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**Generation Dayton young professionals to give back on**

**‘Generation Dayton Day’**

DAYTON, Ohio – More than 60 young professionals will “Get Out & Give Back” this year for the Dayton region’s largest service outing for young professionals. The 15th Annual Generation Dayton Day will be held the afternoon of Friday, September 17, 2021.

Generation Dayton Day allows young professionals to take an afternoon off work and focus on the needs of the Dayton region, allowing for a better understanding of community needs and the ways our young business professionals can help.

This year, the day of service will focus on bringing awareness to the region’s digital divide with a keynote presentation from Mark Romito with AT&T. This issue garnered attention during the COVID-19 pandemic as many lives were thrust into the virtual space. Many families were left behind, without access to the technology and connection needed to thrive in such an environment. AT&T will also be presenting a grant to Generation Dayton & the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce to fund the “connect & serve” initiative, a partnership to address the digital divide over the coming year.

Many Dayton area non-profits are working to close the digital divide in a variety of ways. Generation Dayton members will volunteer at several of them, including East End Community Services, St. Vincent de Paul, Boys & Girls Club of Dayton, YWCA Dayton, Artemis Center, Crayons to Classrooms and the Dayton Metro Library.

The day begins with lunch and volunteer check-in at Dayton Metro Library – Main Branch, 215 E. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402 at noon. Following an afternoon of service projects, participants will celebrate with an after party, which includes food, drinks, and raffle prizes.

The event is open to members and non-members of Generation Dayton, a program of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. Generation Dayton is a diverse organization of talented young professionals who live and work in the Dayton region. Generation Dayton helps its members meet, network, learn, grow and establish themselves as integral components in the future success of the Dayton region.

The group aims to grow a strong workforce by keeping talent in the Miami Valley. Events like “Generation Dayton Day” create an environment for young professionals to give back to their community and create a sense of home.

For more information and to sign up for “Generation Dayton Day,” go to DaytonChamber.org. This year’s Generation Dayton Day is sponsored by Brixey & Meyer.

**WHAT:** 15th Annual Generation Dayton Day

**WHEN:** Friday, September 17, 2021

Noon – 4:30 PM; After Party 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Volunteer lunch check-in @ Dayton Metro Library – Main Branch, 215 E. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Various volunteer sites

After Party @ Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, 8 N. Main Street, Suite 100, Dayton, OH 45402

**About Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce**

*The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce brings together more than 2,200 businesses and organizations in a 9 county area surrounding Dayton, Ohio. The Chamber strives to improve the region’s business climate and overall standard of living through public policy advocacy, economic development initiatives and providing networking and training opportunities for its members. Information about the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is available at* [*daytonchamber.org*](http://www.daytonchamber.org) *or 937-226-1444.*

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