

The Need

Currently just 5 percent of all Dayton Foundation endowed funds is unrestricted. A small percentage of these funds is available each year for The Dayton Foundation's strategic grant-making program to strengthen local nonprofit organizations and for the Foundation's community leadership initiatives. Yet, there is a growing demand for us to use our unique, neutral convening position to bring diverse groups together to solve important



"Times change so fast. The needs of the future can scarcely be visualized today, much less taken care of. By using The Dayton Foundation, donors can be assured that the funds they donate today are not directed to obsolete or unimportant needs in the future. Donors can give discretionary judgment to people who are on the scene long after we're gone."

– Jesse Philips, a former Dayton Foundation Governing Board chair, who founded a Community Impact Endowment Fund in 1987 prior to his death

community issues and to expand our grantmaking and leadership initiatives.

The Foundation only can deepen our community outreach with the addition of unrestricted funds to support this work. Your participation can help us to further our special role in working to solve complex problems, support community innovation, and create significant and lasting change for our region.

By endowing the Foundation's work, you can help achieve a vision

for Greater Dayton that is flexible and positive. You will be part of a Foundation and a circle of donors who share a passion for this region and a community perspective that is regionwide, strategic and problem-solving in focus.

To Learn More About Establishing a Community Impact Endowment Fund

Call 937-222-0410 and ask for a member of our development staff – or go online to www.daytonfoundation.org/unrestricted.html.

Examples of the Use of Unrestricted Funds



Minority Economic Development Council (MEDC)

MEDC is increasing the success of minority-owned firms by helping entrepreneurs like Lamar Pacley establish relationships with larger companies.

"We have a lot of leads in the works now," Lamar Pacley said, "and a new, strong business relationship with the State of Ohio that we didn't have before. Without MEDC's help, this never would have happened."

In partnership with the Dayton Business Committee, The Dayton Foundation launched MEDC to improve the region's economy by harnessing the business resources of all of our citizens.



The Job Center Helps Individuals Find Employment

In December 2008, Trina Walsh lost her job as managing editor of a company that unexpectedly closed. Then she attended a presentation at The Job Center that changed her life.

Said Trina Walsh, "I am very grateful to The Job Center for the information and assistance they provided to me. This led to obtaining funding to reinvest in my career to become an intelligence analyst, and to successful employment with a local defense contractor."

The Dayton Foundation spearheaded groundbreaking work, leading to The Job Center's creation.

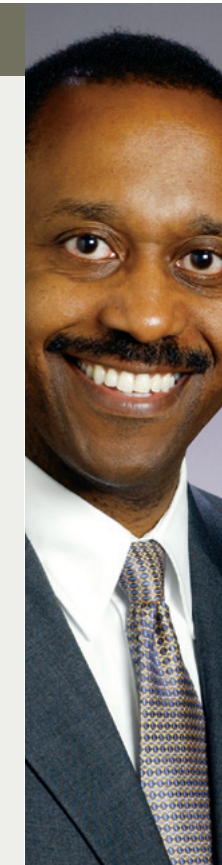


Alternatives for Out-of-School Youth

Frustrated, failing and without the one-on-one attention he desperately needed, Taylor Pepper dropped out of high school. Months later he found the Fast Forward Center, enrolled at Mound Street Academies and finally earned his high school diploma. After Mound Street, he became a full-time Sinclair Community College student majoring in criminal justice.

"Mound Street gave me hope," Taylor Pepper said. "I learned how to learn and how to accelerate my pace. They cared – and I got a second chance."

The Dayton Foundation's support for this program helped to reduce Montgomery County's school dropout rate from 25.6 percent to 14.1 percent in five years.



"As a family physician who is native to this area and serves on The Dayton Foundation Governing Board, I see every day the needs of our community and the many ways the Foundation makes a difference. I chose to create a Community Impact Endowment Fund within the African-American Community Fund, because I know the Foundation will need a greater reserve of unrestricted funds to continue to improve our region's quality of life. I hope others will join me."

– Gary L. LeRoy, M.D., 2010-2012 Chair of The Dayton Foundation Governing Board and deferred Community Impact Endowment Fund donor