know these concerts can be transformative in many positive ways.”

To support this effort, The Dayton Foundation has provided Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton with strategic support and a $150,000 discretionary grant. The group also established a Charitable Checking Account (CCA) to handle incoming donations for the project.

“We couldn’t have launched when we did without The Dayton Foundation. Whether acting as a sounding board for ideas or through financial support, the Foundation has been a generous partner in this endeavor,” said Ellen Ireland, Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton board member and former Dayton Foundation Governing Board chair. “And, our CCA has made it so much easier to collect and acknowledge funds.”

The Pavilion will host a wide variety of music and entertainment – including World Music, Latin, Jazz, Rock, Folk, Country and R&B – in order to draw diverse audiences from all over the region to the space. Past national and regional acts that have performed at Levitt Pavilions include 30 Grammy-award winning groups from a rich spectrum of music genres. Black Violin, a classical hip-hop duo who recently sold out performances at the Victoria Theatre and performed at last year’s Heisman Trophy award ceremony on ESPN, was a featured act for Levitt Pavilions three years ago. The hope is that Dayton’s pavilion will help launch local artists’ careers in a similar way.

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Craig J. Brown Is New Board Chair

Craig J. Brown believes in hard work and community service. This longtime Dayton Foundation Governing Board member and new chair of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board grows up in a small, northwest Ohio farm town and was raised with modest, Midwestern values that helped shape his life and his belief in the importance of giving to help others.

“My dad never said a word about volunteering or contributing to charities, but he set a strong example as president of the school board, treasurer of our church and a member of several service organizations,” said Craig, retired senior vice president, treasurer and CFO for The Standard Register Company. “He quietly went about doing good works, and that had an influence on me.”

Craig first became involved with The Dayton Foundation as a member of its Finance Committee in 2004, and as a member of the Foundation’s Governing Board beginning in 2009. He later served as chair of the Finance Committee. He believes the Foundation’s branding, “We help you help others,” neatly summarizes the role the Foundation has played in the region since its founding nearly a century ago.

“I’m very proud of the Foundation’s record in this community. Among all U.S. metropolitan areas, Greater Dayton ranks 72nd for largest population. But, in the most recent ranking of nearly 800 community foundations, The Dayton Foundation ranks 28th in grant dollars made and second in the number of grants awarded,” Craig said. “More than a half-billion dollars in grants have been awarded from the Foundation and its more than 3,500 donors over the last 15 years alone. These figures speak volumes about the depth of generosity of individuals, grants and endowment funds.”

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Board came to a close at the end of 2016, helping the Foundation address the most pressing needs and opportunities today and long into the future.

Craig’s strong commitment to doing good is evident in his many community activities, as well as with his involvement with The Dayton Foundation. He currently serves on the boards of CareSource, Citywide Development, The Dayton Region New Market Fund and the YMCA of Greater Dayton, where he is a past chairman and has been a board member for more than 25 years. He previously served on the boards of the Dayton Ballet, Dayton Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Dayton Performing Arts Alliance and Family Services Association.

He and his wife, Becky Appenzeller, also are donors of The Dayton Foundation, with a Charitable Checking Account and a deferred endowment fund that includes an unrestricted portion for the Foundation’s community grantmaking.

“We can’t possibly know what the needs of the region will be in the future, but the unrestricted portion of our fund says that we believe in the Foundation’s leadership to use our funds in the best way possible for the next generation,” Craig said.

He especially is appreciative of the leadership role the Foundation plays in fostering collaboration among the myriad of public and private organizations that seek to make Dayton a better place to work and live.

“Not only is the Foundation a conduit for charitable contributions, but it also brings people together to collaborate on community issues and incubate new initiatives that make a positive difference,” he said. “So many organizations come to the Foundation seeking counsel, and the Foundation helps. That’s an integral part of what we do.”

A prime example of this, according to Craig, is the Nonprofit Alliances Support Program (NASP) which grew out of the 2008 economic decline. This Foundation-led initiative is a collaborative effort to assist the region’s nonprofits in finding alternative operating solutions. Through NASP, nonprofits can use the Foundation’s strategic expertise and funding to assist them in exploring new and more efficient ways to structure their organizations through collaborations, partnerships or mergers.

The groundbreaking merger in 2012 among the Dayton Ballet, Dayton Opera and Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra is one example of the program’s effectiveness.

“The result was the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance – a first-of-its-kind merger among U.S. arts organizations that has produced great art and improved operational effectiveness,” said Craig, who was a member of the Ballet’s board during the merger. “A lot of good people leading the three organizations made this happen, but the leadership and support of the Foundation was a critical enabling factor.

“Whether it’s helping individuals achieve their philanthropic goals or taking on a community initiative,” Craig continued, “the expertise and dedication of the Foundation’s management and staff make it happen.”

As he steps into the role of chair for The Dayton Foundation, Craig is thoughtful about its future, particularly as its centennial anniversary approaches.

“Growing the Foundation’s unrestricted assets so that we can better support immediate community needs always will be a focus,” Craig Brown said. “My goal is to take the baton and continue the good work of the Foundation. We’re on a strong path, and we have the right team in place to move the organization into its next 100 years. We stand ready to continue to help this amazing community of caring and talented individuals help others.”

Craig Brown skiing with friends in Montana

Craig with his granddaughter, Madelyn

Thanks to J. Norman Eckstein

Norm Eckstein’s 18-month term as chair of The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board came to a close at the end of 2016, and we would like to thank him for his outstanding leadership during his tenure.

Under his chairmanship, the Foundation made significant strides in its mission to empower others through philanthropy and community leadership. These included the awarding of more than 25,000 grants totaling $68 million to nonprofit organizations locally and across the country. Of this amount, $1.5 million was awarded in Board-directed discretionary grants that helped local organizations to develop arts- and nature-based programs, after school programs, provided food for individuals in need, expanded support programs for individuals with cancer, and offered dental clinics for individuals with HIV, among other efforts.

During this same time, the Foundation assisted individuals, families and organizations in furthering their charitable goals through the creation of 212 new Charitable Checking Accounts and 155 new endowed funds. Included among these were 15 new, unrestricted and lightly restricted funds that help the Foundation address the most pressing community needs and opportunities today and long into the future.

A record dollar amount for new individuals who invest in our community and the Foundation’s commitment to fulfill their charitable goals. Together, we have the power to change lives that no one individual can accomplish alone.”

Under his leadership, the Foundation adopted a new, three-year community initiative focused on encore careers for the region’s senior adult population, the Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative, which is now in its second graduating cohort of students, bringing the program that much closer to fulfilling the dreams of 500 Montgomery County children from low-income families to attend and graduate from college.

Furthermore, the Foundation launched the Greenlight Grants program to address a need expressed by area nonprofits for small, quick funding. This competitive grants program has awarded nearly $200,000 since its launch in early 2016 to help special projects, program expansions and capital improvements.

We are so grateful to Norm for his dedicated and thoughtful leadership. He has led the Foundation through growth and many important accomplishments on behalf of the community that he cares for deeply. He has given generously of his time and wisdom to the Foundation since he joined the Board in 2011, and we are pleased to have his trusted counsel on the Board for the remainder of his term. Thank you, Norm! “

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When it’s not hosting concerts, Levitt Pavilion Dayton, described as the “living room for downtown Dayton,” also will be available to community groups as a performing arts venue. The project is part of “The Nine” redevelopment strategy, a 9-block area with 36 acres, 100 parcels and 2 million square feet with access to more than 5,000 parking spaces. Located just a few blocks from the Oregon District and Fifth Third Field, Levitt Pavilion is a creative placemaking project that will anchor the south end of downtown to other amenities and revitalization efforts along the riverfront.

Though the project has received strong support from the City of Dayton and other generous donors, the group still needs to raise $550,000 toward its fundraising goal of $5 million in order to meet logistical timelines and begin lining up talent for its opening season in 2018. Efforts now are focused on engaging the public in this community-wide endeavor.

“We’ve come a long way, but we need help getting to the finish line,” said Jeff Ireland, board chair of Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton. “This is a unique opportunity not just for downtown residents, but for our entire community. It will bring a lot of foot traffic to the area, creating opportunities for new restaurants, light retail and housing to develop in that area and making cultural activities more available for everyone. It also gives access to people who may not otherwise be exposed to performing arts.”

Ellen Ireland added, “But most of all, it’s a family-friendly space for people from all over the region to come together in a fun, welcoming way and to strengthen our community through the power of music.”

“Music and art have the ability to transform and bring people together.”

— Sandy Bashaw, Board Member, Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton

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**Tips on Charitable Giving**

The Charitable Checking Account Service: Finding Your “Light Bulb” Moment

You know the feeling – that unforgettable “aha” moment of realization when discovering a solution to a dilemma. For many Dayton Foundation donors, opening a free Charitable Checking Account (CCA) was their light bulb moment in helping to solve their charitable giving and tax reporting needs.

Think of it as a personal checking account for giving. You deposit money into a CCA, receive an instant tax deduction, and then direct the Foundation to send contributions to any 501(c)(3) IRS-approved charities you choose – locally, nationally and even internationally. You make the decisions, and The Dayton Foundation does the work. There’s no minimum cost to set up or use a CCA, and no minimum balance is required.

But what about situations when you want to do something other than just write a check? Consider these three examples.

1. **“I want to create a nonprofit, but I don’t know where to start.”**

   Serving the greater good can be accomplished in many ways, but starting a charity can be costly and an administrative nightmare. Under the Foundation’s charitable tax-exempt status, you can solicit tax-deductible donations for a CCA, then award grants to organizations that meet your charitable intent. Once the CCA’s balance has grown to $25,000 or more, you may move the assets into an invested fund through the Foundation where it will earn interest while growing the principal for long-term use.

   The CCA Service also is a good option for existing nonprofits that want to start or grow an endowment and may not have the capabilities to accept complex gifts, such as stocks or other non-publicly traded assets. The Foundation can do this, plus we provide a tax receipt to the donor at the time the gift is received. We also accept gifts online via credit card.

2. **“I had a great financial year, but I know my taxes are going to be sky high.”**

   For individuals who need tax deductions and make regular gifts to charity, the CCA Service is an excellent option. You can park assets in a CCA in one year, then disperse to charitable organizations at a later date. It can be especially effective if you have highly appreciated securities. By transferring the securities to The Dayton Foundation before they are sold, you gain the asset’s full value for charitable purposes, avoid paying long-term capital gains taxes on the increased value and deduct the full amount based on the current fair market value.

3. **“I want to establish a private foundation to perpetuate my family’s charitable legacy.”**

   Private foundations are a great community asset, however they also have a multitude of administrative requirements and expenses. Unlike private foundations, CCAs are not required to spend five percent annually. Also, tax returns and the record keeping required by the IRS are handled by The Dayton Foundation.

   You can name your CCA as a beneficiary in an estate plan and designate family members or friends to serve as advisors to distribute grants to charity on your behalf. Plus, you can give grants anonymously, if you prefer, or in your family’s name.

   If you haven’t used the Charitable Checking Account Service, I recommend that you give it a try and discover your “light bulb” moment in making charitable giving easier. To learn more, contact me or Joe Baldassare, chief development officer, 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 among some of the new endowments established by donors in recent months to support their special charitable causes, now and in the future.

Marcos E. Amongero
Marcos E. Amongero Memorial Fund memorializes this longtime orthopedic surgeon by designating grants to the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center and the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation. Dr. Amongero was a dedicated family man who believed in giving back to his community through his philanthropy.

Eric P. Bigler
Eric P. Bigler Endowment Scholarship Fund helps graduates of River High School in Hannibal, Ohio, further their education by awarding scholarships. Despite an injury that left him paralyzed at the age of 15, Eric Bigler completed his bachelor’s and master’s degrees, has enjoyed a successful career in software development, and is a longtime community volunteer.

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Lapedes-Schwartz Family Scholarship Fund, established by Richard Lapedes and Maureen Lynch, Stephen and Melissa Schwartz, and Andrew and Pamela Schwartz, assists children of LION Group, Inc., employees in furthering their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Founded in 1998 by William Lapedes, LION remains a family-owned company and is managed by his great-grandsons, Andrew and Stephen Schwartz.

Dayton Business Club Education Foundation helps further the education of physical therapy or nursing students currently enrolled at Kettering College of Medical Arts, Sinclair Community College, University of Dayton or Wright State University.

Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation serves to benefit Greater Dayton citizens by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies that run programs to improve the practice of law and elevate awareness of the legal and justice systems.

Dayton Regional STEM School Fund provides annual income to this Dayton school, which distinguishes itself as a community of learners devoted to building the critical thinkers and leaders of tomorrow.

Del Mar Initiative Fund supports the Del Mar Encore Fellows Initiative. This three-year pilot program is focused on engaging highly skilled, older adults to help tackle community projects that address social issues.

Friendship Village Residents Association Fund provides annual income for this nonprofit organization, which enhances the lives of Friendship Village residents in Dayton, Ohio.

Good Shepherd Ministries Heritage Endowment Fund supports this nonprofit organization that helps individuals who wish to restore their lives with God’s help after incarceration or while recovering from addiction.

Kelchner Family Foundation** advances the charitable interests of the Kelchner family. Established by Lisa and Todd Kelchner, the fund serves to support nonprofit organizations that provide opportunities for others to improve their lives through exchange charity and economic development.

The Riding Centre
The Riding Centre Association Fund supports the charitable and educational programs of this therapeutic riding organization, which provides therapeutic riding lessons for children and adults with physical, mental or emotional challenges.

Routsong Charitable Fund designates grants to support seven nonprofit organizations, including the Dayton Masonic Foundation and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton. The fund was established by Thomas H. Routsong, former owner of Routsong Funeral Homes.

Public Service Monument Fund supports efforts in the City of Dayton to construct a monument in Cooper Park dedicated to public service and public servants.

Sebaly Charitable Fund, established by Robert E. Sebaly, supports exchange charity organizations that provide opportunities for others to improve their lives through exchange charity and economic development.

Glenn and Patty Schimpf Fund

The following funds recently were established by individuals who took advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover, which allows individuals age 70 1/2 or older to transfer up to $100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity, tax free.

Castelman Family Fund
Jack and LuAnn Eddington IRA Charitable Fund
Betty “Jane” and Marvin S. Crady Charitable Fund
Jonas and Susan Gruenberg Designated Fund
Bob and Maryse Most Fund
Glenn and Patty Schimpf Fund

Wolters Charitable Fund

Please note that IRA transfers may not be made to a supporting organization, private foundation, donor-advised fund or Charitable Checking Account. To find out if this charitable giving option may work for you, contact a member of our Development staff at (937) 222-0410.

*Good Shepherd Ministries
**Centerville-Washington Foundation
Growing Together for a Stronger Community

It seems appropriate to report in our newsletter, aptly titled Good News, that The Dayton Foundation has achieved a new milestone.

For the first time, the Foundation has surpassed $500 million in current assets – $505 million to be exact – placing us among the top 5 percent of our nation’s community foundations in total assets under management. This impressive growth means that donors’ charitable gifts through the Foundation will continue to grow and improve the quality of life in our region.

Our success is thanks to all of you – our donors, financial and estate-planning partners, and nonprofit organizations – and your collective support of the region we proudly call our home. Your philanthropic spirit truly is inspiring and reflects the generosity we see every day at The Dayton Foundation.

Like you, we believe in supporting the charities and strategic initiatives that are hard at work enhancing Greater Dayton today and positioning it for a stronger tomorrow. Included in this is our commitment to the downtown district.

You may wonder, however, why someone, who lives and works in the suburbs, should care about downtown when there are other developed areas of the region. Our answer for that is simple: without a strong downtown community, the rest of Greater Dayton falls behind.

What happens in the core creates a ripple effect, impacting the region’s overall health and economic growth. As we’ve seen in other parts of the country, regions that take urban revitalization seriously have greater opportunities for attracting high-value jobs, young professionals and the businesses and institutions that want to employ them.

I am impressed by the progress being made in downtown Dayton. Cranes and construction crews dot the landscape, and there is a renewed vibe felt on the streets. People recognize and appreciate the development underway through new housing and businesses, expanded services, recreational opportunities and entertainment offerings. Downtown has become more, not less, important as a place where people live, learn, work and play.

In recent years, the Foundation has invested more than $14 million in Board-approved discretionary grants toward bold plans that are redeveloping our city center. The Foundation’s grant for the new Levitt Pavilion Dayton, featured on the cover of this newsletter, is one example. The excellent work of Ellen and Jeff Ireland and the Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton board has brought together public and private partners to not only transform Dave Hall Plaza, but also, to increase access to free performing arts for individuals and families.

The drive to provide opportunities for individuals and families to share and grow together in an urban environment has been part of the impetus behind so much of downtown’s development.

RiverScape, which the Foundation supported in 1999 with a $300,000 grant, was at the time the Foundation’s largest single grant. We joined with other partners in RiverScape, because we understood such an exciting project would improve the attractiveness of the area, as well as be a catalyst in downtown’s long-sought rejuvenation.

By 2010, the Downtown Dayton Partnership had a new vision for the city center – the Greater Downtown Dayton Plan – that recognizes the immense potential of downtown as the engine for Dayton’s regional economy. The Dayton Foundation provided grant support for the Plan, as well as for several projects outlined in the Plan that have since come to fruition. Among these was a two-year, $150,000 grant to help relocate Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley’s headquarters to South Main Street and increase its capacity to serve individuals with disabilities.

River Run, which opens this spring thanks in part to a $200,000 Foundation discretionary grant, was another key piece of the Partnerships Plan that will draw individuals to our river’s edge.

More recently, Foundation grants have been helping to preserve a historic downtown landmark through the Victoria Theatre Association’s Next Stage campaign; encouraging new artistic opportunities at the Association’s Second Street creative space; and enhancing children’s learning opportunities through the new Dayton Metro Library main location’s Imagine! portal.

I feel proud and privileged that through the support of our donors, The Dayton Foundation is able to be a part of these and so many other projects that are creating a welcoming and exciting regional destination. More than that, these efforts further confirm the ever-increasing role of public and private partnerships in shaping our city’s revitalization efforts and building a more vibrant Greater Dayton. Clearly, when we join together, our community grows stronger.

Michael M. Parks
President

The Dayton Foundation’s Governing Board Names New Members

The Dayton Foundation has appointed Thomas J. Becker and George E. Forest to its Governing Board, which provides stewardship for the Foundation and its charitable activities.

A native of Dayton, Tom Becker is the CEO of Becker Electric Supply. The company was founded in 1920 by Tom’s grandfather, John A. Becker, and is a wholesale distributor of electrical products, automation controls and commercial lighting.

An active member of the Greater Dayton community, Tom currently serves on the Dayton Business Committee and is a board member of the Life Enrichment Center. He also previously served on the board of the YMCA of Greater Dayton.

Lieutenant Colonel (retired) George E. Forest served more than 40 years of continuous active duty in the United States Air Force. Following his retirement in 2006, he worked as the senior acquisition manager for Serco- North America until 2014. Throughout his career, he received numerous military citations, commendations and other awards, including a Bronze Star for his combat actions in Iraq.

George currently is president of the Wright B Flyer Inc., and treasurer of the Miami Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a life member of the American Legion, NAACP and Urban League. He also is a member of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and a Mason.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for the African-American Community Funds’ (AACF) Silver Anniversary Gala on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Dayton Art Institute. The celebration will feature a dinner social with live music, a report on the fund’s progress over the past 25 years and an announcement of the 2017 grant awards. A special tribute also will honor AACFs co-founders, John E. Moore, Sr., and the late Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., along with the naming of a new community impact endowment fund. Tickets will be available beginning in September. Visit www.aacfdayton.org for more details. We hope to see you there!

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In the second half of 2016, The Dayton Foundation awarded nearly $25 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 $1.06 million in discretionary grants that were approved by the Foundation’s Governing Board to assist Greater Dayton charities. This amount includes a grant that will be announced at a later date. Additionally, grants totaling $37,780 were awarded in September and December through the Foundation’s Greenlight Grants program to benefit area nonprofits.

**Recent discretionary grants help build a better community**

- **The Dayton Art Institute** ($75,000) to assist with facility renovations as part of the museum’s Centennial Campaign in 2019.
- **Dayton Contemporary Dance Company** ($40,000) to aid strategic marketing and advertising campaigns leading up to the company’s 50th anniversary in 2018.
- **Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton** ($150,000) to help support the building of a new amphitheater in downtown Dayton that will host free, family-friendly concerts.
- **Greater Dayton Public Television** ($10,000) to assist in renovating a meeting space to host gatherings by local nonprofits and conduct remote meetings.
- **House of Bread** ($50,000) to help with facility renovations and expansions to better serve the growing number of individuals and families in need.
- **Humane Society of Greater Dayton** ($15,000) to support a capital campaign to increase the capacity of the adoption center and create a spay and neuter clinic, among other services.
- **Mary Scott Nursing Center**
  - **Mary Scott Nursing Center, Inc.** ($75,000) to help fund facility renovations, including fire-code-compliance upgrades, roof-support system repairs, technology upgrades and programming expansions.
  - **Mary Scott Nursing Center** ($15,000) to support the building of a new facility with added veterinary services, kenneling options and other services.
- **Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services** ($25,000) to aid in constructing a new facility for mental health, addiction, recovery, public health and other support services in Miami County.
- **Victoria Theatre Association** ($40,000) to help in building a state-of-the-art creative space for classes, performances, programming and rental by other arts organizations.
- **Victory Project** ($16,000) to assist with facility renovations that will expand program opportunities for young men.
- **Woodland Arboretum**
  - **Woodland Arboretum Foundation** ($50,000) to support the restoration and preservation of the historic, Tiffany-designed chapel, administration building, front gate and other significant structures.
- **Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative** ($5,000) to assist with marketing efforts for a new cooperative grocery store.
- **Historical Society of Vandalia Butler** ($4,500) to help relocate the first log cabin built in Butler Township to the Historical Society’s property.
- **Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton – Dayton Holocaust Resource Center** ($1,380) to update publications to expand educational outreach efforts.

**Greenlight Grant Awards**

- **Bach Society of Dayton** ($2,000) to help collaborate with downtown small businesses to provide unconventional spaces for monthly concerts.
- **Blue Star Mothers of America** ($2,500) to help upgrade their website and provide an online donation option.
- **Dare to Defy Productions** ($2,000) to help purchase microphones for better sound quality.
- **Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation** ($2,100) to help replace examination tables for the Samaritan Homeless Clinic.
- **Friends of Aullwood** ($1,500) to construct a moveable chicken coop.
- **Greater Dayton Community Foundation** ($1,380) to support the building of a new facility with added veterinary services, kenneling options and other services.
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Sargent W. and Virginia H. Hunt Scholarship Fund

Unlikely Couple Helps Students Fulfill Their Dreams

Described as a curmudgeon of sorts, Sargent “Sarg” Hunt was a former Marine and retired L.M. Berry executive known for his eccentric style and gruff demeanor. Making plans for charity wasn’t initially part of his estate plan, but a suggestion from a friend and a deep desire to honor his beloved wife, Virginia, inspired him to create a scholarship fund through The Dayton Foundation.

“After Virginia passed away in 2008, I asked Sarg what he might like to do with his money after he was gone,” said Mike Koverman, a longtime friend and business associate of Sargent and Virginia Hunt. “He gave it some thought and said he’d like to leave it to help others get an education.

A call to the Hunts’ attorney and to The Dayton Foundation set the process in motion, and the Sargent W. and Virginia H. Hunt Scholarship Fund was established in 2009.

“The Dayton Foundation has been so easy to work with,” said Mike, who is an advisor for the Hunts’ fund. “The Foundation has done an excellent job of growing the fund.”

At 6’2”, Sarg towered over Virginia, who was a petite woman. He often wore turtle-necks underneath wildly-patterned sport coats, whereas she had a classic style and she kept him in line. They were crazy about one another.

The Hunts came to Dayton in 1966 when Virginia accepted the position of women’s editor for the Dayton Journal Herald. In her years as editor, she garnered many awards and forged friendships with fellow newspaper colleagues Roz Young and Marj Heyduck. She also was close friends with Norman Rockwell, who gifted her with one of his paintings.

In retirement, the Hunts bred and raced horses and operated a telephone directory business that Sarg helped to establish when he left L.M. Berry. Sarg and his partners ran the business operations, while Virginia handled proofreading duties. She also was the primary caretaker of the horses they raised on their Miami Township farm.

When Sarg passed away in 2012 at the age of 90, their scholarship fund received more than $200,000 from the Hunts’ estate. Since 2014, more than $27,000 has been awarded to help youth attend college.

Mireille Uwase, who was born in Rwanda and grew up in Zambia, Africa, came to the U.S. in 2006 with her mother and siblings for a chance at a better life. She received a scholarship from the Hunts’ fund and is on track to graduate from the University of Dayton next year.

“My mother works hard to provide for us, but it is difficult to feed five mouths all by herself, let alone pay for my college tuition,” Mireille said. “Receiving this scholarship gave me hope and made me believe in myself, because someone saw potential in me. Without this support, I most likely would be working a minimum wage job. Now I am only a year away from being the first one in my family to receive a college degree.”

“Education was very important to Sarg and Virginia. This fund honors their memories in perpetuity and helps others go to college,” Mike said. “This would make Virginia very, very happy.”

These grants were made possible thanks to these unrestricted or field-of-interest funds of The Dayton Foundation.

Scott A. Albright Charitable Fund
Soma S. and Veni Anva Endowment Fund
Berry Fund
Hampden W. and Erma R. Catterton Fund
W.A. Chesty Fund
David H. and Edith W. Clark Fund
Francis Crosthwaite Fund
Emerging Community Needs Fund
Fresh Air Farm Society Trust Fund
Greater Dayton Jaycee Fund
Fund for the Homeless
Dorothy M. Herbst Fund
Isabel Herbst Fund
James H. Hewitt Fund for the Blind
James M. Hewitt Child Welfare Fund

Kenneth O. Huntington Charitable Trust Fund
Mary J. & Frances P. Hussey Fund
William and Joanne Hussey Fund
Mary L. Marshall Fund
Thomas A. and Charlotte McGlaughlin Fund
Lucia Lee and J. Ramsey McGregor Fund
Warren E. Millerberger Fund
Monarch Genesis Fund
Jean E. Nicholas Fund
Leon Norman and Mildred Miriam Niny Memorial Fund
Kenneth E. and Margaret E. Parrell Fund
Jesse Philips Fund
Ruth Reutinger Fund
Lenore B. Talbot Thomas Memorial Fund
Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund

Grants continued

Miamisburg Community Foundation ($1,000) to help purchase a cargo trailer to assist with a neighborhood enhancement project.
National Society to Prevent Blindness ($2,700) to assist with purchasing vision screening machines and training volunteers to conduct screenings.
Ohio Historical Society/National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center ($4,000) to help create a hands-on learning program for Dayton Public Schools students.
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Dayton ($1,000) to assist in producing a promotional video for recruiting volunteers and donors.
Senior Resource Connection ($4,500) to purchase new food warmers to deliver hot meals to elderly and disabled individuals.
The Women’s Club of Dayton Foundation ($1,500) to help repair a handicap-accessible ramp.
Yellow Springs Senior Center ($2,100) to assist in constructing an office for private consultations.

Virginia H. Hunt

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– Mike Koverman, advisor for the Sargent W. and Virginia H. Hunt Scholarship Fund

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Anne is one of an estimated 23 million adults living with vision loss. When she began losing her sight eight years ago as the result of macular degeneration, she turned to Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley’s Vision Services program for help.

In her late 70s, she still was very active—“Thanks go to ‘1 Believe!’ Partners Funmiyalo O. & Gideon S. Adegbile; Belinda (Lynne) A. Burns; Terri L. & William D. Ditmar; Dolores L. & Robert E. Miller, Agata S. & James D. Schade. — Lance Detrick, president and CEO, Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley

In addition to helping individuals with vision loss through adaptive equipment, GESMV recently upgraded its computer lab to include new, enlarged computer monitors. The lab is available to adults seeking employment opportunities. The upgrades also were funded by a grant from the James M. Hewitt Fund for the Blind, which has awarded nearly $400,000 since its establishment in 1989.

“Even if people need help doing some things, they still want to do as much as possible for themselves,” Lance Detrick said. “Giving them the tools to do for themselves provides people with dignity and helps them live more independently. This makes a significant difference in their lives.”