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The University of Dayton will partner with the City of Dayton and Dayton Metro Libraries on a \$385,000 initiative to improve the quality of life in local neighborhoods.

Dayton Corps, a special community-building team, will employ 60 AmeriCorps members, who will work in three focus areas: neighborhoods, education and opportunity. The University of Dayton Fitz Center for Leadership in Community will coordinate the program in partnership with the city and library. Additional community partners include Montgomery County Homeless Solutions, St. Vincent de Paul, Daybreak and Homefull.

“The Dayton Corps program builds on the University's commitment for the common good,” said Hunter Phillips Goodman, Fitz Center executive director. “All AmeriCorps programs throughout Dayton are a critical part of our community's fabric. We look forward to working together to empower all who dedicate of a year of service to making our community a better place.”

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The program will provide services to aid families experiencing joblessness and housing insecurity, boost active membership of neighborhood associations, raise numbers of engaged landlords, assist individuals in obtaining job interviews and employment, improve reading and/or math outcomes of students, and work to increase parent engagement.

AmeriCorps members will work in Dayton September 2017 through August 2018. An additional 60 volunteers will be engaged in citywide national days of service and other community events.

ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism, will provide a \$292,691 grant for the initiative, which will be matched with \$55,000 in public funding and \$37,572 in private donations.

The program is made possible through Serve Ohio as part of an AmeriCorps Governor/Mayor Initiative with support from Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

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