PEACE DAYton

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

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OUR 2030 VISION

The Miami Valley has a long history of making progress toward greater safety, prosperity, and quality of life for each and every citizen. The world became aware of Dayton's strong connection to peace through the negotiations in 1995 at the Hope Hotel at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, which helped end the ethnic conflict in former Yugoslavia. With that legacy, it comes as no surprise that Dayton is full of organizations that work for peace.

One of those groups is International Cities of Peace, which began here in 2009. In 2017, it was granted Special Consultative Status by ECOSOC, the U.N. council for NGOs. There are now nearly 200 cities of peace around the globe and Dayton, Ohio was the first. As a result of the work of the PEACE DAYton Collaborative Group, the cities of Springfield, Urbana, and Mechanicsburg have all become cities of peace by Proclamation by their City Councils. Since PEACE DAYton formed in 2013, dozens of Dayton area organizations, businesses, and individuals have combined efforts in a month-long community celebration of September's International Day of Peace. In 2017, the entire community was engaged, from those in arts and education to first responders and the military. In 2015, PEACE DAYton received a letter of commendation from the Peace Day NGO committee at the U.N. for its inclusiveness and diversity.

The theme for Peace Day 2017 emphasized the "Together" campaign, a U.N. effort to show support for the plight of refugees and migrants. Dayton is ahead of the curve in this effort, being the first city to be a Certified Welcoming City.

In part, the "Together" initiative inspired PEACE DAYton to begin a ten-year "Transformation Dayton" project, mapping each of our 100 participating groups to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We are proud to report we are supporting all 17 goals!

Thanks to all. Onward to Peace Month, 2018!

OUR EFFORTS TOWARD THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To some, the link between the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 (SDGs) and the International Day of Peace may be confusing. The relationship between development and peace has not always been obvious. The Dayton community, however, has recognized this connection for some time. The PEACE DAYton Collaborative Group defines peace as three consensus values: Safety, Prosperity and Quality of Life. Looking closely, we see that the SDGs are aimed at improving these three values. The idea of framing our work in this way is that once we have made meaningful progress toward these goals, we will see a decrease in the fear and desperation that cause hostility and violence.

Participants in PEACE DAYton work all year long, each and every day, to create the future we desire. The Transformation Dayton project helps turn talk to action with each participant's programs engaged to support the Goals in our community. The graphic to the right shows the percentage each goal adds to the total of our combined efforts. The following pages of this Report show how each organization maps to achieving progress on one or more of the goals that further our community culture of peace

1 | No Poverty
6.78%

2 | No Hunger
5.05%

3 | Good Health & Well Being
8.47%

4 | Quality Education
8.47%

5 | Gender Equality
3.39%

6 | Clean Water & Sanitation
5.08%

7 | Affordable & Clean Energy
4.24%

8 | Decent Work & Economic Growth
5.08%

9 | Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure
5.93%

10 | Reduced Inequalities
6.78%

11 | Sustainable Cities & Communities
8.47%

12 | Responsible Consumption & Production
2.54%

13 | Climate Action
5.93%

14 | Life Below Water
3.39%

15 | Life On Land
5.08%

16 | Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions
8.47%

17 | Partnerships for the Goals
6.78%

Letter from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to acknowledge the work of the Peace Dayton Collaborative Group, the purpose of which is to further our goal of creating a community culture of peace.

As defined by the United Nations, a culture of peace is a set of values, attitudes, modes of behavior and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups, and nations.

Each year, the Peace Dayton Collaborative Group sponsors dozens of events around the Miami Valley during the month of September in order to support and celebrate the International Day of Peace.

To further the goal of creating a culture of peace, the Group is linking the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals to their actions. These Goals include many initiatives that are already being addressed in our City and surrounding areas. For instance Goal #4 is Quality Education. The City of Dayton's "City of Learners" team is working with organizations and citizens concerned with achieving progress in our schools.

The Peace Dayton Collaborative Group has a vision of creating seventeen such initiatives to make progress on all of the Goals set forth by the United Nations. We have many challenges in the areas of the environment, hunger, poverty, economic growth, and reduced inequality. Government can be a big help in directing resources toward these needs. At the end of the day, it is the citizens of our community, working together, innovating, and measuring progress that will lead us toward a true culture of peace.

As an International City of Peace, Dayton has a legacy that will help inspire the next generation to new levels of safety, prosperity and quality of life. I commend the over 100 organizations involved in the Peace Dayton Collaborative Group for their idealism in the face of challenges, their collegiality in the face of recent polarization, and their leadership in moving our City and the Miami Valley toward a future culture that is about creating a more peaceful community for our children.

With appreciation,

Nan Whaley

Mayor Nan Whaley

An entire month of celebrations, reflections and education, inspired by the U.N.'s global Day of Peace.

Over 40 local events during September show how we are working together to achieve progress for all.

2017 EVENTS

9th

Alicia Titus Memorial Walk/Run

Immigration, Human Rights, & "The Consul"

Community Collaboration, Compassionate Dayton

ARTventures: Peace Mosaics at DAI

10th

World House Choir presents "Together We Bring on the Light"

Peace Builder Walk & Village - Featuring TIPS

14th

Mediation Training Feast for Peace

Peace Revival

Preach Peace Initiative

15th

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

New York Rose Garden Student Observance

16th

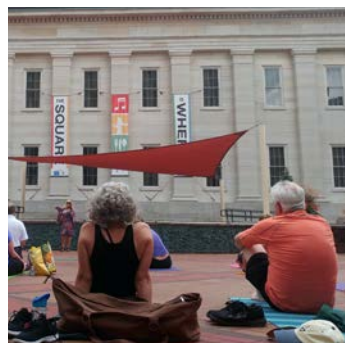Safety Awareness Expo

New Hope Church Peace Festival

On Earth Peace Feast for Peace

21st

Offial Peace Day!

Kids for Peace: The Greatest Kindness Challenge

Mechanicsburg, Ohio: City of Peace Initia-

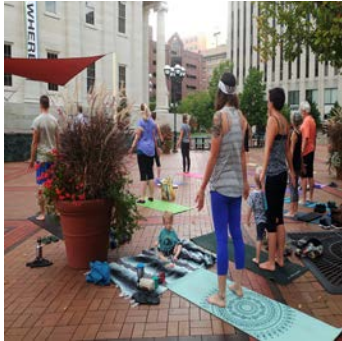Mediation Lesson Plan for Dayton Public Schools

Feast for Peace (Literacy)

Discover Peace, One Step at a Time - Featuring Peace Pole Dedication at First Baptist Church

Peace Day Yoga & Meditation

3rd Annual Lighting of the Miamisburg Mound

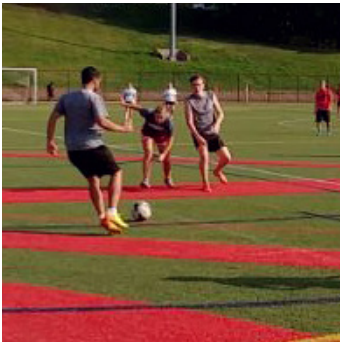Wrongful Convictions: Contributing Factors & Suggested Reforms

22nd

Stop the Violence March

One Day One Goal

Feast for Peace & Climate Awareness

23rd

Honoring Green Castle Cemetery

Culture Fest 2017 Springfield, OH

Youth Mission Project's Interfaith Feast for Peace - Featuring 3rd Annual Peace Tree Planting

24th

Picnic Blanket Peace & the Golden Rule

Feast for Peace at Roaring Brooke Farm

The Dayton Job Corp hosted workshops, marches and more for Peace Day

The U.N. General Assembly declared the creation of the International Day of Peace in a resolution sponsored by the United Kingdom & Costa Rica.

The first International Day of Peace was observed in 1982.

The hope is that Peace Day should serve as a day of global ceasefire & nonviolence.

One day is simply not enough for the the Miami Valley to c elebrate Peace, so we start early and keep going through the whole month of September!

PARTICIPANTS

Alicia Titus Memorial Peace Fund

Created to carry out the legacy and spirit of Alicia's life by sponsoring programs that promote peace, including their yearly Run.

Dayton International Peace Museum

The second peace museum to be created in the United States hosted several Peace Day events as well as Peace Dayton meetings.

Dayton Art Institute

Committed to enriching the community by creating meaningful experiences with art that are available to all, including their "ARTventures for Peace Day".

Dayton Job Corp

An educational and work program that offers free-of-charge education and vocational training; hosted a Peace Day walk, workshops, and a march.

Dayton Baha'i Center

Supporting social structures that contribute to the advancement of all people, including the "Collaboration Dayton, Compassionate Dayton" event at Sinclair College.

Dayton Mediation Center

Where people in Dayton that are having problems, conflicts, or disagreements can come to talk; delivered a lesson plan on Emotional Awareness to Dayton Public Schools.

Dayton Mediation Center
from conflict to conversation

PROFILES

Dayton Metro Library
A multi-branch library system serving 476,000 residents with 21 locations; hosted the series discussions including "Community Conversations: Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here".

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance
Performed "The Consul" with conductor Patrick Reynolds, who hosted a discussion at the Peace Museum on immigration issues relating to the opera's plot and message.

Empathy Surplus Project
Emphasizing the core values of caring citizens for empathy and responsibility for self and others exercised with strength; hosted a "Feast for Peace" at Roaring Brook Farm.

First Baptist Church of Dayton
A church centered on spiritual growth where the sermons are thoughtful and bible based and where the congregation is very accepting and affirming; co-sponsored the "Salem Peace Walk".

Five Rivers Chautauqua
Hosts each year a series of events that take a hard look at how we can work to live in a more peaceful world; hosts yearly lighting of Miamisburg Mound.

Golden Rule Institute
Dedicated to forging a new relationship between our global society and the ancient ethic of the Golden Rule; now creating lesson plans for public schools.

THE GOLDEN RULE INSTITUTE
THE RECIPROCAL HEARTBEAT OF ETHICS

PARTICIPANTS

Greater Dayton Christian Connections

Connects pastors and churches; hosts special events such as the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Peace Bridge, and the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.

Heartfulness Center of Beavercreek

Free meditation, yoga, and conscious living classes; hosts the annual "Peace Day Meditation and Yoga" event on Courthouse Square in Dayton.

Harvest of Hope Garden

A project of the Compassionary with St. Paul's Church Youth Mission Project; hosted a "Feast for Peace", a garden work day, and planted a peace tree for Peace Day.

Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton

Dedicated to exploring the relationship among all faith communities and to promoting interfaith harmony; host four events per year.

International Cities of Peace

An association of cities of peace based in Dayton but reaching nearly 50 countries on four continents; acts as fiscal sponsor for Peace Dayton.

Marianist Environmental Education Center

On the Mount Saint John campus, the Center houses resources relating to ecology, botany, sustainability, restoration, faith, justice, spirituality and much more.

PROFILES

Mechanicsburg, Ohio: City of Peace

A village in Champaign County, Ohio with citizens focused on animal rights and building strong schools; proclamation for Mechanicsburg: City of Peace, 2017.

Miami Valley Council for Native Americans

Preserve and promote the American Indian culture, heritage, and religion; plant annual Trees of Peace for peace day and World Peace and Prayer Day.

Miami Valley Ohioans to Stop Executions

A coalition of individuals and organizations working to reduce use of and ultimately end capital punishment in Ohio; hosts events for peace day.

Montgomery County Commission

Mission to lead and innovate by working with our community to achieve the goals of public health: prevention, promotion, and protection; multiple peace day actions.

NCCJ of Greater Dayton

Builds a community dedicated to eliminating bias, bigotry and all forms of discrimination through education and advocacy; shared an intern for Peace Dayton.

New Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

One of 36 Lutheran churches in Dayton; located on Catalpa Road; hosted a Feast for Peace with speakers, food, and a gathering for neighborhood action.

PARTICIPANTS

On Earth Peace
Building a world of the "Beloved Community" where violence, oppression, and war are overcome through the liberating power of radical love; hosted a "Global Feast for Peace".

One Day, One Goal
Held at U.D.'s Welcome Stadium in 2017, uses the power of soccer to unite people and give hope and strengthen for peace-building efforts while raising awareness of Peace Day.

Roaring Brook Farm
Build trust among caring citizens for effective governance focused on care and responsibility for self and others; hosted First Caring Citizens Congress

Rotary Club of Dayton
In partnership Rotary District 6670 and the 21st Century Peace Literacy Foundation, the Club's Peace Committee hosted the "Miami Valley Peacebuilder Walk and Peacebuilder Village" in 2017.

Salem Avenue Peace Corridor
A citizens group to promote and unify communities, residents, businesses, and institutions along the Salem Avenue Corridor; hosted a "Peace Walk" in 2017 in collaboration with partners.

Seeds for Peace
Strives to get at-risk youth involved in activities that most children take for granted; thee group hosts year-long events on Peace Dayton's Facebook Page.

PROFILES

Springfield, Ohio: City of Peace

Located in southwestern Ohio and situated on the Mad River, Buck Creek and Beaver Creek; home to Wittenberg University; became a city of peace by Proclamation of City Council in 2016.

Sunwatch Indian Village

A reconstructed Fort Ancient Native American village next to the Great Miami River; hosted a "Global Feast for Peace" featuring a drumming and cultural activities.

Teens Inventing Peaceful Solutions (TIPS)

A group of young people (7th-12th grade) who meet at the Dayton International Peace Museum to work on solutions for peace; hosted a "Speak Out at the Peace Walk" on Riverscape.

The Compassionary

A group working together as a community to build an economy of compassion; created the "Harvest of Hope Garden", which was the location of this year's "Peace Day Pine Tree for Peace" planting.

21st Century Peace Literacy Foundation

People-focused strategies to develop and deliver people-oriented programs for peace literacy; co-sponsored the "Peacebuilder Walk and Peacebuilder Village" in 2017.

Missing Peace Art Space

An art museum dedicated to peace sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship for World Peace; hosts the Dayton "Day of the Dead" parade and art exhibits each year as well as many peace exhibits.

PARTICIPANTS

United Against Violence of Greater Dayton

Samaritan Behavioral Health's initiative to change the culture of violence through knowledge and skills for systemic change; hosted a "Safety Awareness Expo".

Urbana, Ohio: City of Peace

The county seat of Champaign County; became a city of peace in 2015, initiated by the local foundation, Alicia Titus Memorial Peace Fund and others.

World House Choir

Performs music that motivates and inspires our communities toward justice, diversity, and equality; performances include "Come Sit at the Welcome Table" and many more.

Youth Mission Project

A project of St. Paul's, youth work to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and respect the dignity of every human being; planted in the "Harvest for Hope Garden" a tree for peace.

Past Participants for Peace Day events or the Dayton Speakers Bureau:

- Abolition Ohio
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Dayton
- Ahimsa's Army (WSU)
- Anchored in Peace Churches
- Andy Snow Photography
- Carillon Historic Park
- Church Women United in Greater Dayton
- Dayton City Paper
- Dayton Daily News
- Dayton History
- Dayton Human Relations Council
- Dayton Literary Peace Prize
- Dayton Peace Ambassadors
- Dayton Peace Trail
- Dayton VA Medical Center
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Department
- Pax Christi at University of Dayton
- Peace on Fifth
- Promoting World Peace
- Sikh Society of Dayton
- Sinclair Community College
- Spire Arts
- Suicide Prevention Center
- The Collaboratory
- The Dayton Police Department
- The Gathering Space
- Veterans of Foreign Wars: Elliott-Mote Post
- Welcome Dayton
- More organizations updated online

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The PEACE DAYton Collaborative Group is an association of over 100 organizations throughout the Dayton Region hosting around 40 peace month events designed to the support the needs of their specific constituencies. The Group's vision is to encourage and highlight each organization's year-long efforts to build a more peaceful community for the Region's children and families. To encourage all peace-building organizations to participate, peace is defined broadly as the consensus values of increased safety, prosperity, and quality of life. All sectors of the Dayton community participate, including those in the arts, wellness, civic, faith-based, academic, commerce, safety & security, sports and recreation, service, and environmental communities.

The official theme for the 2018 International Day of Peace, soon to be announced by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, will focus on the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

Many thanks to our sponsors. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact us. Help make an impact for peace in our community!

- Alicia Titus Memorial Peace Fund
- The Clark County Peace Alliance
- Heartfulness Center
- Salem Avenue Peace Corridor
- Dayton International Peace Museum
- Dayton Mediation Center,
- I Am Clean Energy,
- New Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church,
- Ohio Sustainable Living Project,
- Roaring Brook Farm
- Rotary Club of Dayton

Apologies for any errors or omissions in the content of this Annual Report. The mapping to SDGs is a first attempt to categorize organizational focuses and not intended to be a comprehensive description of the year-long progress toward a culture of peace.

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