



November 2, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Letter of Support, Boys & Girls Club of Dayton | Dayton, Ohio
West Dayton Youth Workforce Center project

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The purpose of the project is to provide teens with the safe spaces, career awareness opportunities and academic and skill support as well as to access prosocial activities in the community. By creating the separate community access to the renovated gym and meeting spaces, the Club will be able to open those spaces up to the greater DeSoto Bass/Miami Chapel neighborhood.

The Club project is part of the Renew Miami Chapel Transformation Plan and is in an approved Opportunity Zone and is located in the 45417-zip code which is identified in the Montgomery County Community Health Assessment as the most health challenged area.

The Boys & Girls Club of Dayton programming is evidenced-based and provides opportunity for young people in a Dayton zip code that is not only one of the poorest, but has well over 60% of children living in poverty.

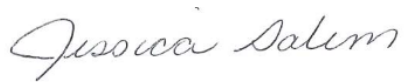
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The renovation of the Club is key to the economic vitality of this community and will make a big statement to the residents of this neighborhood who are worth the investment. We all work to help and protect those who are most vulnerable, I urge you to give strong consideration to the Boys & Girls Club's application.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Salem
Executive Director
Center for Health Equity

Cc: Crystal Allen, Boys & Girls Club



November 1, 2023

Re: Letter of Support, Boys & Girls Club of Dayton - Dayton, Ohio
Miami Chapel Inspire Zone Youth Workforce Center

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of CityWide Development Corporation, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton's application for the Miami Chapel Inspire Zone Youth Workforce Center Project. For the last seven years, CityWide's community development team has worked in six West Dayton neighborhoods including Miami Chapel. Through our community engagement work with families, we know the importance of the Boys and Girls Club and what this new project will bring to their neighborhood.

The Miami Chapel neighborhood in Dayton where the Club is located, is one of the poorest city neighborhoods with more than 60% of children living in poverty. Many of these children are living in DeSoto Bass, Dayton's oldest public housing complex in a neighborhood impacted by loss of jobs, amenities, and long-term disinvestment. Through our work with Greater Dayton Premier Management on the Choice neighborhood planning grant we are acutely aware of the challenges these children and families face. Given the disproportionate impact COVID 19 had on communities of color, in particular the interruption in school learning, this new program is desperately needed to help children close educational gaps and be prepared for future employment opportunities.

The goal of this Project is to provide facility enhancements and new community access to the club to best deliver evidence-based educational, workforce training and academic services. These funds would allow for adding an ADA accessible entrance enabling community members to access the space directly and safely, while allowing for large format training, events, recreational uses, and community-driven programming.

The renovation of the Club is key to the success of West Dayton youth and the economic vitality of this community. I urge you to give strong consideration of the Boys & Girls Club's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen DeMasi".

Karen DeMasi
Senior Vice-President



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October 31, 2023

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Jennifer N. Heapy
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Crystal Allen, Boys & Girls Club of Dayton

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Miami Chapel Inspire Zone

The Miami Chapel Inspire Zone is a collaborative project in partnership with Dayton Children's Hospital, the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton and Sunlight Village with expertise and support from CityWide and Greater Dayton Premier Management. The effort is targeted at bringing access to opportunities for families and youth in the Miami Chapel Neighborhood. Dayton's primarily-Black Westside neighborhoods—most notably zip code 45417—suffer from a lack of access to many basic necessities, particularly affordable healthy food, primary care for children and youth workforce development services.

The Inspire Zone Collaborative is focused on bringing access to primary care, prevention, and mental health care; access to affordable, healthy food; and access to youth development and workforce training services, all designed to give underserved moms, children and teens in this area of west Dayton a path to health, wellbeing and success. This partnership provides an innovative solution that best meets the needs of families in West Dayton

Goals:

- Create opportunities for moms, children and teens by increasing local access to health care in a historically underserved area that will strengthen the health and wellbeing of families. This will connect families to health care for preventative services and make sure the community has the acute/on-demand services they need. By providing the right services, Dayton Children's hopes to reduce emergency department visits. Ultimately, access to the right services means better health for kids in a more cost-effective setting.
- Grow talent, skills and opportunities for teens and families to add to the community economic base.
- Improve access to healthy and affordable food, including fresh produce.

Total Request:

\$10.2 million to construct and support the Dayton Children's Health Care facility, the Healthy Family Market and the Youth Development Center – all located together, in this west Dayton neighborhood

Project Overview:

Once a vibrant and thriving African American working-class community, the Miami Chapel neighborhood is located in southwest Dayton, with easy access off US35/I-75.

Approximately 70% of households in the neighborhood are led by single women and 46% of all households have children under the age of six (almost 80% of households with young children are headed by single mothers). Residents of these zip codes have some of our state's poorest health outcomes and few healthy resources. West Dayton has become a health care desert, a STEM Education desert and a food desert in recent decades. This project addresses this trifecta.





The Miami Chapel neighborhood is also home to Dayton's largest remaining public housing site, Desoto Bass Courts, built in 1942. A lack of access to regular primary care and prevention services and the scarcity of healthy food perpetuates poor health outcomes in these low-income Black communities, including high rates of obesity, malnutrition, diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease, as well as higher than average rates of infant mortality. With rates of food insecurity now more than 30% above the national average, this area is at the top of the spear for Dayton as a whole.

However, with the adoption of the Renew Miami Chapel Plan in 2018, the area is starting to see some investment. Significant projects include an \$18M investment by local company Economy Linen, which brought 80 new jobs to the community; and \$30M in new housing investments which will create 100 units of family housing over the next three years. This part of Dayton is beginning to see a renaissance, making it a great opportunity to invest and build health and wellness services and youth development training/programs.

Along this same corridor, the key partners are focused on bringing new and improved services to families, children and youth. Sunlight Village, Dayton Children's Hospital and the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton are proposing a transformational collaborative to add services and vibrancy to this west Dayton area.

Collaborative Elements

Health Care and Prevention Services

Many of the youth currently do not have regular access to a health care provider, dentist, or mental health service provider. Dayton Children's plans to build a 3000 sq. ft. acute care facility to increase access to health care services in a historically underserved area. By providing the right services, we hope to reduce emergency department visits, connect families to primary care for preventative services and make sure the community has the acute/on-demand services they need which currently do not exist in this vicinity. Services may include on-demand care (urgent care) for acute illnesses, lab draw and x-ray imaging; basic prescriptions and over-the-counter medications, vaccine clinics, sports physicals, behavioral health, telehealth, asthma support, social needs screening, and dentistry.

Healthy Food

The Healthy Family Market ("HFM") will provide the inner-city, West Dayton community, specifically low-income women and young children, with convenient access to nutritious, affordable, fresh, high-quality foods and products that support health and wellness. Based on a proven model that has worked well in other communities, the HFM will focus on selling WIC-friendly items and offer a pharmacy-style shopping experience that will enable customers to place an order online for pickup, or with a cashier, after which the HFM team will shop for them while they access health information and enjoy the child-friendly lobby. The HFM will accept SNAP EBT food stamp credits, debit cards, and most notably payment via the federal government's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), which assists low income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, infants and children up to age five buy formula, baby and other supplemental foods, and fresh produce while accessing health care referrals and nutrition education.



The pharmacy-style market will enable HFM to better serve single parents and those navigating WIC and SNAP to ensure their credits can be applied to purchases. The Market will offer a safe, family- and community-friendly environment.

The site has been secured on the Germantown Street thoroughfare, across from Desoto Bass Courts, next to the future Dayton Children's facility and within two blocks of the Boys & Girls Club. In addition to the 3,500 square foot market, HFM will also include an adjacent 1,500 square foot community coffee and smoothie shop. The shop is designed to improve the overall wellness of the community by offering a community space for mental health support groups, food demonstrations, and community discussions, along with preventative and restorative health education programs and job opportunities.

Youth Development Programming

The Youth Workforce Development Center will be located on the campus of the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton, on Stewart Street, across from the DeSoto Bass Housing project and within blocks of the proposed Dayton Children's and Sunlight Villages Healthy Market facility. The Center will provide education, supports and the technology needed for training and development.

The programming is designed to use art and technology to engage youth in learning and career development, nurture leadership, build integrity and help their community. Currently 113 teens are enrolled but facility limitations result in lower participation and options as the teens are confined in a small room. The renovated space will convert the old indoor pool and locker room into a technology enabled space, adding a separate ADA compliant entrance, and facilities.

This will allow teens to have access to learn valuable skills that will prepare them for life after high school. Through an evidence-informed approach to workforce readiness, we will put holistic skill development and career exposure at the forefront of each Club member's experience. The goal is to provide all youth with the knowledge, skills, and learning experiences they need to succeed and ensures they graduate from high school with a viable plan; enrolled in college or trade school, enlisted in the military, or gainfully employed in an in-demand field. Students will experience Immersion Tours that allow middle and high school students to interact with local businesses in high-growth industries, like advanced manufacturing, aviation, and health care. Youth experience specific career paths and learn about what is available in their communities so our workforce continues to grow.

Impact

The objective is to improve outcomes for underserved youth and families impacted the most by the pandemic and already facing a myriad of negative social determinants; to increase the impact of programs and program hours by improving the spaces and adding the technology that attracts at risk youth and teens; and build community capacity to implement and deploy critical programming and services to specific community needs; and by community access to support services (mental health, food security, recreation and education etc.); as well as increase the neighborhood amenities.

This collaborative builds new connections and services for those facing the greatest risks and who are at greatest need, pregnant moms, children and teens.



The Inspire Zone Collaborative creates a corridor of housing, health care, education and support. It makes new capital investments in an area that has seen decades of disinvestment that will catalyze additional investment.

- Dayton Children's facility will increase access to acute care for patient families in this neighborhood. We have been listening to community members about their specific medical needs including access for sick appointments, sports injuries and behavioral health. We have also been gathering information on how best to deliver care in this neighborhood including hours of operation and will engage the community in the exact service offerings.
- Through the Youth Development Center teens will have access to academic support and the opportunity to identify a career path that ensures they graduate from high school with a viable plan; enrolled in college or trade school, enlisted in the military, or gainfully employed in an in-demand field.
- With the Healthy Market, families will have access to nutritious, affordable, fresh, high-quality foods and products that support health and wellness. The concept for the HFM also provides onsite workforce development opportunities for community youth and young adults so they can gain the exposure and soft skills needed to be successful in any labor market.

Partnering Organizations:

Dayton Children's Hospital

One of only 31 independent freestanding children's hospitals in the country, Dayton Children's is the region's only medical facility dedicated to children. Accredited by The Joint Commission and serving 20 Ohio counties and eastern Indiana, the experts at Dayton Children's care for more than 320,000 children each year. Consistently recognized as one of the country's best and most cost-effective pediatric hospitals, Dayton Children's is home to the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics and together with the United States Air Force shares the nation's only civilian-military integrated pediatric training program. For more children's health and safety information, visit our website at www.childrensdayton.org.

Boys & Girls Club of Dayton

For more than 60 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton (BGCD) has been an anchor and oasis with a mission focused on providing a safe and nurturing environment for young people to learn, grow and thrive. Our mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential on their journey to become caring and responsible citizens. Our **vision** is to see that every child within our reach has access to a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within their reach – with the academic support they need, on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle. Each year, nearly 500 youth enter our Blue Doors where they are provided access to life changing opportunities. Many of our youth refer to the Club as a “home away from home,” where they can connect with their peers, receive, and feel support from positive caring adults, and simply “be a kid.”

Sunlight Village, Inc.

Sunlight Village, Inc., a faith based non-profit corporation, providing mental health and support services throughout Montgomery County, Dayton, Ohio since 2008. Sunlight Village is focused on supporting the mental health and overall wellbeing of our youth, young adults and families in



our most underserved communities of West Dayton. Sunlight Village provides comprehensive programs and services such as the Connections for Success Youth Leadership Program which is provided in partnership with Montgomery County Juvenile Courts and Probation, as well as community, youth and care giver support groups, trainings, parenting programs and resource connections. All programs and services are focused on addressing the root causes of mental health issues and the barriers to care for anxiety, depression, fear, guilt, loss, trauma and other mental health concerns these communities are facing. Sunlight Village, Inc. is taking a holistic and collaborative approach to establish a culturally competent model that is family friendly with appropriate mental health education, awareness, community connections and advocacy targeting underserved children, youth, young adults and their families.

CityWide Development Corporation

Since 1972, CityWide has served as a non-profit organization with a mission to strengthen Dayton through strategic economic and community development. CityWide develops programs and services to address Dayton's need for economic growth & viable, attractive neighborhoods. For many years, its core services have focused on providing gap financing to attract and expand business development in the region; support development of large-scale neighborhood revitalization efforts; and engage in catalytic real estate development. CityWide achieves its mission through three major program areas: Economic Development, Community Development and Revitalization, and Downtown Real Estate Development. Visit citywidedev.com to learn more.

Greater Dayton Premier Management

Greater Dayton Premier Management is Montgomery County's largest landlord. We manage more than 2,700 units, administer more than 4,000 Housing Choice Vouchers, and serve more than 16,000 individuals annually. More than 7,000 families gain stability every year through our affordable housing solutions. As a result, these individuals and families can focus on improving their economic and health outcomes.

In 2016, we became one of only two housing authorities nationwide to be awarded two significant, competitive HUD grants exceeding \$3.8 million. Those grants fund our Jobs Plus and Choice Neighborhoods programs. And in 2018, we received the green light from HUD to substantially overhaul all of our properties through the Renovation Assistance Demonstration program. This project alone will amount to more than \$500 million in construction work over a decade.

We are a political subdivision of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Our main funding stream comes from HUD.