

The African-American Community Fund  
2023-2024 Annual Report



# A LEGACY OF SERVICE



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

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."  
- Matthew 20:28



After many years of service as a minister and throughout my career, I personally have found that my highest calling in life is serving others. Now, as president of the African-American Community Fund Advisory Board, I believe that we, the Board, also are here to follow the rich legacy of service placed before us by our founders, Mr. John E. Moore, Sr., and Mr. Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., by promoting and utilizing philanthropy to grow, assist and improve the Dayton Region's African-American community.

Our 2023-24 annual report, "A Legacy of Service," honors the legacy of just a few of the stories within the AACF family of donors who have blazed trails for us to be able to award more than \$1M in scholarships since inception to help students to achieve dreams that were once impossible for others. Additionally, awarding 7M in grants to date, including \$329,043 during the 2023-24 fiscal year to grassroots nonprofits that are taking care of the many, not always widely known, needs in our community.

Each year, the Advisory Board strives to improve the awareness and reach of the AACF, and we will continue to do so in the year to come through our 4th annual Juneteenth Breakfast Fundraiser (June 20) and the 5th annual African-American Community Fund Golf Outing (September 23).

Please save these dates and share the stories you read in this report to help us bring awareness and inspire others to serve and create charitable legacies that will change our community for years to come.

**Kevin Washington**  
President, The African-American Community Fund



Philanthropy has deep roots in the African-American community that includes gifts of time, talent and treasure. Today, African-Americans in Greater Dayton are continuing this legacy, thanks to the African-American Community Fund of The Dayton Foundation.

AACF is a widely respected philanthropic organization committed to promoting charitable giving across our region. With more than 191 funds under management, AACF provides individuals, families and organizations with the opportunity to create a charitable foundation for their community and leave behind a legacy of giving.

The Dayton Foundation is proud to support the work of the AACF volunteer Advisory Board and donors. Together, you are making a positive impact on our community that will benefit generations to come.

**Michael M. Parks, CFRE**  
President, The Dayton Foundation

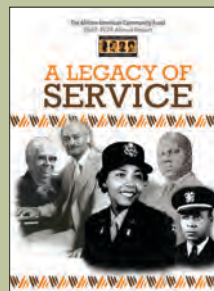


The African-American Community Fund and its funds are components of The Dayton Foundation. This partnership allows the African-American community to benefit from local leadership and to profit from resources pooled with others for investment growth.

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philanthropy among African-Americans, the AACF is treasure trove of history and trailblazers whose perseverance, passion and service to our nation, our local community and others has left a legacy of impact within the Dayton Region. We salute and recognize five trailblazers.



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"A life is not important except in  
the impact it has on other lives."

– Jackie Robinson



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### Historical Board Members

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Loretta M. Murphy  
Dr. Estus Smith \*  
Carl L. Wilson \*  
Arto Woodley

### Founding Members

Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr.\*  
John E. Moore, Sr.\*

## New Charitable Checking Accounts<sup>SM</sup> (CCA)

The Abney Family Charitable Fund  
- est. by Mr. David F. Abney, III

The Robert A. Bostick, Sr., Fund  
- est. by Mrs. Barbara A. Stewart Bostick

SHE-Roe Storytelling Fund  
- est. by Mrs. Juanita Michelle Darden



"Whatever we believe about ourselves and our ability comes true for us."

- Susan L. Taylor



## 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 then-Governing Board members John E. Moore, Sr., and 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 191 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 \$9.3 million. Since the fund's inception, more than 5,657 grants exceeding a total of \$7 million have supported such efforts as sickle cell awareness, nutrition programs for homeless children and mentoring programs for urban youth. Additionally, \$1,076,188.63 in scholarships has been awarded to help nearly 667 students further their education.

## A New Generation of Leadership

Meet some of our newest Advisory Board members and hear why they are choosing to serve our community through the African-American Community Fund.



**Danya Berry:** I am so thankful for my service on the AACF Advisory Board! Knowing the history of this board and how much of an impact the AACF has had on the Greater Dayton community and its various programs, has been refreshing. I have had the pleasure of serving on the scholarship review committee, and it's amazing to see the talented youth in our community moving on to pursue their college dreams with the help of the AACF. Also, the annual Junteenth Breakfast has been my favorite event to attend each summer. We have worked hard

to spread the message about the positive work the AACF has done and continues to do.



**Richard Hairston:** Serving on the AACF Advisory Board allows me to contribute to a purpose greater than myself. My passion for seeing my community thrive makes this experience incredibly rewarding.

My favorite part of being a board member is the opportunity to give back through my time and service.



**Tierra McGee:** I am honored to serve on the AACF Advisory Board for a number of reasons. I have an awesome opportunity to serve and support the growth of my community. I especially enjoy finding ways to build up our youth.



Interested in serving on the African-American Community Fund's Advisory Board or on one of its committees? Email the AACF at [aacf@daytonfoundation.org](mailto:aacf@daytonfoundation.org).

# Previously Established Funds of the African-American Community Fund

Designated and Donor-Advised Funds provide current or future support to nonprofit organization(s) 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, 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.



## Clarence E. Bowman, Jr., Fund

2020 - honors the legacy of Daytonian Clarence E. Bowman, Jr., by meeting human needs and improving the quality of life in the Greater Dayton area, as determined by the African-American Community Fund Advisory Board.



## Clarence E., Sr., and Olivia Bowman Fund

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

## Emma Brooks-Smith and Estus Smith Wiley University Fund

2001 - encourages the pursuit of higher education for Ohio students wishing to further their studies at Wiley University in Texas. The late Dr. Smith was an emeritus Governing Board member of The Dayton Foundation and retired

vice president and COO for the Kettering Foundation.

## 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.



## Herbert M. Campbell Fund for the American Cancer Society

2007 - provides assets to sustain the programs and services of The American Cancer Society in Montgomery County, Ohio.

## 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.



## Marva Cosby Charitable Fund

2013 - honors the charitable wishes of the late Marva Cosby, a longtime member of the Foundation's Governing Board and the first African-American woman to serve as its chair. Marva was an active community volunteer and named one of Ten Top Women in 2012 by the *Dayton Daily News*.



## Dayton Alumnae Chapter-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.



## 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.

## Dayton Contemporary Dance Company Endowment Fund

2021 - provides annual income for this culturally diverse contemporary dance company, which is committed to reaching the broadest audience through exceptional performance and arts-integrated education.

## 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.

## 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.

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

2017 - supports Central State University and other causes and charitable organizations important to John W. Garland, a former president of CSU, 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, were trustees of the church 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.



### **Pastor Robert E. and Karen Jones Urban Ministry Scholarship Fund**

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

### **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 Dayton Foundation's Governing Board. He also was co-founder of the African-American Community Fund. Edythe Lewis 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.



### **The Mattie Lyle Fund to Benefit Bethel Baptist Church**

2006 - celebrates the 100th birthday of 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.

### **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 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 the 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, Sr., was an emeritus member and former chair of The Dayton Foundation's Governing Board. Mr. Moore also was a co-founder of the African-American Community Fund.



### **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.

### **PARITY Non-Endowed Operations Fund**

2020 - established by Edmund Moore in honor of The Dayton Foundation's Centennial anniversary, generates revenue for the sustainability of Parity operations to benefit the community.

### **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.

### **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 produced more than 150 plays. Ms. Scott also taught for the National Baptist Congress for more than 47 years.

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

2006 - provides unrestricted income for the Center and encourages 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.

### **Sister to Sister Fund**

2023 - provides support for organizations aiming to educate, empower and inform women and young females.

### **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.



### **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, is 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.

### **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.

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



2014 - honors the memories of Central State University 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.



  
"Change will not come if we wait  
for some other person or some other time.  
We are the ones we've been waiting for.  
We are the change that we seek."  
– Barack Obama  


## 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 your adjusted gross income.

#### **Gifts of Stock and 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 your 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.

#### **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 you to transfer bank accounts, brokerage accounts and certificates of deposit directly to your fund or charitable organization upon your passing.

#### **IRA**

Individuals 70 ½ or older can donate up to \$108,000 as a qualified charitable distribution to a 501(c)(3) public charity and not have it show as income for tax purposes. Individuals who have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), may elect to donate their RMD to the African-American Community Fund and avoid claiming it as income by making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). IRA QCDs 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 The Dayton Foundation's Development and Donor Services department at (937) 222-0410.



## Five Innovators of the African-American Community Fund

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The African American Community Fund is so blessed to have the charitable legacies of these five trailblazers and innovators that have paved the way for many under its umbrella.

### **A Fund for Dayton's First African-American Attorney is Under the Umbrella of AACF:**



The first charitable fund of the African-American Community Fund actually was established before the AACF was founded. Moses H. Jones, Dayton's first

black attorney, dreamed of a brighter future for African-Americans. Through his 1926 bequest, Mr. Jones left a legacy that would aid Dayton-area YMCAs that serve predominantly black communities. Nearly 60 years after his original bequeath, the Moses H. Jones Fund was established through The Dayton Foundation in 1984. When the AACF was established in 1992, the fund was moved under the umbrella of the AACF, becoming its first endowment fund. To date, the

fund has awarded more than \$34,300 to support Greater Dayton YMCA programs.

### **The First African-American to Graduate from an Ohio Music Conservatory Has a Fund with the AACF:**



Henry Garcia loved music. A former professor of music at Wilberforce and Central State Universities and a local organ enthusiast, Mr. Garcia learned to play the organ at a young age. This passion for music eventually led him to apply to an Ohio music conservatory. When the institution denied him because of the color of his skin, he worked with the NAACP, the Urban League and even the State Attorney's office to appeal, fighting for four years until he was accepted. In 1953 Mr. Garcia became the first black student to graduate from the conservatory, receiving his master of music literature and organ degree.

When Mr. Garcia passed away in 2001, he left a \$600,000 gift from his estate to establish the Henry A. Garcia Fund through the AACF of The Dayton Foundation, which at the time was

the single-largest gift in the AACF's history. To date, the fund has awarded more than \$504,600 in scholarships to minority students pursuing a career in music at Wilberforce and Central State Universities. Through his fund, Mr. Garcia is helping to ensure that students will never experience what he endured to get an education.

### **A Fund in Honor of Wilberforce University's First Female President is Under the AACF:**



Described as a trailblazer and innovator, Yvonne Walker-Taylor was taught the importance of education from an early age. Born in 1916, Dr. Walker-Taylor was encouraged by her father, an African Methodist Episcopal minister and bishop and former Wilberforce University president, to pursue opportunities without limiting herself to conventional gender roles of the time. She broke many barriers throughout her life. After graduating from Wilberforce University at the age of 19, she later became its first female president and was the first daughter to follow her father in the presidency of a university in the United States.



In 2008, the Dr. Yvonne Walker-Taylor Women for Women Scholarship Fund II was established through the AACF of The Dayton Foundation in her memory. Today, the fund awards scholarships to young women who attend Wilberforce University, honoring Dr. Walker-Taylor's accomplishments, the example that she set for other women and her lifelong commitment to higher education and to promoting women's leadership.

**The Nation's First African-American Naval Officers Established a Fund Through the AACF:**



In 1944, the Navy commissioned its first 13 black officers, revered as the Golden Thirteen because of the gold shoulder bars on their uniforms. Despite the challenges of the time, including having some enlisted personnel refuse to salute them, these gentlemen persevered and opened new doors for future generations.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of The Golden Thirteen, a fund was established through the African-American Community Fund in 1994 to recognize their groundbreaking accomplishments and help African-Americans to pursue a career in the Navy. To date, the Golden Thirteen Naval Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$34,300 in scholarships to R.O.T.C. students enrolled in one of the six traditionally black colleges operating Naval R.O.T.C. units.

**The Smithsonian Institution once included this AACF donor among the Most Important Black Women in History:**



Charity Adams Earley, the first African-American woman to be commissioned by the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later renamed Women's Army Corps or WAC), broke barriers while serving during World War II. Charity was sent to England in 1944 to lead the first and only company of black WACs on an overseas mission, and ultimately earned the rank of major. These and other accomplishments led to her inclusion in the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1979 and a Smithsonian Institution exhibit in 1982. Charity captured her remarkable story and the struggles she and other African-Americans faced in her 1989 memoir, *One Woman's Army: A Black Officer Remembers the WAC*.

After the war, Charity married Dr. Stanley A. Earley, Jr. and they made their home in Dayton. In 2002, shortly after Charity's passing, Dr. Earley established the Dr. Stanley A. Earley, Jr., and Charity Edna Earley Fund through the African-American Community Fund of The Dayton Foundation. He donated an initial gift, but their children; Stanley III and Judith are committed to grow the fund to honor their parents' legacy. Among the organizations the fund has awarded grants to is the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company and Wilberforce University.

**2023 AACF Scholarship Recipients**

**Hazel Carter Scott Scholarship for the National Association of University Women, Dayton Chapter**  
Makayla Bedford  
Sage Spirk

**Idotha Bootsie Neal Scholarship**  
Nicolas Collier

**Pearl A. Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship Fund**  
Keenan Melton  
Siga Diop  
Norah Ndabambalire

**Robert S. Early, Sr., Memorial Youth Scholarship**  
Marlon Howard, Jr.

**C. J. McLin, Jr., Scholarship Fund**  
Aaron Woodruff  
Norah Ndabambalire

**Doris H. Wilson Scholarship Fund**  
Sydney Wilson

**Deloris L. Winslow Scholarship Endowment Fund**  
Ja'Niece Thomas



**"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."**

– Langston Hughes



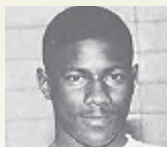
# Previously Established Scholarship Funds of the African-American Community Fund

Scholarship Funds provide an opportunity for individuals, families or organizations to provide 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 is available to assist donors with this process.



## Wahid Abdullah Memorial Fund, founded by Jim Bucher

1977 - 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.

## Marquette D. Colbert/Colbert Family Health Scholarship Fund

2018 - 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.

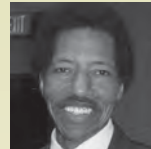
## Pearl A. Dale and Audrey Parker Scholarship Fund

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 Youth Scholarship Fund

2017 - 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.



## 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 Boonshoft 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 was a World War II veteran and one of the area's first Black certified public accountants.



## 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 U.S. Navy.

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

2006 - affords Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps 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.

## 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.

## Knights of St. Peter Claver - Northern District Scholarship Fund

1995 - assists African-American students from the Northern District States in attaining further studies at a Catholic high school and/or at an accredited institution of higher learning. The fund founders are the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver, established in 1909 as a fraternity for blacks who were barred from membership in the Knights of Columbus.

## William A. Lumpkin Endowed Scholarship

2019 - helps an African-American student, who has demonstrated leadership and academic success and is graduating from Dayton Public or Trotwood Madison schools, attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

## 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.

### **Charles and Pat Meadows Scholarship Fund**

2021 - assists students from Dayton Public, Jefferson Township or Trotwood Public schools in continuing their education. This fund honors the memories of the donors, who were strong proponents of education and believed it was the key to success for underrepresented students.

### **Paul R. and Frieda M. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund**

2008 - awards scholarships to African-American Dayton Public Schools 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.

### **NAAIA J.L. 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 in honor of its founder, Jerald L. Tillman, a longtime Dayton and Cincinnati insurance professional.

### **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.

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

2006 - awards 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 attended 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, where he was 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. The late Dr. Estus Smith was an emeritus member of The Dayton 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.



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

1990 - pays tribute to this son of Dayton 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.

### **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. Dr. Warrick Barrett established the fund in honor of his grandparents, both of whom were educators



and members of the Wilberforce Class of 1908.

### **Herman and Nancy Williams Scholarship Endowment Fund**

1991 - awards college scholarships to members of the Dixon United Methodist Church and Church of Christ. Nancy C. Williams is a retired educator, and her husband, Herman, was a retired chief master sergeant with the United States 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 the late 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 Scholarship**

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.



**"What's the world for if you can't make it up the way you want it?"**

– Toni Morrison



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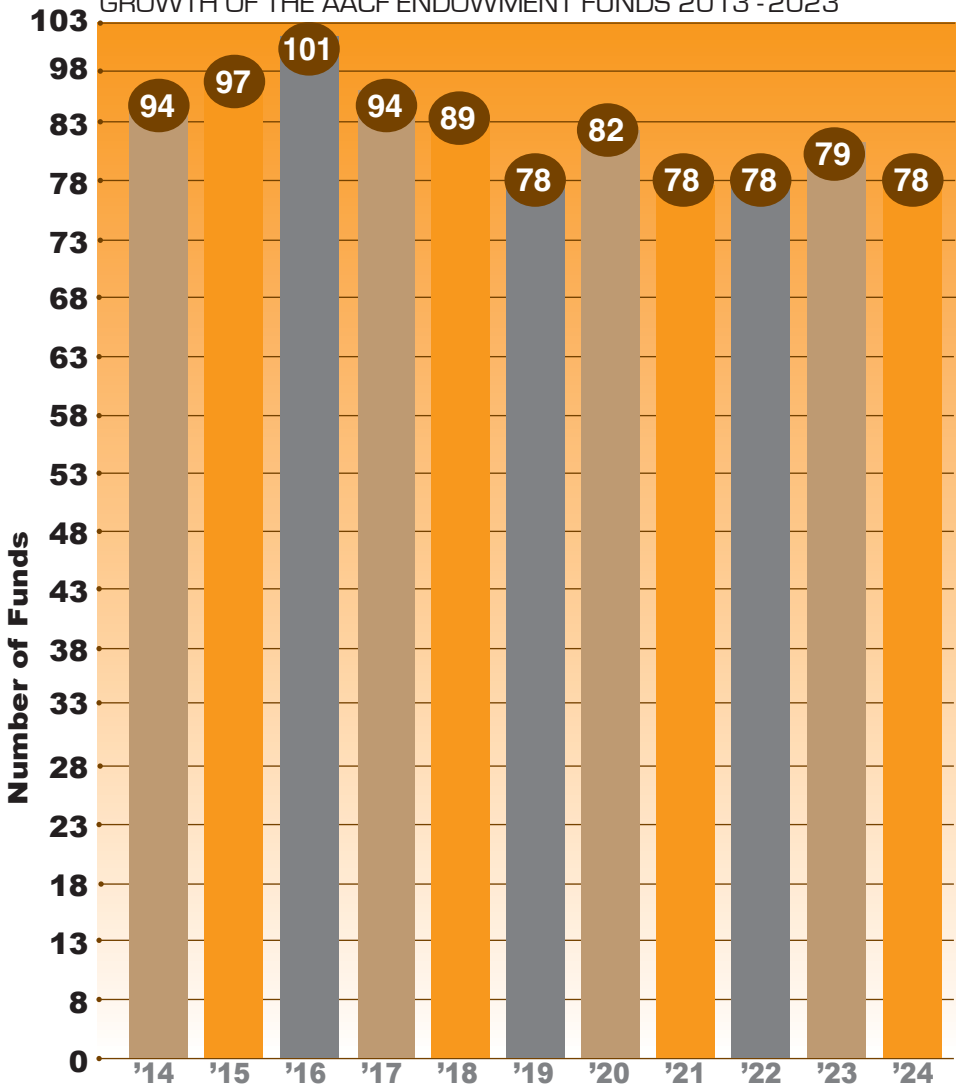
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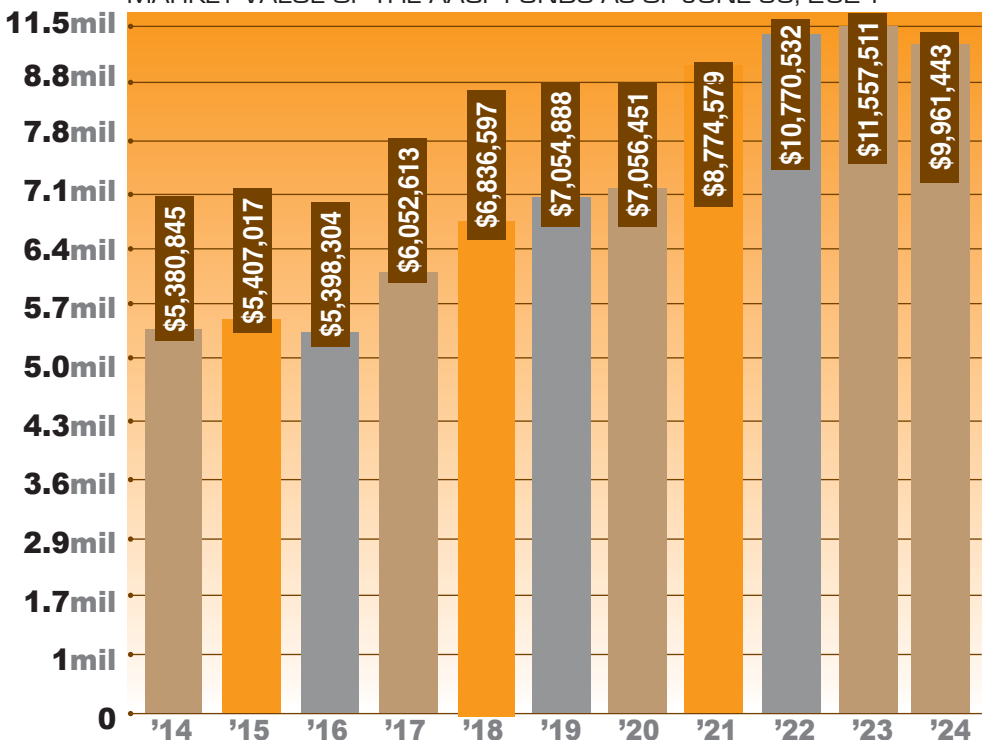
GROWTH OF THE AACF ENDOWMENT FUNDS 2013 - 2023

**FUND GROWTH**



MARKET VALUE OF THE AACF FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

**ASSET GROWTH**



# Grants in Action

Each year the African-American Community Fund awards discretionary grants to deserving nonprofits in the Dayton Region. With the changing needs in our community, individuals who dedicate their dollars to the unrestricted fund allow us to award discretionary grants. The AACF Grants Committee is committed to being good stewards of our donors' funds. For the 2023 grant cycle, the AACF issued seven discretionary grants in the amount of \$11,500. The following discretionary grants were awarded through AACF to meet the needs of the community. See how these grants are making an impact.

- Breast Wishes Foundation
- Daybreak
- LifeCare Alliance
- Omega Community Development Corporation
- ThinkTV
- Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio - Miami Valley Urban League
- YMCA of Greater Dayton

## Applying

The African-American Community Fund issues discretionary grants annually with the initial process beginning each year in June. A press release is sent to various media outlets, as well as former grant applicants/recipients and other organizations that may be interested. Grants applications are due each year on September 30.

A video session detailing how to apply is provided for those interested in learning more about the AACF's application process. To watch the session or for questions, visit our website at [aacfdayton.org](http://aacfdayton.org) or email [aacf@daytonfoundation.org](mailto:aacf@daytonfoundation.org).



### Breast Wishes Foundation - Wishes of Joy for African-American Breast Cancer Survivors

- Granted \$1,500

Thanks to AACF's grant, Breast Wishes Foundation granted more wishes to provide encouragement for African-American women going through cancer treatment.



### Daybreak Dayton - Parenting Program

- Granted \$1,000

AACF's grant assisted Daybreak Dayton with program expenses for Daybreak's parenting program. The program provides homeless youth who are pregnant or have children with emergency resources, education and support so they can have healthy pregnancies and positive relationships with their children.

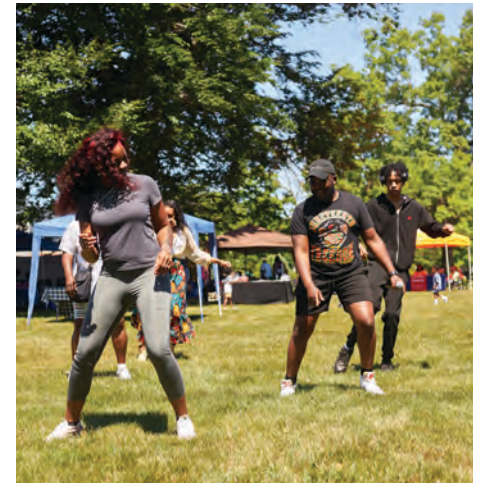


### LifeCare Alliance - Diabetes Dayton Wellness & Diabetes Expo

- Granted \$1,000

AACF's grant supported LifeCare Alliance in providing critically needed

diabetes education, screenings and resources to individuals in the Greater Dayton region through the organization's Diabetes Dayton Wellness & Diabetes Expo.



### Omega Community Development Corporation (Omega CDC) - Hope Farmers' Market

- Granted \$1,000

AACF's grant supported Omega CDC with its initiative to develop the Hope Zone Farmers' Market and unite BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) farmers, small businesses, community resources and Hope Zone residents to provide essential resources, such as fresh food and community support.



### ThinkTV - Bing Davis Documentary

- Granted \$1,000

AACF's grant assisted ThinkTV in celebrating Bing Davis's contributions to the arts community and promoting awareness and appreciation of African-American art and culture through the Reach High & Reach Back documentary.



**Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio - Miami Valley Urban League Client Transportation Fund**

- Granted \$1,000

Thanks to AACF's grant, Miami Valley Urban League provided transportation assistance to individuals who participate in the organization's workforce

development and self-sufficiency programs.



**YMCA of Greater Dayton - Safety Around Water Program & Swim Lessons**

- Granted \$5,000

AACF's grant assisted the YMCA of Greater Dayton in providing scholarships for children in the Northwest Dayton community to receive swim lessons at the Salem Avenue YMCA.

Sponsorships:

Additionally, the African-American Community Fund supported the following events and initiatives in fiscal year 2024.



**Dance Stomp Shake Showcase/ Competition and Workshop**

- Assisted the Dance Stomp Shake Showcase organizers in providing tickets for students unable to afford an entry into the show. Additionally, funds helped secure the showcase's leading act.



**Co-op Dayton - Makerspace Skill-Builder Workshops**

- Assisted Co-op Dayton in launching Westside Makerspace's Skill-Builder Workshops, which empowers residents of West Dayton with vital skills and entrepreneurship support.

**• Daybreak Dayton - Parenting Program**

"In 2024, Daybreak established the Healthy Relationships group for Daybreak youth, the Parenting Pantry, a lactation room, and other programming, supports and resources. Our Parenting Pantry remains an invaluable resource to Miami Valley's homeless youth and is well stocked with everything that pregnant and/or parenting youth need to care for their young families."

- Daybreak Dayton Staff

**• Omega Community Development Corporation (Omega CDC) - Hope Farmers' Market**

"Funds from the African-American Community Fund were used to hire a DJ and line dance instructor, purchase tables and chairs, and fund three, live cooking demos focused on preparing fresh vegetables, while also offering an hour and a half of line dancing to keep attendees engaged. The AACF played a crucial role in making a community-led strategic initiative possible."

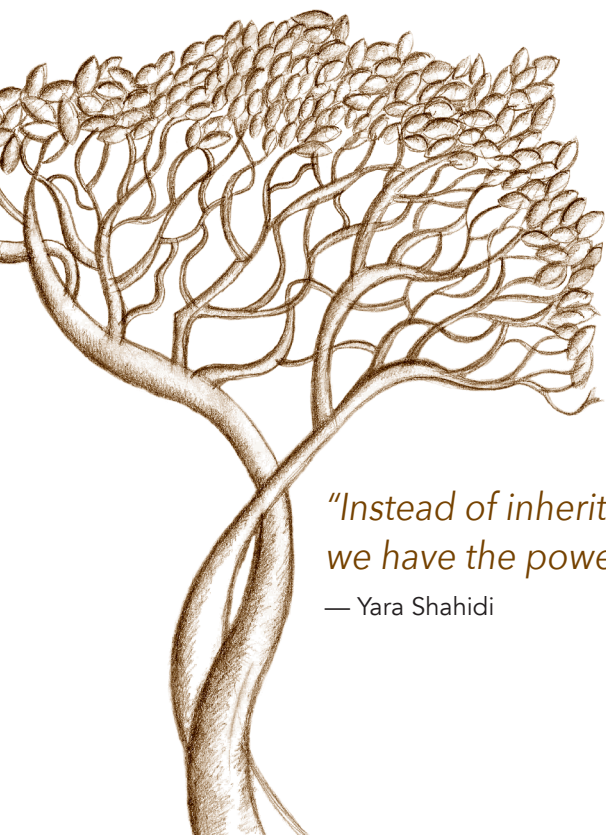
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