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Now that Montgomery County Historical Society and Carillon Historical Park have merged into a new organization called Dayton History, the Miami Valley can expect more access to Dayton's yet-unseen artifacts and more entertaining historical programming. Most significant is Dayton History's ambitious plan to capitalize on the region's compelling stories – many with national appeal – and transform local history into an engaging community asset that adds to economic development.

"No single location in the U.S. offers as much historical genius, creativity and entrepreneurship than Dayton," declared Brady Kress, Dayton History's president and CEO. "We want to create meaningful experiences that encourage visitors to do more of what's been done here, to follow in the footsteps of the Wright brothers, the Charles Ketterings, the Marie Aulls, the



(left to right) Dayton History Board Members Carole Schram, secretary, and Rob M. Connelly, chair, along with Michael M. Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation, and Brady W. Kress, president and CEO of the new Dayton History

Joseph Desches. These people had humble beginnings, but with Dayton's help, changed the world. By telling these stories, Dayton History can inspire the future."

As managers of the \$6.5 million Carillon Trust, which subsidizes Carillon Park's operations, The Dayton Foundation has long played a special role

with Carillon. The Foundation's Governing Board also served as the park's board of trustees. Furthermore, the Foundation has long held endowment funds that support the work of Montgomery County Historical Society. It only seemed natural, then, for The Dayton Foundation to assist with financing and gover-

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nance issues related to the merger that will have such a positive impact on the region.

"Through Dayton History, citizens and other nonprofits will have expanded historical resources that are so vital to the enhancement of our identity as

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Building for the Future

Anonymous donors dedicate time, money to expand young minds

Urban children are faced with tremendous challenges, according to Mike McCormick, superintendent of the Richard Allen Schools in Dayton.

Each morning students recite a 19-verse creed, based on the teachings of the school's namesake, to help develop strong leadership skills and to build self-confidence.

"Often the environment in which they live is traumatized by violence, or they lack nurturing experiences, such as being read to regularly. Many children are raised by very young, single mothers, some of whom don't have good parenting skills," Mr. McCormick said. "All of these things can cause children to lose interest in their future success, as well as work against the creation of a secure, happy and thriving community."

To counteract these challenges, Richard Allen Schools is opening WestPark Academy, a new preschool and kindergarten program, located on Salem Avenue.

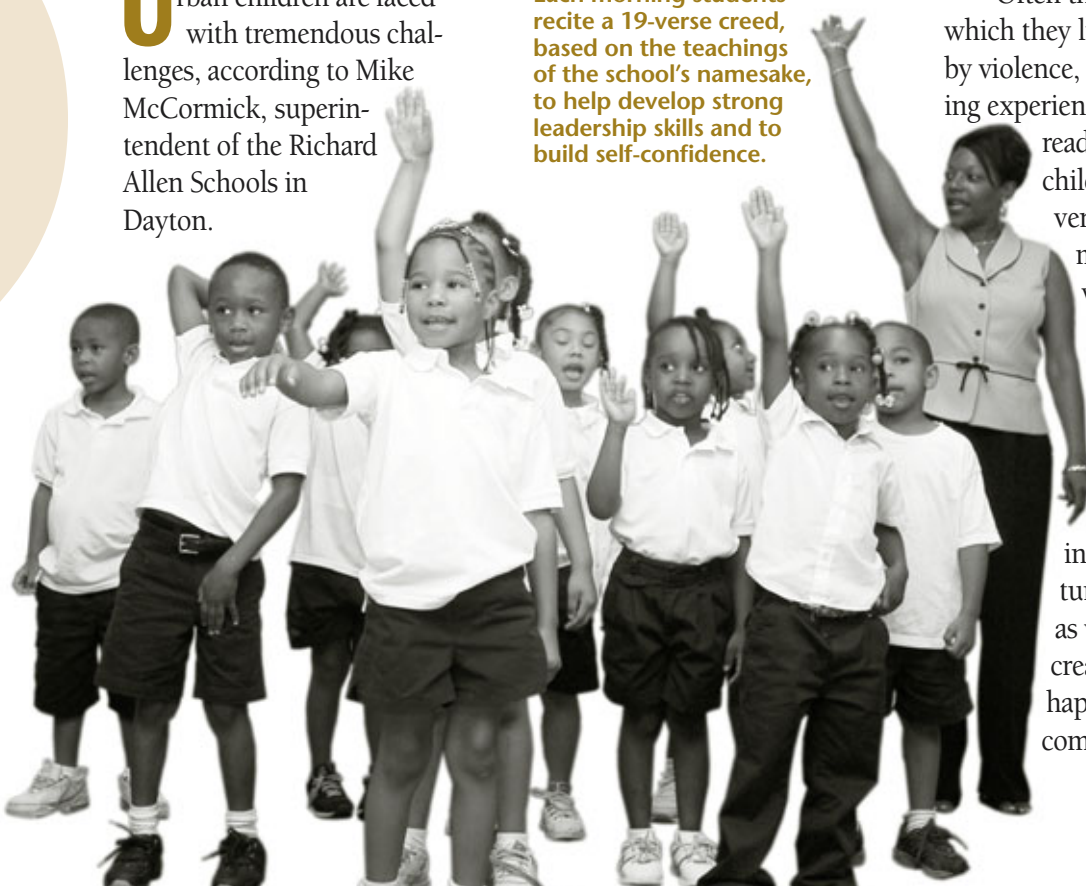
At the center of this innovative endeavor is an anonymous donor affiliated with The Dayton Foundation. A man of fortitude and passion for children and for instilling the value of a good education, the donor and his family have donated more than \$1.4 million towards the school from their fund.

Furthermore, the donor's brother, Jim (a pseudonym to protect the family's identity) has

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Save the Date!

November 3 is the 2005 Biennial Meeting Celebration of The Dayton Foundation. See page 6 for details.



from the President



Michael M. Parks

A Changing Environment for Nonprofits and the Role of Creative Discussion

Two years ago I wrote an Op-Ed piece for the *Dayton Daily News* about the need for partnerships and collaboration between nonprofit organizations. At that time, charities were feeling the squeeze of diminished resources to support their organizations. Little did we know then that the economic situation in which nonprofits struggled would only deepen and create greater urgency for new and better solutions.

In the last couple of years,

I've watched the number of charities continue to grow, producing tension over competition for too-precious charitable dollars. I've watched organizations with similar or compatible missions work parallel to one another, when an alliance of some kind might be in both the public's and the organizations' long-term best interests.

The Role of Funding Organizations

Foundations like The Dayton Foundation all want to give scarce resources to charities that not only meet important community needs, but also demonstrate effectiveness and efficiency in their operations.

As such a funding organization, The Dayton Foundation walks a fine line between encouragement and social engineering. I firmly believe that as a community foundation, our role is not to dictate outcomes, but to encourage dialogue. To this end, we have been quietly encouraging nonprofit leadership to think about partnerships, alliances, collaborations – even mergers where appropriate – with nonprofits with which their organizations have a natural affinity.

One of the ways the Foundation can encourage such a dialogue is by helping locate the funding to hire a skilled

facilitator to assist charities that have a serious interest in pursuing collaborations to improve their operations and create new opportunities. We assisted in this role early on in the merger between Carillon Historical Park and Montgomery County Historical Society to create Dayton History. (see page one story). We are enthusiastic about the result, which will create not only greater efficiencies, but expanded delivery of historical resources to other nonprofits, to the broader Miami Valley community and even to the nation.

Other Examples of Valuable Dialogue

Also this year, The Dayton Foundation has been able to respond to a request for help from five local arts groups by

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providing financial assistance from a Foundation donor and from the Foundation's discretionary funds. The grants made it possible to hire Dave Ramey of the planning firm Strategic Leadership Associates, who is facilitating discussion between CITYFOLK, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, The Human Race Theatre Company, The Muse Machine and Rhythm in Shoes.

This discussion will not result in a merger, but the arts groups are exploring ways that are appropriate to them to partner and collaborate. The groups already have collaborated amongst themselves on live productions and educational programming. The dialogue is an extension of their history of partnership and their desire to become increasingly efficient in their operations and effective in their missions – laudable intentions and actions from responsible organizations.

I have been heartened by at least two other situations in our community where organizations are involved in this type of exploration. The Victoria Theatre Association and the Arts Center Foundation have initiated discussions about how they can build on the services they now share. At least one

other similar dialogue is going on in town with other nonprofits with similar missions to one another. The Dayton Foundation is able to help the latter discussion with professional facilitation, paid for with the assistance of a Dayton Foundation fund holder.

Change is Essential

These nonprofits all have recognized that “business as usual” in a mid-sized, slower-growth community like Dayton, simply is not going to work. That doesn't mean that “the sky is falling.” Rather, it means that we have to develop a different framework for doing charitable work – or at least to open ourselves to the interchange of ideas around the subject. We all need to be open to a fresh way of looking at things.

The best volunteers, the best staff and precious charitable dollars will follow those organizations that keep an open mind and that find creative ways to effectively and efficiently deliver on their mission.



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Building continued

invested thousands of hours managing every detail of the school building's renovation. Determined to get this project off the ground, he garnered financial support and manpower from nearly two dozen corporations and enlisted numerous volunteers from churches, a local paint company and Miami Valley School students.

More than a year later, the family's devotion has paid off.

“To be successful in life you must have an education,” declared Jim, a former educator himself. “No one can tell me that the kids in Oakwood or Centerville are smarter than the kids in Dayton. They just have had more opportunities.”

Designed specifically for children ages three to five years, the school provides a

more rigorous academic environment than other preschool programs, according to Jim. A full day of study includes a curriculum of math, reading and science. The goal is to produce kindergarten students functioning at a traditional first-grade level.

“The research is very clear,” Mike McCormick said. “The sooner a child is engaged in the learning process, the greater probably of achieving success. By combining a wholesome and rigorous school experience with talented and dedicated teachers, we believe we can bridge the gap in these students' lives and make a difference in their futures.”

The program sets high expectations and encourages students to embrace responsibility and to develop self-respect, as well as to respect others' differences.

“The No Child Left Behind Act was passed to improve educational opportunities for students, but are we doing enough to prepare younger



A Jack and the Beanstalk mural, painted by Miami Valley School students, winds its way up three floors in the school's stairwell and welcomes the children as they enter each morning.

children?” Jim asked. “Not learning basics, such as the alphabet, early enough sets them up for being ‘left behind.’ This program recognizes that children are capable and willing to learn more complex concepts at a much earlier age.”

Jim and his family's commitment doesn't end with the

building's completion. Pledging \$300,000 over the next three years, the anonymous donor wants to prove the program works by supplementing its operations. This also will help the school increase the number of students served from 240 this year to as many as 400 over the next two years.

“We have an obligation to protect our children's well-being, which includes providing a solid education,” Jim said. “I hope that more people will see the value in this program and the benefits it offers our children and our community.”

History continued



Dayton History

The merger of Carillon Historical Park and Montgomery County Historical Society into Dayton History became official on August 15.

a community. The new organization will help focus attention on the enormous impact innovative Daytonians have had on the nation and the world. Through Dayton History, we will come to better understand what it means to be a Daytonian," said Mike Parks, president of The Dayton Foundation. "The Dayton Foundation is pleased to have been one of a number of individuals and organizations that played a supportive role in the discussions that ultimately led to the merger into a larger, stronger organization."

That's precisely the role of a community foundation, said Judge Michael Merz, a Dayton History board member and a former Historical Society trustee. "Foundation professionals said, 'Think about the possibilities of being together,' and then they kept this merger right on track, straight down the line," Hon. Merz said. "It always came down to this: 'What's best for the community?'"

A combined organization is more attractive to donors, who trust larger organizations to use funds wisely. "Donors are insisting that not-for-profit organizations with compatible missions get together, slim down, shape up and work better by working together," Hon. Merz said.

But Dayton History is about far more than operating

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efficiencies. "How do you learn about local history professionally and not just anecdotally through the stories grandma told you? Dayton History is the place to start," he said.

Additionally, Dayton History will pursue a broader program and provide more services. Brady Kress plans to present exhibits and events that showcase elements of DPL's and NCR's archives, which Dayton History manages. Carillon Park, which had operated seasonally, will be open year-round and offer expanded programming. Plus, Dayton History expects to partner with the National Park Service, Aviation Heritage Foundation, City of Dayton, Montgomery County and other organizations to engage the community, build pride in our region's creative heritage and promote national and international significance of Dayton's entrepreneurs and inventors.

"The opportunities for enjoying these historical assets will increase almost immediately, and the partnerships we're establishing will help make this happen," said Rob Connelly, chairman of the board of trustees for Dayton History. 

on the web

Visit The Dayton Foundation's web site for these recently added features:



New information and resources for students can be found in the "For Youth" section of the web site located at www.daytonfoundation.org/yhome.html. Students can learn more about what it means to be a philanthropist and the Foundation's sponsored day with the YMCA's Junior Leadership Dayton program, as well as find helpful links to other web sites for information on volunteerism, philanthropy and scholarships.

Learn about the Foundation's Legacy Partnership Program, a first-in-the-nation program that assists area not-for-profit organizations in building endowments to help sustain their work in the future: www.daytonfoundation.org/legacy.html

Getting Started with The Dayton Foundation Foundation service makes budgeting for charity easy



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

To make the most of their money, many individuals plan ahead. This often includes establishing a budget for their monthly or yearly expenses, such as a mortgage, automobiles, insurance, food and health

care. Budgeting for charity also makes good financial sense.

While people make gifts to the organizations and causes they care about most, they frequently may be asked by friends or acquaintances to give a donation to a charity that is important to them or to contribute to a capital campaign.

The Dayton Foundation's Charitable Checking Account Service can make budgeting for these unexpected requests, as well as an individual's annual charitable gifts, easier, more efficient and tax-wise.

A Charitable Checking Account functions like a personal checking account for an individual's charitable giving needs. A person may deposit

cash or appreciated assets, such as stocks, mutual funds or real estate, into an account, and then direct grants to any IRS-approved charity of his or her choice. Grants can be made at any time and in any amount. The Foundation does all the work, including sending the grant checks to charity and issuing quarterly and year-end account statements to simplify the individual's tax reporting and record keeping.

Individuals who wish to make a recurring gift on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis also can do so through the Charitable Checking Account Service. The Foundation can send the check to the individual or to the designated charity, if he or she so chooses.

By segregating charitable

dollars into an account, the individual knows exactly how much he or she has available to give when approached for a donation. There is no need to go through cumbersome calculations or to worry about dipping into cash flow that might be needed for other purposes.

An account can be opened with any sized gift, and no minimum deposit or balance is required. Furthermore, grants to charities can be made in the individual's name or anonymously, if the person prefers.

Through Donor Express, the Foundation's free, secure, password-protected service, individuals can review their account information, including

their deposit and grant history, online 24/7. They can even make grant requests at any time.

This time-saving, convenient and free service can be opened in a matter of minutes by going online to the Foundation's web site at www.daytonfoundation.org. A link to the Charitable Checking Account application appears on the home page. A brochure on the service and additional information is available online or by calling me, Joe Baldasare, at (937) 225-9954, or at jbaldasare@daytonfoundation.org.



new Endowment Funds

Establishing a strong foundation for our community's future is a vision shared by donors who have endowment funds at The Dayton Foundation. Donors recently have started 19 new endowment funds to support our region and their special charitable causes, now and in the future.

The Antioch School Expansion Fund aids in financing future building renovations, land acquisition or structural needs for this Yellow Springs school.



Thomas J. Danis

The Thomas and Mollie Danis Foundation Fund benefits charitable, educational, religious and community activities, as advised by the fund's founders. Thomas J. Danis is the CEO of The Danis Companies.

The Dayton Rotary Foundation Community Fund was established by The Dayton Rotary Foundation to further its charitable activities.

The Family Garden Legacy Fund was established by Unified Health Solutions, Inc., and Family Services Association to "plant seeds for tomorrow's families." The two organizations will share the fund's income for their collaborative efforts to benefit Miami Valley families.

Five Rivers MetroParks - Hills and Dales Fund, established by the Committee to Restore Hills and Dales Park, will support the restoration and maintenance of this Kettering park.

The Gem City Medical Society Foundation supports and promotes African-American health issues within the Greater Miami Valley community. The fund was established by five local physicians and dentists.

Humane Society of Greater Dayton Fund helps ensure proper treatment of unwanted or mistreated animals by providing unrestricted income for the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.

The Lampe Family Foundation contributes support to charitable organizations, as directed by Martha Lampe,

founder of Creative World Childcare, and her children, Robert E. Lampe and Karen Lampe Burdick.

The Legacy of Wellness Endowment Fund will further the Heart and Cancer Wellness Foundation's mission to save lives through early detection, education and lifestyle management for heart disease and cancer.

The Life Enrichment Center Endowment Fund yields unrestricted income to further Life Enrichment Center's mission to provide food and other services to Greater Dayton area residents in need.

The James M. and Ruth E. McBride Family Scholarship Fund was established by James M., Jr., John T. and William A. McBride, to honor the memory of their parents by assisting students in furthering their studies at an institution of higher learning.

The Mike Peters, Kids Voting, Dayton Daily News Scholarship Fund awards a college scholarship to the winner of the annual Mike Peters Editorial Cartooning Contest. The fund was established by Kids Voting and the *Dayton Daily News*.

Mike Peters (second from left) and Editorial Cartooning Contest participants for The Mike Peters, Kids Voting, *Dayton Daily News* Scholarship Fund



Pat L. Rupp

The Pat Rupp Family Foundation Fund fulfills the Rupp family's broad charitable interests. Pat L. Rupp, CFP, has been a financial advisor since 1968 and currently is the senior financial advisor for Pat Rupp & Associates. A former professional hockey player, he was traded to the Dayton Gems in 1965, played for seven seasons and participated on the 1964 and 1968 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team. He and wife Kathy decided to make Dayton their home in 1968.

Louise R. Scheurman Endowment Fund was established through a charitable gift annuity to support the operations of The Dayton Foundation and five other charitable organizations, as designated by the donor.

The Seedling Foundation Fund dedicates its income to supporting arts programs at Stivers School for the Arts, as established by The Seedling Foundation, a not-for-profit

organization founded by parents, school alumni and community leaders. Funds will be used for specialized equipment and materials, guest artists, scholarships and other educational pursuits.



Jerry E. and Joan L. Trimbach

The Jerry Trimbach Scholarship Fund will assist students in furthering their education at Sinclair Community College. Jerry E. Trimbach, a founding owner of 2-J Supply Co., credited his education from Sinclair for his success later in life. His wife, Joan L. Trimbach, established this fund in his memory.

UTS Legacy for Tomorrow Fund was established by the United Theological Seminary to generate unrestricted operating revenue.



Margery and Glen Webb

The Glen and Margery Webb Family Fund enhances the Webb family's philanthropic wishes by awarding grants to charities, as advised by Margery H. Webb and her three children, Glen Carlton Webb, Elizabeth Webb Winget and Kathryn Webb Jordan.

The Yellow Springs Endowment for Education Fund furthers the Yellow Springs Endowment for Education's mission to help finance educational projects for the local school system that would be difficult to fund with public money.



AIA Dayton Architectural Scholarship Fund Architect Encourages Students to Change People's Lives

College-bound students wondering if they can make a difference in the world by choosing a career in architecture should look no further than E. Lynn App, president of E. Lynn App Architects in Englewood and a Dayton Foundation donor.

Mr. App, who has an unquenchable passion for architecture, has made a difference by starting a scholarship fund to encourage young people in the Miami Valley to study architecture, as well as by designing health care facilities at the firm he leads and as a volunteer architect in Third World countries.

"It's important to do something to promote growth and continuity in this profession, and to provide opportunities for students to study architecture," Mr. App said.

Lynn App and his wife, Ruth, made the initial contribution establishing the scholarship fund through The Dayton Foundation in 1992. The fund assists local high school graduates who want to pursue an



E. Lynn and Ruth App

"THIS KIND OF WORK...SHOWS STUDENTS HOW ARCHITECTURE REALLY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HOW PEOPLE LIVE AND ENJOY LIFE."

— E. Lynn App, donor

architectural degree at an accredited school in Ohio.

"We discussed where our tithe should go besides our church," Mrs. App said. "A good way was helping local students get to college."

The Apps' contributions inspired other architects involved in the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to donate to the fund, which was renamed the AIA Dayton Architectural Scholarship Fund in 2002. Now administered by AIA Dayton, the fund has awarded

\$5,000 in scholarships. Mr. App remains the fund's champion, soliciting donations and serving as chair of the selection committee.

"One of the initial goals of the fund was to encourage minorities and students in urban areas, who are under-represented in our profession, to get involved in architecture," he said. "We want to encourage these students to apply for scholarships, since equality of opportunity is important."

Mr. App said his volunteer work as a health care architect with Engineering Ministries International, a not-for-profit Christian organization that helps individuals in need, can teach aspiring architects how a building's design profoundly can change people's lives. Over the past five years, Mr. App has completed concept drawings on site for an infant orphanage in Haiti, a women's developmental center in Cambodia, and hospitals in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic and India.

"The orphanage is saving lives, since many infants suffer

from disease or malnutrition and must be nursed back to health," Mr. App explained. "At the women's center, former prostitutes are overjoyed to be learning how to read, write and sew, giving them a new chance at life.

"This kind of work makes you feel like you've done something important for societies that have much less than we have," Mr. App said, "and it shows students how architecture really can make a difference in how people live and enjoy life."

In addition to the scholarship fund, the Apps have established a deferred fund through The Dayton Foundation that will one day be funded with retirement-plan assets.

"We want to provide for our retirement and for our children, but we also want to contribute to the community in other ways," Mr. App said. "This is a good, safe, convenient vehicle for allowing us to fund future gifts to charity."



Recent Discretionary Grants help build a better community

The Dayton Foundation Governing Board recently approved discretionary grants totaling \$142,500 to 8 charitable organizations within the Miami Valley. These grants, made possible by donors who have placed no restrictions on their endowed funds, help the Foundation to address unmet needs in our community. Discretionary grants represent a small portion of the more than 15,000 grants (\$30+ million) awarded to charities annually from Foundation funds, as directed or advised by donors.

Affecting Community Transformation (ACT)

To assist ACT in helping the residents of Parkside, a low-income, government housing community in Dayton, the Foundation awarded a \$7,500 grant. ACT will offer residents classes and seminars to help them make sound financial decisions, manage money effectively and attain gainful employment.

Dayton Theatre Guild

The Dayton Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to assist the Guild in their capital campaign to build a new theatre located in downtown Dayton. The building, which will include a 110-seat performance theatre, will be made available to other arts groups throughout the region.



Dayton Visual Arts Center

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A \$25,000 grant will aid the Center in renovating and moving into a larger facility in downtown Dayton that will enable them to offer more exhibits and programs to a larger, more diverse audience.

Dayton 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children

The Center provides remedial services for children suffering

with dyslexia, a neurological disorder that makes it extremely difficult for school-aged children to read, write and spell. To help the Learning Center provide tutoring services at no cost, the Foundation awarded a \$15,000 grant.

The Human Race Theatre Company

The Dayton Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant to help The Human Race Theatre Company promote expanded classes offered this fall at the new Caryl D. Philips Creativ-

The Human Race Theatre Company



ity Center of The Human Race located in downtown Dayton.

Oak Tree Corner, Inc.

A \$5,000 Dayton Foundation grant will assist Oak Tree Corner in hiring mental health professionals, who will provide intake and orientation services for grieving children and their families.

Sinclair Community College Foundation

To update and expand a series of career-oriented videos for middle-school students, their



Oak Tree Corner, Inc.

parents and educators, the Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant. The videos will be distributed at no cost to school districts in Montgomery County.

St. Vincent Hotel, Inc.

The Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant over two years to help fund St. Vincent Hotel's capital campaign to refurbish a former warehouse and relocate the Hotel. Now completed, the Hotel is able to provide better shelter, case management and other services to the community's increasing numbers of homeless individuals.



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Grants in Action

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

Words Are Music to Parents' Ears, Thanks to Foundation Grant

One of the most exciting moments of being a parent is hearing your child's first words. For some parents, however, that excitement can turn into anxiety as the child grows older and the words are few and far between.

Thanks to Project CHATTER (Children Having Access to Therapy Enhancing Readiness), a program of the Montgomery

County Educational Service Center/Help Me Grow, parents with limited income and inadequate insurance coverage are getting help for their children diagnosed with developmental speech delays.

With the support of an \$8,000 grant by The Dayton Foundation in 2003, 36 families have received scholarships from Project CHATTER to help pay for speech and language therapy for their young children.

"Nathan has increased his vocabulary from less than five words to almost 40, and his behavioral problems caused by not being able to express himself have disappeared," said a mother who received a scholarship after being denied insurance coverage for her two-year-old son's speech therapy. "Nathan's pride shows in his smile. Project CHATTER is an extremely worthwhile scholarship and, hopefully, it will be available for families and children in need for years to come."

The More Students Know, the More They Understand

For many children, middle school can be the most difficult. Many biases and prejudices

come to light during these years, creating feelings of embarrassment, humiliation and anger for those targeted by cruel teasing and misunderstanding.

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from The Dayton Foundation in 2004, The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) initiated Changing in the Middle, a pilot program at Kiser Middle School. A series of day-long sessions introduced



Changing in the Middle program at Kiser Middle School

students to the issues of diversity, discrimination and prejudices, as well as highlighted ways to promote an inclusive environment in their school.

"Nearly 200 students voluntarily joined the program to

learn about respecting others and how to develop their own self-respect, as well as ways of resolving conflict without violence," said Patricia Meadows, executive director of NCCJ. "Many of them are serving as ambassadors to help other students to understand and celebrate each others' differences."

"I learned a lot about life, myself, and other people and

their feelings," said one of the students. "It was helpful talking about conflict and how to solve problems without fighting. I love this program and would do it again." 🙌

Save the Date!

The Foundation's Biggest Event!

Mark your calendars for 5 to 8 p.m., November 3, for the best party in Dayton – the 2005 Biennial Meeting Celebration of The Dayton Foundation at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center.

This year's theme will be "Celebration: The Art of Giving!" An exciting program in the Mead Theatre will include the latest news from The Dayton Foundation, followed by performances by Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, The Human Race Theatre Company and Rhythm in Shoes. A Wine and Light Supper Social will follow in the Wintergarden, where a special art exhibition by the Dayton Visual Arts Center will be on display and The Eddie Brookshire Trio will play. Come celebrate and enjoy the company of Foundation donors, community leaders and other special friends from around the community.

Look for your invitation in the mail this month. Be sure to respond early, as space will be limited. You won't want to miss this one!