



Greater Dayton Premier Management

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October 28, 2019

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The Dayton team intends to seek \$30 million dollars of Choice Implementation funding. The program is highly competitive and success is dependent upon significant private and public leveraged funding. Support from the State Capital Budget Funding is necessary to ensure BGCD's continued contribution to a community with at-risk children and families. In addition to stabilizing an essential community anchor, there is also opportunity to leverage significant funding through HUD's Choice Implementation Program. Please consider providing capital funding to preserve the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton.

Sincerely,

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October 25, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Center for Community Health and Advocacy at Dayton Children's Hospital, we write this letter in support of the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton's (BGCD) application for \$2.5 million in State Capital Budget Funding. For more than 50 years, the BGCD has been an anchor and oasis in west Dayton focused on inspiring, developing, and helping young to reach their full potential. Today the BGCD provides programs and services to approximately 300 members including on site, summer, and after school programs. Programs encompass a wide variety of educational, citizenship and health related activities, including: life skills development and substance and violence abuse prevention programs; health and fitness programs; literacy activities, including tutoring and homework help; computer workshops, music and sports. Programs for teens emphasize educational attainment, leadership training, prevention of substance abuse, and community service. Research shows that Club kids consistently outperform their peers when it comes to school achievement, healthy choices and behaviors, and civic engagement.

The Dayton Club is located in one of the most resource-constrained neighborhoods in west Dayton. In the neighborhood surrounding the Club, there are approximately 3200 kids ages 5 to 17. These kids are among our city's poorest, and the risk factors facing these children are significant:

- *Learn to Earn Know the Gap Close the Gap* report demonstrates that these children face a widening achievement gap when compared to their peers
- 43% of the adult residents in the neighborhood have no high school diploma
- 17% of the houses are vacant
- Ohio Housing Finance Agency indicates that every street adjacent to and within a three-mile radius of the BGCD is a HUD designated target street or an economically distressed street
- 90% of the children are living in a single parent household
- 80% of the children receive free and reduced lunch

The BGCD facility, built in 1960, is inefficient and badly in need of repair and renovation. These issues have resulted in underutilized/dormant programming spaces, and have led to several programming spaces being closed, while incurring repeated maintenance costs to deal with the damage. Based on input from Board members, staff, parents, and partner organizations and with guidance from the local construction, architectural and engineering firms, a new facilities plan has been developed. This plan to create a 21st Century Boys & Girls Club calls for renovating and enhancing the facility and grounds with a technology and digital inclusion focus to include program spaces, indoor and outdoor recreational and learning spaces, and creating spaces that can enhance educational programming and experiential learning and that could also be shared by the community. The total cost for this transformational renovation and enhancement of this neighborhood anchor project is \$5,141,000. The project is in an approved Opportunity Zone and is located in one of the most health challenged neighborhoods as identified by the Montgomery County Community Health Assessment.

In a recent member survey, the Dayton Club satisfaction was above the national average for Boys and Girls Clubs. However, when asked about the facilities or "club experience", the Dayton scores were well below. These renovations would enable all programming spaces to be safe, fully operational, efficient, and state of the art. The Club is an asset to the west Dayton community that is undeniable.

We know children living in poverty with exposure to drugs, violence, and other neighborhood disinvestment need safe places with caring adults to support and mentor them. As we all work to help and protect those who are most vulnerable, we urge you to give strong consideration to the Boys & Girls Club's application.

Sincerely,



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Chief Medical Community Health Officer
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Jessica Saunders, MPA
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October 28, 2019

OhioMHAS
Director Plouck
30 East Broad Street
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Dear Director Plouck:

On behalf of CityWide Development Corporation, this letter is written in support of the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton's (BGCD) application for \$2.5 million in State Capital Budget Funding. The BGCD is an important anchor to West Dayton and provides vital services to low income children. The Club is the only major institution in this part of Dayton where over 3000 children are living in poverty.

The BGCD has been a vital partner to CityWide's community development work in West Dayton through the Choice neighborhood program. The BGCD partnered with us on a variety of projects to engage the community including: the development of a community garden with residents of nearby DeSoto Bass public housing; youth dialogues with the Dayton Police Department to improve police and youth relationships; and community social events designed to build friendship and share resources. Through this community organizing and planning effort, over 500 citizens were engaged to develop a revitalization plan to improve their neighborhoods.

In 2018, the *Renew Miami Chapel Plan* was adopted by the Dayton City Commission and HUD. As we work to implement the community plan a key goal is to expand youth programming and the Boys and Girls Club is a likely partner to this effort. However, they face many challenges with their facility. The BGCD facility, built in 1960, is inefficient and badly in need of repair and renovation. These issues have resulted in underutilized/dormant programming spaces, and has led to several programming spaces being closed, while incurring repeated maintenance costs to deal with the damage.

Board Members of the Club, staff, parents and partner organizations with guidance from local construction, architectural and engineering firms, have created a new facilities plan. This plan, to create a 21st Century Boys & Girls Club, calls for renovating and enhancing the facility and grounds with a technology and digital inclusion focus to include program spaces, indoor and outdoor recreational and learning spaces, which will enhance educational programming and experiential learning for club members and the larger community. West Dayton needs this vital resource.

We urge your support of the Boys and Girls Club request for funds and are ready to assist them in strengthening their partnerships with families in Greater Miami Chapel neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



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Vice-President

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Director Mark Hurst
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Dear Director Hurst,

It is with great pleasure I write this letter in support of such a worthy cause – the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton’s application for Community Resiliency Project Funding.

The goal of the Community Resiliency Project could not more perfectly align with the mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton. Through the Club’s “Formula for Impact”, their vision and past accomplishments provides hard evidence to match the spirit of the Community Resiliency Project. Research shows that Club kids consistently outperform their peers when it comes to school achievement, healthy choices and behaviors and civic engagement.

The purpose of the project is to enhance healthy programming spaces for middle and high school age youth to access prosocial activities in the community. The Club achieves this each day by providing kids with programs and opportunities that foster academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.

It is no secret that Montgomery County and the City of Dayton, specifically West Dayton where the Boys and Girls Club is located, have gone through more strain than ever before due to the opioid crisis. Unfortunately, Dayton is leading the state in unintended drug overdoses, which is why the City, County, and its community partners are looking at every resource available to us as we work to protect the next generation of Ohioans from this deadly disease.

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. In fact, the Club is located in one of the targeted in need zip codes in the Dayton Montgomery County Public Health's Community Health Improvement Plan. Ninety percent of Boys & Girls Club of Dayton members are living in a single parent household and over 80% of the children receive free and reduced lunch. The Community Resiliency Grant would go towards improving the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton's building and existing campus, which provides a safe, fun, and clean space within this neighborhood for these kids to grow and learn.

The Club is an asset to the Dayton community that is undeniable. As 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.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Shaw", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Commissioner Chris Shaw



Judy Dodge

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Director Mark Hurst
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Dear Director Hurst,

The resiliency running through the people of Montgomery County has been tried and tested in recent years. Between the growing opioid crisis and the strain poverty puts on a community, Montgomery County is constantly looking for strong partners that can help give the next generation a leg to stand on. The Boys and Girls Club of Dayton is a shining example of what it takes to give kids impacted by poverty and opioid addiction a chance at success.

This is why I'm asking you today to strongly considering the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton's application for funding through OhioMHAS's Community Resiliency Project.

The Club is a space where young men and women, mainly from the west side of Dayton, are able to learn, grow, and better themselves – despite odds being stacked against them. Of the 3169 kids living in The Club's immediate neighborhood, 60% of them live in poverty. Ninety percent of the Club's kids are living in a single parent household and 80% receive free or reduced lunch. These numbers do not take into account the financial and health impacts the opioid crisis has on the lives of these children.

These kids are facing daily challenges that no young person should ever have to experience. The Boys and Girls Club provides these kids with a space to grow, learn and explore that is safe and encourages happy and healthy life styles. It's a place that builds a more resilient generation.

I'm proud to support the Club's funding application, and encourage you to do the same.

Respectfully,


Commissioner Judy Dodge



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June 11, 2018

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Dear Director Plouck,

On behalf of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) of this letter is to support the efforts of the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton in seeking a grant from the Governor's Community Resiliency Initiative. Should their request be successful, we are ready assist them to ensure they meet the requirements for the funds set by the Ohio Department of Mental health and Addiction Services.

The Boys and Girls Club of Dayton is located in one of Dayton's most in need areas. In the west Dayton neighborhood surrounding Club, these children are our city's poorest and face incredible risk factors. This area was recently identified and submitted by Governor Kasich as one of Ohio's Opportunity Zone tracts and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency reports that every street adjacent Club is a HUD designated target street or an economically distressed street.

Yet for more than 50 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton has been an anchor and oasis in this area focused on providing a safe place for youth members to participate in programs designed to help them learn, grow and reach their full potential.

The Club's present facility was built in 1960 and has significant issues. A recent facility evaluation conducted in partnership by several local firms documented approximately \$4 million in needed renovations and repairs, including replacing the roof, correcting faulty plumbing, replacing the decades old boiler, adding air conditioning; renovating the gym and program spaces; refurbishing the outdoor recreational areas needed for health and safety programs.

National research demonstrates that Boys and Girls Club members consistently outperform their peers when it comes to school achievement, healthy choices and behaviors and civic engagement. In addition, the research show that more frequently Club attendance and attendance over a greater length of time makes young people more likely to achieve positive outcomes. The Club's current facility limitations

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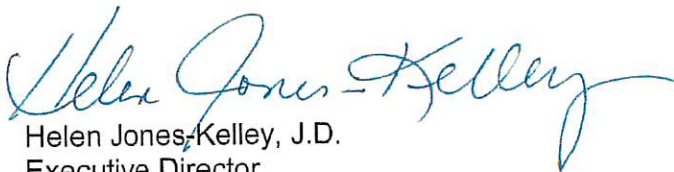
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negatively impacts their ability to expand membership and grow programming. By renovating the facility and updating the recreational areas the Club can implement their strategies to increase members, attendance, program participation and parent engagement in this neighborhood.

For these reasons we support the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton's funding request to renovate this facility in this neighborhood. Should their request be successful, we are also ready assist them to ensure they meet the requirements for the funds set by the Ohio Department of Mental health and Addiction Services.

Sincerely,



Helen Jones-Kelley, J.D.
Executive Director

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