

# Mayor Mary A. McDonald



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October 24, 2019

Dear Priority Development & Advocacy Committee,

I'm writing this letter in support of Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley's new Community Services center in Trotwood. This new facility and the services that will be offered there will help bring light to a community that has been ravished.

Our community of Trotwood has had a very rough 2019. This year included the devastation of the tornados which left many of our residents with no roof overhead. No Dayton community has seen the likes of this since the 1974 Xenia Tornado. This devastation did not hold us down, but is making us stronger and more united. Soon after the tornados our local grocery store closed their doors. Yet another blow to our community and we still stand together.

Over the past several years we have lost the Salem Mall, Target, Walmart, and Hara Arena to name a few. This has not held us back. Our community leaders and citizens continue to fight for Trotwood. In the past two years we have seen over 30 new businesses call Trotwood home. This includes investment of over \$13 million and 300 plus jobs. This is due to the commitment of our city council and community to welcome businesses and citizens with open arms.

Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley will be another great win for the community of Trotwood. They are investing in new construction right here on Main Street. A commitment of a new building put in place to help people in our community. This new center will help people improve their lives through quality programs and services. From computer skills training to senior services to employment services, Goodwill Easterseals is committed to helping those people with a disability and other disadvantages to improve their quality of life. How could you not want that in a great community like Trotwood?

I commit my full support to Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley. I feel they are the perfect company to receive funds through the Dayton Region's Priority Development and Advocacy Committee.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mary A. McDonald  
City of Trotwood, Ohio



October 25, 2019

Dear Priority, Development and Advocacy Committee:

I am writing this to show my support for Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley's (GESMV) commitment to build a new Community Services Center in Trotwood, Ohio. As you know Trotwood and its residents have been hit hard over the last several years; businesses have been shuttered, the last grocery store announced they were closing, and in May they were ravaged by tornados.

We at the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Montgomery County are responsible for planning, funding, and monitoring of public mental health and addiction treatment services. We have a great partnership with Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley and provide support for the Main Street Recovery Center, Recovery & Employment program, Downtown Dayton Initiative, Miracle Clubhouse, and Peer Support program. GESMV has been providing treatment, counseling, and other crucial services to this population for many years. They are now looking at expanding into an area of Montgomery County where mental health and wellness is of the utmost importance.

One in five people in the United States is affected by mental illness, but with the right supports recovery is possible. With GESMV, every individual is treated on a case by case basis; recovery varies by individual and can require counseling, medication, or both.

GESMV's new facility will have many things that will greatly support the Trotwood and West Dayton communities. In addition to behavioral health services, they will also offer employment, and skills training services, a day program for adults with developmental disabilities, and a day program for seniors with age-related disabilities. We are looking to expand our partnership with GESMV in Trotwood to assist seniors who may be experiencing depression and/or anxiety due to the devastating events that have occurred.

I give my full support to Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley to receive support and funding from the Priority, Development, and Advocacy Committee to help GESMV complete the construction of this wonderful new facility in Trotwood, Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen Jones-Kelley".

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## The Vision

Goodwill Easterseals (GESMV) will better meet the needs of the citizens of West Dayton and Trotwood by creating a neighborhood setting where a variety of life-changing services are offered. Families can access services much closer to home, reducing transportation or other barriers and increasing the opportunities for success.

## Senior Services

Adult Day Services provide a safe and nurturing environment for older adults with age-related disabilities. The program is a medical model, meaning that a nurse is in the program daily and can administer medications, provide treatments, and assist with activities of daily living including bathing and showering. Activities in the program include:

- **Brain fitness**
- **Music and art therapy**
- **Intergenerational programming**
- **Community outings and**
- **Other purposeful and meaning activities.**



Adult Day Services give older adults with dementia the opportunity to be around other people and do activities they enjoy, while giving their caregivers – usually a spouse or adult child – a break.

In 2012, the Easterseals Adult Day Services program in Dayton had to vacate its program space at Maria Joseph because its ownership had a planned use for the space. Since then GESMV has searched for the right space. While temporarily housing the program first at Kuntz Road and currently on Kentshire Drive in Kettering, it has remained our goal to return the program to the West Dayton/ Trotwood area as nearly 100 percent of the participants reside there.

GESMV offers one of only three adult day programs within Montgomery County, yet nearly 109,000 (<https://censusreporter.org>) people in Montgomery County are age 60 or older. As baby boomers continue to age, the need for senior services will also increase. Adult day programs offer an affordable alternative to nursing homes and allow people to stay in their own homes. In a July 2018 Community Needs Assessment (CNA), Seniors/Elders were cited as one of the populations most in need of services, and as one of the populations with the fastest-growing needs.

With the new West Dayton Community Center the number of adults receiving services will double. The center can accommodate 60 per day and 120 people annually.

# Employment Services

In Montgomery County, about one in six people live below the poverty line. In a recent Community Needs Assessment, poverty was a major issue of concern among stakeholders. The greatest barriers identified were limited public transportation, the benefits cliff, and living wages.

Having a job is powerful: it brings a sense of pride and ownership while also providing income that can lead to self-sufficiency. GESMV has long been a leader in helping people overcome employment barriers and is eager to assist anyone who is motivated find and keep a job.

Through a variety of programs, in 2019, GESMV will assist more than 1,000 individuals find competitive, community employment and help many others gain the skills necessary for career advancement.



## **Community Outreach Program**

Helps anyone who needs a job; typically someone who doesn't qualify for government programs.

## **Miami Valley Works**

Assists people who are economically disadvantaged find long-term career success.

## **Veterans & Employers Connection**

Assists our nation's veterans, especially women who face unique challenges stabilize their lives and transition from the military to civilian life.

## **Senior Community Service Employment Program**

Assists older adults achieve employment through long-term work assignments where they can earn a wage while also developing their skills and gaining confidence.

## **Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program**

Innovative program that helps low-income adults (ages 14 to 24) build career paths, find employment and break the cycle of poverty.

## **Ohio Works First**

Through a partnership with Montgomery County Job and Family Services, this program helps individuals living in poverty find employment.

## **Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities**

In conjunction with the State of Ohio, GESMV helps individuals with disabilities prepare for and obtain stable employment.



## Behavioral Health Services

In the United States, mental illness impacts one in five people and their families. The good news is that recovery is possible. Recovery varies by individual, but may require counseling, medication or both. In 2017 Montgomery County had the dubious distinction of leading the nation in accidental overdose deaths. While the rate fell in 2018, drug addiction continues to be a primary concern; for participants in the CNA. Alcohol/drug use was most frequently cited as the major issue of concern. The recent closing of Day-Mont Behavioral Health Care has created a void in services, especially for residents of Dayton's West Side. The closing of Good Samaritan Hospital has compounded that void.



As a certified mental health facility, GESMV is well positioned to help bridge that gap and provide services that assist children and adults through the recovery process:

- **Individual and group counseling**
- **Diagnostic assessment**
- **Case management**
- **Psychiatry services, including Medication Assisted Treatment and Medication Management**

Because of its expertise, Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley was selected to be the coordinating provider for a grant funded by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services to assist ex-offenders/returning citizens in re-establishing themselves in the community following their incarcerations. GESMV case managers will work one-on-one and in group settings with the individuals to help them secure housing, overcome employment barriers such as transportation, link to resources to provide job-readiness training, and secure employment. The program is administered locally by Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services board (ADAMHS). The program is funded until June 2019, but ADAMHS fully expects the funding to be renewed. What makes the program unique is that GESMV will begin working with clients up to 90 days prior to their release from prison.



## *Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities*

More than 200,000 Ohioans have a developmental disability, including autism, cerebral palsy, and intellectual disabilities. Goodwill Easterseals is the area leader in providing adult day services for people with developmental disabilities. We offer a safe, caring, home-away-from-home for individuals who want to experience independence in the community.



### **Adult Day Support**

Adult Day Support program is person-centered that supports the clients' decisions to live independently, while also respecting their preferences, choices, abilities and culture. Program Goals include:

- Personal growth and independence
- Assurance of good health and safety practices
- Teaching individuals to make informed choices about their goals and activities
- Planned exploration and participation within the community
- Support towards the path to employment for those who are interested in working

## *Car Seat Safety Program*

### **How it works**

The Car Seat Safety Program provides free car seats and training for families that are economically disadvantaged. Offering the class ensures that parents and caregivers know how to properly install and use car seats, which means children stay safe.



### **Why it matters**

Car seats are needed to prevent death and injury to infants and young children. According to Safe Kids USA, nearly half of children who die in vehicle crashes are unrestrained. Fatal injury rates decrease by 71 percent for infants, 54 percent for toddlers ages one to four, and 59 percent for children age four to seven when they are properly restrained in car seats.

### **When lives are impacted**

Disability prevention, by way of car safety seats, improves a child's chance of avoiding unnecessary injury or death, due to an automobile accident. Responsibly avoiding traumatic injuries improves a child's opportunities in life and reduces public spending on healthcare and education cost. When you invest in this program you keep children safe so they can thrive.



## Skills Training

Businesses are experiencing a skills gap, where the labor force does not possess the skills that are required by employers. GESMV offers training to help bridge that gap.

### Goodwill Digital Skills Accelerator<sup>SM</sup>

offers computer skills training across a variety of platforms for youth and adults. GESMV offers the classes at our sites and with community partners as part of a three-year grant from Google and Goodwill Industries International

### Skills to Succeed Academy

offers interactive computer-based training for job seekers to help them prepare for and maintain employment. This training is available thanks to a grant from Accenture and Goodwill Industries International

### Certifications

in 2019, GESMV will extend its vocational training opportunities to include several new certification programs including Northstar certified digital skills training, ServSafe, Gold Star Customer Service and hospitality training



**At Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley our mission is to empower people with disabilities and other disadvantages to achieve independence and improve their quality of life.**

**Our vision is to make it possible for all people to live, learn, work and play with full inclusion in the life of the community.**

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