



# Community Bike Fund



The Dayton Bike Yard at Welcome Park is an amazing recreational opportunity for local youth and families in the heart of the Carillon neighborhood. This new amenity will provide a place for residents and visitors alike to enjoy the feeling of freedom and adventure on their bicycles. Located within the Carillon neighborhood, Welcome Park is accessible from I-75, close to Downtown, and adjacent to the Great Miami River Recreational Trail. As the owner of the Bike Yard, the City of Dayton is committed to ensuring equitable use and access for this unique city park.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the DBY Community Fund is to ensure neighborhood kids enjoy the Dayton Bike Yard at Welcome Park as much as regional enthusiasts. The Miami Valley Urban League is working with the City of Dayton, Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association and CityWide to raise funds to ensure that youth living in neighborhoods adjacent to Welcome Park have access to mountain bikes. Funding will be used to purchase new mountain bikes and to support programming focused on teaching basic bike skills and maintenance. The DBY Community Fund creates access to the new mountain bike park while building the cycling confidence and proficiency of area youth.



## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The Miami Valley Urban League (MVUL) provides services to neighborhood youth through their EMERGE program. EMERGE provides youth with opportunities to explore their career interests while engaging them in educational and social activities that will enhance their academic and social skills development through community service-learning projects. Through weekly learning activities, youth ages 14-18 are provided with opportunities to broaden their life experiences and develop new skills that will impact academic achievement, social development, and involvement in their communities.

Young people interested in obtaining a bike will complete a mountain bike immersion experience with Miami Valley Mountain Bike Club where they will be trained on bike maintenance and use of the bike trails. Upon completion of this experience, the youth will be provided a mountain bike for use at the Dayton Bike Park. Priority of program participation and bike distribution will be given to: 1. Youth who live or frequent the Carillon, Edgemont, Miami Chapel, and other West Dayton neighborhoods, 2. Active participants in EMERGE, and 3. Youth whose parent(s) have completed MVUL's SOAR program. Ultimately, we envision a BMX Bike Club formed by neighborhood youth participating in this BMX experience.

### FUNDRAISING GOAL

The partners hope to raise \$25K for the Community Bike Fund. Miami Valley Urban League has established an account with the Dayton Foundation to accept donations from individuals, groups and corporations. All donations are tax deductible. To donate, go to <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/ccgift.html>. You may also mail a check directly to the Dayton Foundation. Please put Dayton Bike Yard Community Fund #8842 in the check memo section and mail to: 1401 S Main St #100, Dayton, OH 45409



### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please consider donating and share this information with your friends, network, and social media. For more information about the Community Bike Fund contact: Nikol Miller, [mvul@ulgso.org](mailto:mvul@ulgso.org).

To learn more visit CityWide's instagr page @CityWideDevelopment and see our highlight about the Bike Fund or visit the City of Dayton's page about the DBY: <https://www.daytonohio.gov/866/Dayton-Bike-Yard>

