The African-American Community Fund
2018- 2019
Annual Report

I Am AACF.

Give a Little… Change a Life.

Amaha Sellassie
of Gem City Market
AACF 2018 Grant Recipient
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Letters

from the Presidents of the African-American Community Fund and The Dayton Foundation

Give a little… Change a Life. These simple words were chosen by the African-American Community Fund (AACF) Advisory Board as this year's theme. They capture the spirit of our founders, encapsulate AACF's mission to promote philanthropy in the African-American community and improve the lives of the people we serve in Greater Dayton. These words also embody the work that AACF's Board and donors continue to do, which is highlighted in this year's annual report.

Our 2018-19 fiscal year was highlighted by our Inaugural Fundraising Breakfast in February, which touted almost 180 in attendance and raised almost $10,000 for the John E. Moore, Sr. and Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr. Community Impact Fund. Additionally, this year the African-American Community Fund has awarded $19,500 in grants and has opened 13 new funds under the AACF umbrella. We will conclude 2019 with the second AACF Gala celebration that is expected to bring together more than 500 donors and supporters!

We have a lot to be proud of and celebrate, but the work of the Advisory Board continues. I'm amazed when someone approaches me at an event or one of our workshops and says, "I didn't know this organization existed until now. How can I get involved?" Our goal is to continue the mission of our founders and raise awareness of the African-American Community Fund in the community and inspire people to Give a Little and Change a Life.

On behalf of the AACF Advisory Board, we appreciate the contributions of our donors, fund holders, and historical board members. I am excited about the direction AACF is headed in and what we can do together!

Ronnie Redd
President, The African-American Community Fund

Thanks to the innovative spirit of Emeritus Dayton Foundation Governing Board Member and former Chair John E. Moore, Sr., and former Board Member Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., the African-American Community Fund (AACF) at The Dayton Foundation stands as a nationally recognized and groundbreaking philanthropic resource for Miami Valley African-Americans. Established in 1992 with a dozen funds earmarked to address specific needs in the region's African-American community to more than 200 funds under management today, AACF offers citizens an opportunity to create a permanent financial resource for their community, as well as a personal philanthropic legacy.

Through the dedicated work of the AACF Advisory Board, volunteers and donors, the African-American Community Fund holds great promise for the future of our community. The Dayton Foundation is very proud to support this visionary group of individuals and their leadership role in continuing the tradition of African-American giving for the benefit of generations to come.

Michael M. Parks
President, The Dayton Foundation

The African-American Community Fund and its funds are components of The Dayton Foundation. This partnership allows the African-American community to benefit from local leadership and to profit from resources pooled with others for investment growth.

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To keep up with news from the AACF, like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/AACF-Dayton or follow us on Twitter.com/AACF_Dayton.

About the Cover: African-American Community Fund (AACF) donors plant seeds that change lives when they give. This year's annual report features two different covers highlighting scholarship recipients and grantees whose lives and programs have been changed thanks to generous contributions from AACF funds. Read their stories on pages 8 and 9.

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New Charitable Checking Accounts℠ (CCA)

Dayton HS Sports Youth Foundation
– est. by Mr. Deon A. Cash

Dayton/Trotwood Tornado Relief and Redevelopment Fund
– est. by Mr. John Lumpkin

#KimbleyForKeeps Charitable Fund
– est. by Mr. Dorian Kimbley

Riley Family Fund
– est. by Dr. Adele M. Riley

Robert L. Jones Fund
– est. by Mr. Robert L. Jones

Bennett Family Vocational Fund
– est. by Mr. Darrlyn L. Bennett, Sr. and Mr. Darrlyn L. Bennett, II

Simmons Family Foundation
– est. by Mr. and Mrs. Dante Simmons

Sheila Ramsey Dreamkeeper Arts Fund
– est. by Ms. Julie W. Ragland

Ride 4 Freedom Legacy Tour
– est. by Dr. Peter J. Titlebaum

What is the African-American Community Fund?

The African-American Community Fund (AACF), a component fund of The Dayton Foundation, was established in 1992 with a mission to increase African-American involvement in organized philanthropy, thereby strengthening nonprofits serving the African-American community.

Under the leadership of The Dayton Foundation's Emeritus Governing Board member John E. Moore, Sr., and former member Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., the AACF has helped the Dayton community recognize the importance of giving back in perpetuity. Thanks to their forward thinking and commitment to bringing this idea to fruition, AACF is now recognized as a national model for the promotion of philanthropy in the African-American community.

Established as a component fund group of The Dayton Foundation, the AACF is the first of its kind in the nation, and an umbrella for 199 current and deferred funds that support causes and interests that benefit the African-American community. The Dayton Foundation has supported this effort since inception by providing the initial seed money for AACF, and twice has made funds available for a matching gift program to encourage contributions.

AACF currently has funds with assets totaling more than $7 million. Since the fund's inception, more than 3,892 grants exceeding a total of $4.9 million have supported such efforts as sickle cell awareness, nutrition programs for homeless children and mentoring programs for urban youth. Additionally, $608,619 in scholarships has been awarded to help nearly 689 students further their education.

Classmates Honor Friend Through Fund

Robert "Bobby" Early lived his life with a can-do attitude, excelling in everything that he put his mind to, including sports, academics and simply being kind to others. The Roosevelt High School class of 1968 (today known as the Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy) described him as "one of the best people around." So it was no surprise when they voted him class vice president.

After graduation, Robert never forgot his class. He went on to plan nine successful class reunions, bringing hundreds of alumni back together and even organizing a golf tournament during the reunions to help the class raise money for Dayton youth.

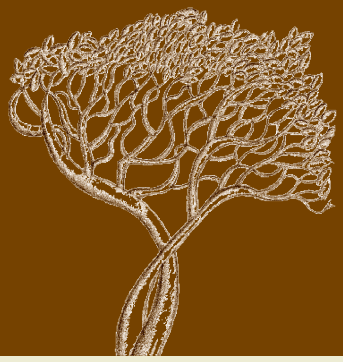
In 2016, Robert Early passed away from complications due to a previous stroke. To show their appreciation for his hard work and dedication, The Roosevelt High School class of 1968 established the Robert S. Early, Sr., Memorial Youth Scholarship in 2017 through the African-American Community Fund, a component of The Dayton Foundation. Through it the class awards scholarships to African-American students in Montgomery County who participate in baseball, softball or golf. Additionally, the students must exude many of the values that Bob lived by – academic excellence, goal setting, teamwork, a "never give up" attitude, dedication and hard work. To date, the class has awarded scholarships to two Dayton-area students who exemplified those values.

Roosevelt Class of 1968, African-American Community Fund donors

"Just like the Dayton Region, The Dayton Foundation and the African-American Community Fund have such a rich and robust history...We, too, wanted to leave our mark, and we wanted Bob's name to go down as another outstanding person to come out of Dayton, Ohio."

Previously Established Funds of the African-American Community Fund

Designated and donor-advised funds provide current or future support to nonprofit organizations selected by an individual, organization or business.



African-American Community Fund

1992 - helps African-Americans overcome adverse social and economic conditions affecting their community. The unrestricted fund was the first fund under the umbrella of the African-American Community Fund (AACF), which addresses specific needs within the Miami Valley's African-American community. The AACF is presided over by an advisory board of African-American leaders from the Miami Valley and is a national model for promoting philanthropy in the African-American community.

Agape Charitable Endowment Fund

2015 – furthers the charitable interests of Gideon S. Adegbile, a family medicine physician, and Funmilayo O. Adegbile, a clinical pharmacologist, by awarding grants to selected nonprofit organizations, academic institutions and agencies of change in Christendom.

*The Adegbile's are also 2016-2017 "I Believe!" Partners for The Dayton Foundation.

Clarence E. Bowman, Jr., Fund

1996 - initiates, promotes, organizes, sponsors, contributes to and generally furthers charitable, educational, civic, religious and community activities, undertakings and institutions.

*Mr. Bowman was also a 2006-2007 "I Believe!" Partner for The Dayton Foundation.

Clarence E., Sr., and Olivia Bowman Fund

1993 – honors the parents of Clarence E. Bowman, Jr., who wished to encourage community service, youth service and leadership.

Orlando V. and Leanora D. Brown Endowment Fund

2000 - is set up to provide financial assistance to The Piney Woods School for troubled and at-risk students and to Central Chapel AME Church, where the donors were tithing members for over 50 years.

Fred Conway, Jr. and Anita R. Conway Endowment Fund

2013 – advances charitable causes important to Anita Conway, a retired Dayton Public Schools teacher and her husband, Fred Conway, a retired United States Air Force civilian employee.

*The Conway's are also 2018-2019 "I Believe!" Partners for The Dayton Foundation.

The Dr. Stanley A. Earley, Jr. and Charity Edna Earley Family Fund

2008 - was established to honor the memory of Dr. Stanley A. Earley, a longtime physician at Miami Valley Hospital and his wife, Charity, who was a strong advocate for higher education. This fund will contribute to educational and artistic programs that benefit African-Americans.

Marva Cosby Endowment Fund

2013 – supports the charitable works of Marva Cosby, president of Cosby Consulting Group, LLC, an active community volunteer and one of Dayton's 2012 Ten Top Women.

Dayton Chapter of the Links, Inc., Educational Fund

1993 - provides African-American women with scholarships, and agencies and organizations with grants, to assist with educational programs designed to enhance skills and the quality of life for individuals of all ages. The Links, Inc., a volunteer organization for women, established this fund.

*The Dayton Chapter of the Links are also 2007-2008 "I Believe!" Partners for The Dayton Foundation.

Dayton YWCA Endowment Fund

2013 - provides support for the organization's continuing needs and helps sustain its financial health in order to carry out its mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

DelSig-Delta Legacy Endowment Fund

2015 - supports the charitable endeavors of this longtime nonprofit service organization that has helped transform lives and positively impacted the Dayton Region since 1936.

John W. Garland and Carolyn Farrow-Garland Non-Endowed Fund

2017 – provides financial support to Central State University (CSU), among other charitable interests of the donors. The fund was established by John Garland, CSU president from 1997 to 2012, and his wife, Carolyn.

The Gem City Medical Society Foundation

2004 – supports and promotes African-American health issues within the Greater Miami Valley community. The fund was established by five local physicians and dentists.

God's Grace Charitable Fund

2015 - furthers the charitable interests of the donor by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations, particularly those that support education.

The Charles, Ronald and Reginald Hall Fund

2003 - furnishes annual unrestricted operating revenue for Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton. The late Charles Hall and his sons, Ronald and Reginald, are trustees and are 33rd Degree Masons.

Lorenzo and Nadine Harris Family Fund

2000 - benefits Mary Scott Nursing Home, Summit Christian Church and the University of Dayton with scholarships for minority students, three charities of interest to Nadine Harris and her late husband Lorenzo, former owners of Ren's Supermarket in Dayton, and their family.

Charles and Barbara Jones General Purpose Fund

1995 - furthers the charitable interests of former Dayton Foundation Governing Board Chair Charles A. Jones, and his wife, Barbara. Charles Jones worked for the City of Dayton for nearly 25 years before retiring as Deputy City Manager in 1994.

Moses H. Jones Fund

1984 - remembers a prominent African-American attorney who came to Dayton from West Virginia in 1900. The fund was established through his 1926 bequest to aid YMCAs in Dayton's primarily black communities.

Lloyd and Edythe Lewis Fund for Black Children's Health Care

1989 – responds to pressing needs in our community. Lloyd Lewis, Jr., was a Dayton City Commissioner and an emeritus member of the Foundation's Governing Board. He was also co-founder of the African-American Community Fund. Edythe Lewis was retired from the Miami Conservancy District and was an active community volunteer.

George W. and Irma D. Lucas Fund

1992 - assists high school graduates, who are members of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, in pursuing a college education.

Madden Women's Association Fund

2013 - provides annual income for this nonprofit organization to support the Greater Dayton Youth Golf Academy and continuing education for African-American female students. Madden Women's Association was founded in 1983 by women who love to play golf.

The Mattie Lyle Fund to Benefit Bethel Baptist Church

2006 - celebrates the 100th birthday of the late Mattie Lyle, by providing resources to support Bethel Baptist Church's missionary work. Mattie Lyle was chairperson of the church Deaconess Board for over 60 years.

The Making Memories Fund

2017 – promotes activities and events that generate funds to support research to end Alzheimer's disease, such as the Walk to End Alzheimer's and the annual Making Memories Golf Outing.

The Mi'Che Movement

2018 – supports and enhances charitable organizations in their quest to bring together abandoned, abused or neglected dogs with women who are suffering from mental illness, physical and/or mental abuse or who are physically challenged, resulting in the enhancement of quality of life for both the dogs and women.

Edmund H. Moore Designated Endowment Fund

2018 – designates 12 local and national nonprofit organizations, including Cal Lynn Crawford Scholarship Fund of The Dayton Foundation, FAMU Foundation, Omega Baptist Church and Parity, Inc., to receive unrestricted income.

John and Hester Moore General Purpose Fund

1992 – pools resources to help overcome adverse social and economic conditions affecting the African-American community. John E. Moore is an emeritus member and a former chair of the Foundation's Governing Board. Mr. Moore is also a co-founder of the African-American Community Fund.

Alvarene N. Owens Endowment Fund

2010 - will support charitable activities of the donor's choosing. Alvarene Owens, a longtime Dayton attorney, was the first woman and minority to be appointed to the Board of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Gewarren Owens Fund for Reading and Beyond

2005 - distributes funds to Reading and Beyond, a nonprofit organization in Fresno, California.

PARITY Education Fund

1994 - helps this organization realize its mission of improving the economic, educational and social conditions of African-Americans.

Pastor Robert E. and Karen Jones Urban Ministry Scholarship Fund

2018 – designates two universities, Yale University and United Theological Seminary, to receive unrestricted income.

Lawrence and Shirley Porter Family Fund

2015 - 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.

*The Porter's are also 2015-2016 "I Believe!" Partners for The Dayton Foundation.

Norma J. Ross and Robert P. Ross, Sr. Foundation

2016 – honors the memory of Norma J. Ross and Robert P. Ross and benefits nonprofit organizations in Greater Dayton, with a special emphasis on supporting programs that expose African-American youth to the arts.

The Hazel Carter Scott Fund to Benefit Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

2006 - celebrates Ms. Scott's lifelong devotion to the church, where she also served as the director of the Bethel Dramatic Guild for more than 50 years and has produced more than 150 plays. Ms. Scott also taught for the National Baptist Congress, with 2006 being her 47th consecutive year.

The Hazel Carter Scott Fund to Benefit Mary Scott Nursing Center Legacy Program

2006 - will provide unrestricted income for the Center and encourage the continuation of the annual Mary Scott Legacy Program, which honors women who exemplify the spirit of Christian service to individuals who are aging, homeless or disabled. Hazel Carter Scott was a longtime supporter and volunteer of the Center, as well as a 1999 Mary Scott Legacy Honoree.

Sigma Boule Fund

1994 – was established to endow educational and social-action initiatives sponsored by the members of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity's Sigma Boule Chapter.

Emma Brooks-Smith and Estus Smith Wiley College Fund

2001 - will encourage the pursuit of higher education for Ohio students wishing to further their studies at Wiley College in Texas. Dr. Smith is an emeritus Governing Board member of The Dayton Foundation and retired vice president and COO for the Kettering Foundation.

Edward Taft, Jr., and Carol J. Hinton Family Fund

2001 – remembers Edward Taft, Jr., a former flight simulator designer, by continuing his passion to provide African-American youth with opportunities for higher education and an appreciation of fine arts.

James, Jr., and Betsy L. Thomas Endowment

1992 - benefits Bethel Baptist Church and the initiatives of the African-American Community Fund.

Willis and Mary Bluford Turner Memorial Fund

2002 - was established by Gladys Turner Finney in remembrance of her parents. The fund assists individuals and organizations that affirm the values of peacemaking and work to bring about understanding and acceptance of one another and the elimination of conflicts or barriers of race, culture and language.

Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church Fund

2016 - benefits this Dayton church with annual income. Founded in 1833, Wayman Chapel is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church in the region.

Diane D. and Rodger D. Walker Fund

1998 – benefits charitable, educational, religious and community activities. Rodger D. Walker was a pharmacist and businessman; his wife, Diane, was a speech pathologist and community volunteer.

Washington-Monroe Family Charitable Fund

2017 – advances charitable organizations, as selected by donors Dr. Nodie Washington, a retired research chemist and manager for Proctor & Gamble, and her husband, Dr. Willie Washington, a retired professor.

Washington Humanitarian Fund II

2018 – provides annual income for Omega Baptist Church, Southern Poverty Law Center, The NAACP, the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, Parity, Inc. and other organizations described by the donor.

Henry and Hazel Wilson Endowment Fund in Memory of Booker T. Webster and Bernice W. Wilson

2014 – honors the memories of Central State University (CSU) alumni Bernice W. Wilson (Class of 1949), the late wife of Henry Wilson, and Booker T. Webster (Class of 1953), the late husband of Hazel Wilson, by providing annual income to the University. Grants will be awarded to support the College of Education and the College of Science and Engineering at CSU.

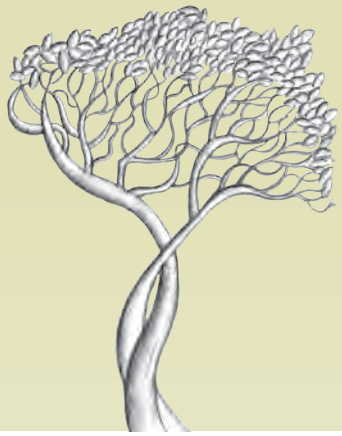
Alphonso Wofford Endowment Fund

2014 – furthers the donor's charitable interests, such as supporting institutions that focus on African-Americans pursuing entrepreneurial education and development or STEM education. Al Wofford is a community leader and founder of two successful technology solutions companies.

*Mr. Wofford is also a 2013-2014 "I Believe!" Partner for The Dayton Foundation.

Yokley-Gamblin Family Foundation

2019 – supports the charitable causes of the Yokley-Gamblin family, including supporting Montgomery County, Ohio, African-American students who are interested in continuing their educational pursuits. The Yokley and Gamblin families believe in the importance of education and providing opportunities to well-rounded students who are active in their school, church or community.



Charitable Options

Your charitable gifts through the African-American Community Fund are greatly appreciated and make a difference in the community in which we live. This is a brief introduction to some of the best tax-savvy methods of charitable giving. However, we do urge you to discuss your financial situation with your tax, legal or other professional advisor. Charitable options that may be of consideration include:

Gifts of Cash

Most gifts are in the form of cash, via a check written by the donor, or a donation online with a credit card. If you itemize your taxes, your outright gift is fully deductible for federal income tax purposes up to 60 percent of adjusted gross income.

Gifts of Stock & Other Marketable Securities

Giving long-term, appreciated stock offers you two-fold tax savings. First, you avoid paying long-term capital gains tax on the increase in the value of the stock on the date of the gift. For income tax purposes, the value of such gifts is deductible up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income.

Life Insurance

Life insurance can be one of the easiest ways to give by designating a percentage of the policy proceeds to the African-American Community Fund as a beneficiary. If the policy has a cash value, you can take a charitable deduction approximately equal to the cash value at the time of the gift.

Bequests

Through a deferred gift such as a bequest, your long-term charitable intent can be outlined during your lifetime. The African-American Community Fund can be named as a beneficiary in your will through a simple amendment called a codicil. Another option is to establish a Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD) account. This designation will allow a transfer bank accounts, brokerage accounts and certificates of deposit directly to your fund or charitable organization, upon your passing.

IRA

Individuals over the age of 70 1/2, 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. IRA Rollover assets may be used to create scholarship funds, field-of-interest funds, Community Impact Endowment Funds or designated funds.

Have questions about these charitable giving options? Contact Joe Baldasare at jbaldsare@daytonfoundation.org or (937) 222-0410.

Give a Little...Change
Where are They Now?

When African-American Community Fund (AACF) donors establish a charitable fund to give to nonprofits causes, alumni institutions and or houses of worship - they plant a seed that ultimately impacts a life. The following are the stories of individuals and organizations whose lives have been helped thanks to AACF donors.

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Gem City Market

John E. Moore, Sr., and Lloyd Lewis Jr., Community Impact Fund

Then: Recent studies show that Dayton ranks second in the nation for food hardship in households with children, and Montgomery County as a whole has fewer grocery stores per 10,000 people than the state average. To help address this issue, the GDUCI launched plans in 2015 for Gem City Market, a full-service cooperative grocery store to be located along lower Salem Avenue near downtown Dayton. The Market will provide affordable, fresh and healthy food in an area currently considered a food desert.

The African-American Community Fund supported the project with a $1,000 grant awarded from the John E. Moore, Sr., and Lloyd Lewis Jr., Community Impact Fund in 2018, which helped Co-op Dayton (formerly Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative) with supporting and subsidizing membership/owner shares, and made shares more accessible to all individuals in the community.

Now: In 2019, Co-op Dayton held a community ground breaking and is set to begin construction on the Gem City Market in the fall. Additionally, member/owner shares have grown from 1,000 to 2,300, thanks in part to the African-American Community Fund grant.

"Structures (i.e. organizations or institutions) are ideas plus resources. You leverage resources, which are time, talent and treasure, to make these ideas tangible. The African-American Community Fund takes an idea and gives the resources to help make a vision a reality, and bring more hope and a sense of self-determination that enables members of a community to help determine and create a place where we can work, live and play," said Amaha Sellassie, co-founder and Board Member of Co-op Dayton. "The grant helps give us confidence and courage that we're on the right track and to continue to press forward."

a Life.

Eliza Straughter

Pearl A. Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship Fund

Then: In 2013, Eliza Straughter received two scholarships from the African-American Community Fund (AACF) of The Dayton Foundation to pursue a degree in engineering. However, a few months into her sophomore year, she began to struggle. She found it difficult to maintain her grades, confidence and dream after experiencing a great deal of opposition as an African-American, female engineering student in a male dominated field. Discouraged and ready to quit, her grades began to fall, and she lost her scholarships.

One of the scholarships Eliza received from the AACF was the Pearl Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship, a renewable scholarship that required her to check in with The Dayton Foundation's scholarship program officer, each semester. Instead of the regular semester checkup, Eliza received encouragement to not give up on her dreams. "She consistently reminded me of my goal, and encouraged me to stick with it," said Eliza. With encouragement from her family and the Foundation, Eliza switched schools, improved her grades and got her scholarships back. On December 17, 2016, Eliza graduated from Northern Illinois University.

"The Foundation didn't just give me the money. They helped me to find myself," said Eliza Straughter, Pearl A. Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship Fund recipient.

Now: Since graduating from Northern Illinois University, Eliza is now working for Enova International, a financial-technology company headquartered out of Chicago. Her role as a Senior Systems Engineer allows her the opportunity to support the infrastructure of the Small Business lending office in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eliza believes she is a product of planting a seed, nurturing it, and watching the plant grow into something beyond what you can dream. She is eternally thankful that the AACF was willing to sow into her dreams and put her in the position to be the best engineer that she can be.

2019 AACF Scholarship Recipients

Wahid Abdullah Memorial Scholarship
Anniston R. Burlingame

Alexander-Bickley Scholarship Fund
Kyndall N. Jones

Hazel Carter Scott Scholarship
Agbomheire Z. Kadiri

Pearl A. Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship
Jaiden A. Hurt
Christen N. Hill
Tyree' D. Fletcher
Kennede' Z. Thomas

Robert S. Early, Sr. Memorial Youth Scholarship
Casey Turney

Golden Thirteen Naval Scholarship
Kabel J. Hackley
Chioma C. Ezumezu

Ida Graves Scholarship
Mackenzie Lane

The Major John F. Harris, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Danielle R. Hammond

Jefferson Township Alumni Association Scholarship
Chanelle J. Works

Marquetta D. Colbert/Colbert Family Health Scholarship Fund
Brittney Ashley

C. J. McLin, Jr., Scholarship
Whitney Lai
Elijah Cochran

Paul R. and Frieda M. Miller Memorial Scholarship for Julian A. Fuqua
Jaiden A. Hurt

NAAIA J.L. Tillman Scholarship
Austin L. Moore
Marcquan J. Parris
Aaron J. Ervin

Scott Neal Simpson Scholarship
Jordan M. Williams

Thyrsa Frazier Svager Scholarship Fund
Doria S. Lee

Twentig Incorporated Endowment (Willis "Bing" Davis Scholarship)
Darryl E. Bronner
Amber R. Butler
Adayah L. Robinson
Erica D. Dilworth
Yemazen D. Sellassie,
Kennede' Z. Thomas
Essie Aliya M. Johnson

Doris H. Wilson Scholarship
Ravin C. Brown

Deloris L. Winslow Scholarship
Christian A. Hobson

Previously Established Scholarship Funds of the African-American Community Fund

Scholarship funds provide an opportunity for individuals, families or organizations to create financial resources for students who wish to pursue a college education. Donors select the scholarship criteria and may serve on the Selection Committee. The AACF staff is available to assist donors with this process.

Wahid Abdullah Memorial Fund, founded by Jim Bucher

1997 - gives scholarships to Montgomery County graduating seniors to pursue studies in communications or journalism at a four-year institution. The fund was created by friends to honor Wahid Abdullah, a promising young man whose life abruptly ended in violence at the hands of another teen.

Alexander-Bickley Scholarship Fund

2016 – assists female Dayton Public Schools graduates, who are pursuing a degree in a STEM-related field, in furthering their education. The fund was established in honor of Manuel Bickley, a successful farmer and businessman whose innovative spirit helped him overcome the barriers he faced as an African-American growing up in the late 1800s.

Professor E. Champ & Alma Warrick Scholarship Fund

2017 – aids select area high school seniors planning to major in the liberal arts at Wilberforce or Central State universities. Warrick Barrett established the fund in honor of his grandparents, both of whom were educators and members of the Wilberforce Class of 1908.

Marquetta D. Colbert/ Colbert Family Health Scholarship Fund

2019 - awards scholarships to assist graduating seniors from Dayton Public Schools in furthering their education. Eligible students must be planning to pursue a degree in nursing and demonstrate financial need.

Pearl A. Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship Fund

1990 - awards scholarships to Greater Dayton-area students wishing to further their education at an accredited college or university. The fund serves as a memorial to these two African-American sisters and longtime Dayton Public Schools educators, both of whom overcame odds to graduate with master's degrees in the 1950s.

Robert S. Early, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

1992 – awards scholarships to African-American students in Montgomery County who participate in baseball, softball or golf. The Roosevelt High School Class of 1968 established the fund in memory of their beloved class vice president, Robert Early, Sr., who lived his life with a can-do attitude.

Gladys Turner Finney Social Work Scholarship Fund

1998 - aids Wright State University students who are junior or senior African-American social work students and who demonstrate academic excellence and commitment to community involvement. Gladys Turner Finney is a retired social worker.

*Gladys Turner Finney is also a 2011-2012 "I Believe!" Partner for The Dayton Foundation.

Dr. Charles H. and Lois B. Fortson Family Scholarship Fund

2006 - awards scholarships to African-American students pursuing a course of study in surgery at the Wright State University School of Medicine.

Henry Garcia Fund

1998 - furthers the advancement of minority students by providing an annual scholarship to Wilberforce University for students pursuing a career in music. Henry Garcia was a retired faculty member of Wilberforce and Central State Universities.

The Waverly Glover Scholarship Fund

2003 - assists African-American students in pursuing a business or accounting degree at Central State or Wilberforce Universities. Waverly Glover is a retired certified public accountant.

Golden Thirteen Naval Scholarship

1994 - salutes the Golden Thirteen, the United States Navy's first African-American commissioned officers. Scholarships are awarded nationally to African-American students pursuing a career in the Navy.

The Major John F. Harris, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

2006 - affords Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) graduates from Dayton Public Schools the chance to further their education at an institution of higher learning. Major Harris, who was a JROTC instructor at Grace A. Greene Military Academy before his passing in 1995, believed that all students deserve a chance to earn an education to become self-sufficient in life.

Jefferson Township Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund

2016 – helps graduating Jefferson Township High School students achieve higher education by awarding scholarships to two- or four –year colleges, universities or technical schools.

William A. Lumpkin Endowed Scholarship

2019 – supports students graduating from Dayton Public and Trotwood-Madision High Schools.

C.J. McLin, Jr., Scholarship Fund

1992 - provides for college scholarships to help Montgomery County residents who have demonstrated academic

success, financial need and community involvement. The fund is dedicated to the memory of this 22-year Ohio State Representative.

Paul R. and Frieda M. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund

2008 - awards scholarships to African-American Dayton Public School graduates, who plan to major in teaching at a historically black institution. Marilyn Miller-Lewis established this fund in honor of her aunt and uncle, both educators at and graduates of historically black institutions, who wanted to give others the opportunity for educational success.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Cal Lynn Crawford Scholarship Fund

1991 - provides scholarships to local college-bound African-American students from the Delta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

N.A.A.I.A. JL Tillman Scholarship

2013 - awards scholarships to help African-American students further their education in insurance, risk management, business, IT, actuarial science, finance or marketing and communications. The fund was established by the National African-American Insurance Association (NAAIA) in honor of its founder, Jerald L. Tillman, a longtime Dayton and Cincinnati insurance professional.

The Hazel Carter Scott Scholarship for the National Association of University Women, Dayton Chapter

2006 - will award scholarships to the children or grandchildren of members of the National Association of University Women, which promotes education and equity for women and girls. Ms. Scott served as the president of the Association's local chapter for six years and attends its National Conference annually.

Herbert Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund

2016 – assists African-American Dayton Public School graduates in furthering their studies. Eligible students must be in or have aged-out of foster care and be accepted to an accredited technical school or a two- or four-year college or university.

Scott Neal Simpson Scholarship Fund

1999 - memorializes this gifted athlete and scholar by furnishing scholarships to Montgomery County high school graduates attending an accredited college or university. Scott Simpson died after lapsing into a diabetic coma while in his sophomore year at The Ohio State University, majoring in rehabilitation therapy.

Estus and Dorothy T. Smith Scholarship Fund

1992 - exists to offer scholarships to local residents wishing to attend Jackson State University, a historically black college. Dr. Estus Smith is an emeritus member of the Foundation's Governing Board.

Thyrsa Frazier Svager Scholarship Fund

2000 - honors African-American women majoring in mathematics at an accredited college or university with scholarship assistance. Aleksandar Svager established the fund in memory of his wife, Thyrsa, a former provost and executive vice president at Central State University.

*Professor Aleksander Svager is also a 2017-2018 "I Believe!" Partner for The Dayton Foundation.

Twentig Incorporated Endowment Fund (Willis "Bing" Davis Scholarship)

1990 - pays tribute to this son of Dayton, Willis "Bing" Davis, who has achieved acclaim as an internationally famous visual artist. Individuals eligible for this scholarship are African-Americans pursuing studies primarily in the visual and/or graphic arts. This fund was established by Twentig, Inc., a volunteer women's organization.

Dr. Yvonne Walker-Taylor Women for Women Scholarship II

2008 - perpetuates this former Wilberforce University president emeritus' lifelong commitment to higher education and to promoting women's leadership in the pursuit of freedom. The fund assists women majoring in natural sciences, humanities, business, social sciences and engineering at Wilberforce.

Herman and Nancy Williams Scholarship Endowment Fund

1991 - awards college scholarships to members of Dixon United Methodist, McKinley United Methodist or Residence United Churches. Nancy C. Williams is a retired educator, and her late husband Herman was a chief master sergeant with the Air Force.

Doris H. Wilson Scholarship Fund

1997 - grants scholarships to graduating Montgomery County high school seniors who plan to attend a two- or four-year school in the state of Ohio. This fund honors Doris Wilson, the founder of Multi-Cultural Supporters.

Deloris L. Winslow Scholarship Endowment Fund

2013 - helps selected Clark or Montgomery County minority students majoring in social work, political science or substance abuse treatment to further their education. The fund honors the memory of this Springfield native and retired City of Dayton employee, who provided many years of dedicated community service to support senior housing programs, drug rehabilitation and educational programs.

Yokley-Gamblin Family Foundation

2019 – supports the charitable causes of the Yokley-Gamblin family, including supporting Montgomery County, Ohio, African-American students who are interested in continuing their educational pursuits. The Yokley and Gamblin families believe in the importance of education and providing opportunities to well-rounded students who are active in their school, church or community.

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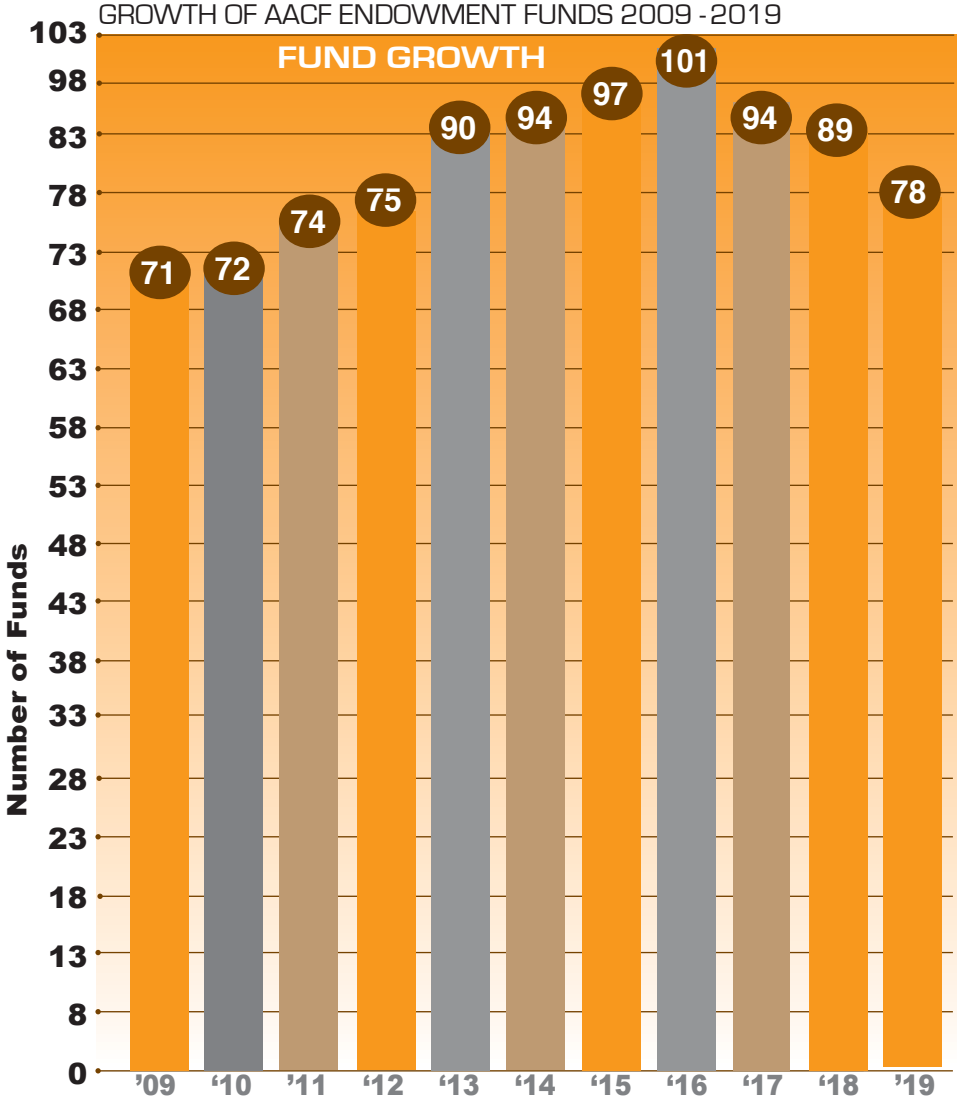

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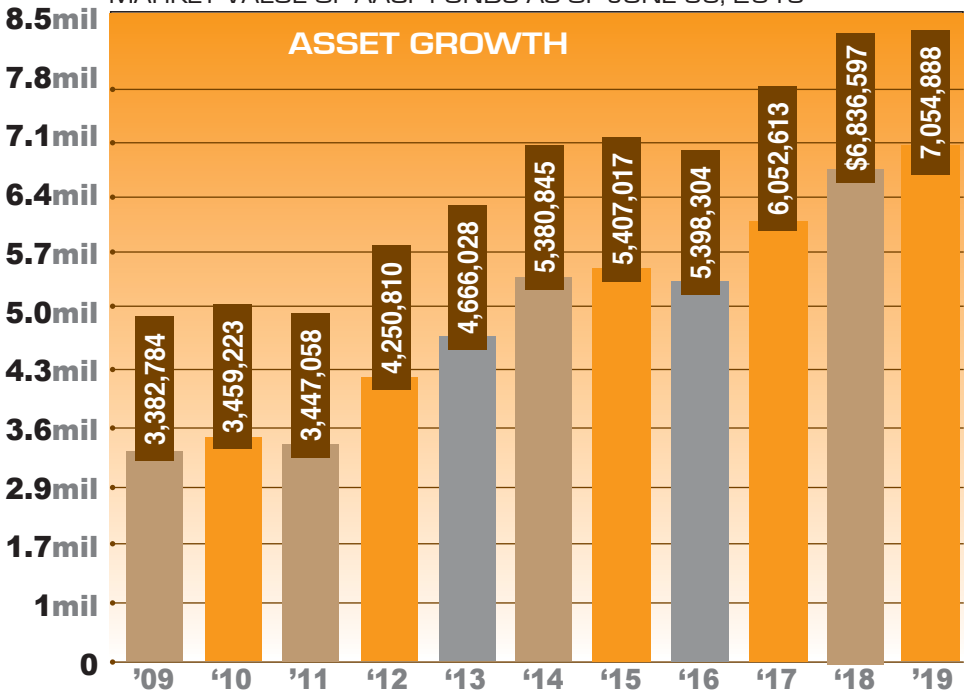

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Each year the African-American Community Fund (AACF) awards discretionary grants to deserving nonprofits in the Greater Dayton region. With the changing needs in our community, individuals dedicating their dollars to the unrestricted fund allows us to award discretionary grants. The AACF Grants Committee is committed to being good stewards of our donors funds. For the 2018 grant cycle, AACF was able to issue nine discretionary grants in the amount of $19,500. The following discretionary grants were awarded through AACF to meet the needs of the community. See how these grants are making an impact.

- Dayton Early College Academy
- Dayton Performing Arts Alliance
- Dayton Right to Life Foundation
- Elizabeth New Life Center
- Co-op Dayton (Formerly Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative)
- Neighborhoods Over Politics, Inc.
- Reach Out of Montgomery County
- St. Joseph Orphanage
- Zion's Kitchen

Applying

The African-American Community Fund issues discretionary grants annually with the initial process beginning in June each year. A press release is sent to various media outlet as well as former grant applicants/ recipients and other organizations that may be interested.

Grant writing workshops are provided prior to opening the grant process. All applicants are encouraged to attend a session. Interested applicants must submit a full grant application to be considered for funding. All information, documents, and deadlines are available on the AACF website at www.aacfdayton.org, or by emailing aacf@daytonfoundation.org.

Dayton Early College Academy (DECA) – Mentoring Student Leaders at DECA

- Granted - $1,500

The AACF awarded $1,500 to help Dayton Early College Academy's Brothers and Rising Stars mentoring programs ensure male students at DECA become scholarly, resilient and civic-minded young men.

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance – Unity Through Harmony

- $2,000 Granted

The AACF awarded $2,000 to the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance to support Unity Through Harmony a concert to promote diversity of religious music.

Dayton Right to Life Foundation – Flying Storks Nest Mobile Pantry

- $3,000 Granted

The AACF awarded $3,000 to Dayton Right to Life to help alleviate the stress of transportation for families by bringing baby/child resources to their neighborhoods, churches and community centers.

Elizabeth New Life Center – Earn While You Learn

- $2,000 Granted

The AACF awarded $2,000 to Elizabeth New Life Center to support the purchase of material incentives for the Earn While You Learn Program to encourage mothers and families to attend pregnancy and parenting classes.

Co-op Dayton (Formerly Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative)
• $1,000 Granted

The AACF awarded $1,000 to Co-op Dayton (Formerly Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative) to support Gem City Market Cooperative efforts.

Neighborhoods Over Politics, Inc. – "Rock da Vote" Civic Education and Engagement Voters Rally • $2,000 Granted

The AACF awarded $2,000 to Neighborhoods Over Politics, Inc. to support the "Rock da Vote" Civic Education and Engagement Voters Rally which educates empowers residents to vote in every election.

Reach Out of Montgomery County – West Side Health Connection
• $1,000 Granted

ReachOut
Together expanding healthcare to the underserved.

The AACF awarded $1,000 to Reach Out of Montgomery County to support West Side Health Connection program which offers outreach support to the African-American community displaced by the closing of Good Samaritan Hospital.

St. Joseph Orphanage – Play and Learn: Parent – Child Interaction Therapy • $2,000 Granted

The AACF awarded $2,000 to St. Joseph Orphanage to create a space where children ages 2 to 6, and their parents/foster parents, can re-establish a trusting relationship following abuse, neglect or placement disruption.

Zion's Kitchen – Capital Improvements • $5,000 Granted

The AACF awarded $5,000 to Zion's Kitchen to provide free, hot dinners to disadvantaged areas of downtown and West Dayton.

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"The African-American Community Fund was an important sponsor of the Unity Through Harmony concert. The Fund directly enabled the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and six religious groups to perform together and represent the strength and values of our Dayton community."

– Dennis Tenwolde, Director of Institutional Giving, Dayton Performing Arts Alliance

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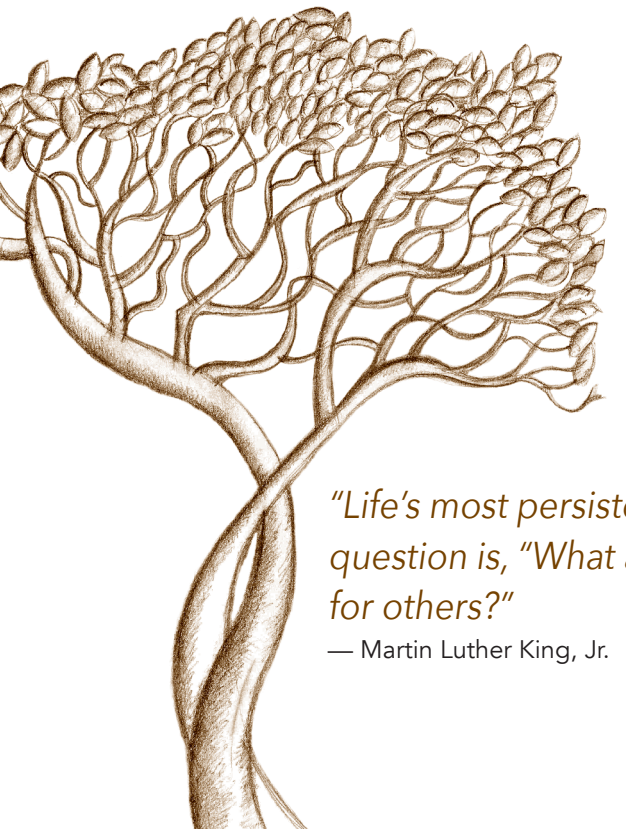

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