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October 31, 2023

Dayton Development Coalition 1401 S. Main St. Dayton, OH 45409

Dear Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee:

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.

Mayor, City of Dayton



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Deborah A. Lieberman Commission President Judy Dodge

Carolyn Rice Commissioner November 1, 2023

Regarding: The East End* Whole Family Service Hub

To whom it may concern:

The University of Dayton enthusiastically supports the East End Whole Family Service Hub facility expansion, which will renovate three buildings and add a one-story addition to one of the buildings, all on Xenia Ave. A new garage to house the East End van and an additional parking lot are also part of this project. The renovation of the largest building at 624 Xenia Ave. will add 5,500 square feet by adding a second floor, and a one-story addition of 2,000 sq. ft, will be added to the northeast corner of this building. Additionally, East End owns two buildings at 614 and 700 Xenia Ave. and these buildings will be renovated for an additional 4,500 sq. ft. The renovated and new spaces will give East End approximately 22,000 sq.ft. for staff and service partners, bringing comprehensive wrap around services to the community. The total project budget is approximately \$5.9M.

Completion of the project will greatly enhance East End's efforts toward two-generation poverty reduction, consonant with the UD's mission and longstanding involvement with East End and in the Dayton Community. UD students, staff, and faculty have worked with East End to improve academic social and emotional outcomes for children; help adults become workforce-ready; assist low-income seniors to make ends meet; and link people struggling with substance abuse to treatment and post-recovery support. UD also continues to partner with East End on initiatives related to healthy food, nutritious cooking, dietetics, and construction of over 80 backyard gardens.

The East End Whole Family Service Hub will also kick-start *Twin Towers Tomorrow*, the revitalization plan for Xenia Avenue and the Twin Towers neighborhood. Completion of the East End Hub will be a driving force for a new gateway on Xenia Avenue, improvement of existing office and retail spaces, development of affordable housing, blight removal, home weatherization programs, and food sustainability projects throughout the neighborhood.

Should you have question, please contact the university's Government Relations Director, S. Ted Bucaro at 937-266-3087 or via email at sbucaro1@udayton.edu. I urge your serious consideration of this project important to not only the East End neighborhood, but the greater Dayton Region.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric F. Spina President

* Known historically and locally as East End Community Services, it is now officially WestCare Ohio.



November 1, 2023

To: PDAC Hospital, Health Care and Human Services Committee

Learn to Earn Dayton convenes the Montgomery County Two-Generation Collaborative, a coalition of community-rooted organizations that provide whole-family services and coaching focused on breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. WestCare Ohio, dba East End Community Services, has been an active member of the Collaborative, and have begun to transform their work from program-specific outcomes to a system of care and support that enables historically marginalized and under resourced families to progress toward economic mobility, family stability, and strong academic, social and emotional outcomes for children.

East End has embraced partner agencies in service to this goal, but their current building is badly deteriorated and cramped, inhibiting the delivery of services and acceleration of impact for more families living in inner east Dayton.

We wholeheartedly support the Expansion and Renovation Project East End is undertaking. We understand that the total project cost is \$5.9M and East End has raised \$5M in the past two years, bringing completion of the project within reach. With their request for a priority ranking from the PDAC committee, East End will be far more competitive when applying for State of Ohio Community Investment Funds that are expected to be released next Spring.

I urge you to favorably consider WestCare Ohio/East End Community Services Expansion Project as a priority.

Stacy Wall Schweikhart, CEO Learn to Earn Dayton

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October 30, 2023

Subject: Support for WestCare Ohio/East End Community Services Facilities Expansion Project – East End Family Services HUB

As the Former Chair of Learn to Earn Dayton's Committee on Place-Based Two-Generation Approach and having consulted with East End Community Services for the past 20 years to improve its service to East Dayton, I whole heartedly support East End's efforts to transform their program-focused work into a whole family-centered approach to lifting families out of generational poverty. I have focused much of my scholarship and community leadership work on the issues faced by opportunity-poor neighborhoods (aka high poverty neighborhoods), and I believe East End's approach has significant potential to break the cycle of Generational Poverty. East End Community Services is one of the Backbone Organizations of our Place-Based Two-Generation efforts.

The prerequisite for East End's transformational approach is the need for a renovated building that has adequate space, safety and a family-friendly environment to provide more services, and to add partners such as Sinclair CC to help improve adult workforce credentials.

I strongly endorse East End's proposal to expand and renovate its facilities. The expansion is critical for delivering integrated Whole Family services to the East End Neighborhoods.

I urge you to give priority to this important project so East End can apply with confidence for a new State of Ohio Community Investment Fund to close the remaining funding gap.

Sincerely yours,

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Bro. Raymond Fitz, S.M. Ph.D. President Emeritus

University of Dayton



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To Whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Twin Towers Neighborhood Association, I am pleased to support the proposal submitted by WestCare Ohio (aka East End Community Services) for City of Dayton ARPA funding.

This proposal was developed in consultation with the Neighborhood Association and reflects our organization's priorities for redevelopment efforts on Xenia Avenue, and for meeting the human service needs of the community. If this proposal is funded, it will surely catalyze the transformational change that our community has dreamed about for years. It will allow us to demonstrate that a diverse, working-class community can help lift our families out of poverty and can break the cycle of multi-generational poverty.

East End Community Services desperately needs a new facility. The current building is badly deteriorated and too small for East End to add additional services needed by the community, especially health services and workforce training. The proposed Family Services Hub will add an architecturally attractive building to the Xenia commercial strip – that will encourage other beautification efforts that are part of the City's urban design plan.

In addition, the community desperately need more affordable housing and small business development, along with gathering spaces for our neighbors to come together for mutual support and to facilitate community engagement in improving the neighborhood. This proposal addresses all of those desired outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative for the Twin Towers Neighborhood.

Leslie E. Sheward TTNA President

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