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### **Community Committee Announced to Oversee Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund**

The Dayton Foundation has convened a diverse group of 16 volunteer community leaders who will serve as the Community Oversight Committee to oversee the disbursement of the Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund. In addition, five nonvoting, ex officio members are providing pro bono legal, auditing and other assistance.

Co-chairing the Committee are Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., Ph.D., former president of the University of Dayton, and Gary L. LeRoy, MD, FAAFP, associate dean for student affairs and admission at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians and former chair of The Dayton Foundation Governing Board.

Said Brother Fitz, “Foremost, we want to express our deepest condolences, compassion and prayers to the families whose loved ones were taken in this terrible tragedy and to the individuals who were physically injured. As the volunteer Community Oversight Committee for this compensation fund, we absolutely want to do what is in the best interest of these individuals while upholding the intent of the thousands of donors who have generously contributed to the fund for the benefit of others.”

Members of the Community Oversight Committee include:

- Pastor Renard Allen, St. Luke Baptist Church;
- Melodie Bennett, House of Bread;
- Honorable Erik Blaine, community volunteer;
- David Bowman, The Ohlmann Group;
- Doug Compton, Fifth Third Bank, Dayton Business Committee;
- Marva Cosby, Cosby Consulting and vice-chair of The Dayton Foundation Governing Board;
- Sarah Hackenbracht, Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association;
- Sandy Hunt, Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office;
- Helen Jones-Kelley, Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services for Montgomery County;
- Julio Mateo, 361 Interactive, LLC;
- Phil Parker, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce;
- Natalie Skilliter, Corner Kitchen;
- Rev. Joshua Ward, Omega Baptist Church; and



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- Carolyn Wright, Parity Inc.

Nonvoting, ex officio members providing pro bono assistance include: Chuck Craft, Flagel Huber Flagel; Tyler Small, Montgomery County Administrator's Office; Joe Oehlers, Bieser, Greer & Landis; Cory Paul, American Red Cross of Dayton; and, Erin Ritter, City of Dayton, City Manager's Office.

“Our community is grieving, and we’re doing our due diligence to be sure that these heartfelt contributions are distributed in an equitable, transparent and timely manner,” Gary L. LeRoy, M.D. said. “We’re consulting with national experts and community foundation leadership who have experienced similar mass tragedies to help provide guidance as we work through this process.”

In the coming weeks, the Community Oversight Committee will draft the protocol for how the accumulated charitable funds will be distributed to the victims of the Oregon District tragedy. The public will be invited to review the draft and provide input at a date to be announced.

To date, nearly 4,300 individual gifts totaling just under \$1.3 million in donations have been received to the fund. Additional pledges and contributions will be added as they arrive until the fund closes.

Said Dayton Foundation President Michael M. Parks, “While the fund will not heal the pain nor cover the costs or hardships of the individuals impacted, it is a small way that charitably-minded people can help. We sincerely thank these dedicated community leaders for serving on the Oversight Committee and for volunteering their time and expertise to ensure an open and fair process.”

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### **About the Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund**

Immediately following the Oregon District mass shooting that occurred on August 4, 2019, the Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund was established by The Dayton Foundation to accept charitable donations with the intent that the money raised would assist the victims who were physically injured and the families of the victims whose lives were taken.

Donations to the fund may be made online at [www.daytonfoundation.org/oregontragedy](http://www.daytonfoundation.org/oregontragedy), by texting DAYTON to 20222 for a one-time \$10 donation, or by sending a check to The Dayton Foundation (please note the new address) 1401 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Dayton, OH 45409.

“Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund” should be designated on the check or in the credit card form’s fund name field. The Dayton Foundation is waiving all administrative fees and paying all credit card processing fees for donations to the fund.

### **About The Dayton Foundation**

The Dayton Foundation is the regional community foundation for Greater Dayton. Since its establishment in 1921, the Foundation has helped people to help others, managing more than 3,700 charitable funds that have provided more than \$920 million in grants to nonprofits locally and nationwide. Ranked among the top 5 percent of all community foundations in the nation for total assets, The Dayton Foundation is second among them in the number of charitable funds and third in the number of grants awarded. More information about The Dayton Foundation is available at [www.daytonfoundation.org](http://www.daytonfoundation.org) or follow the Foundation on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn.