

ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

Letter from the Executive Director

Did you know that we recently surpassed **\$3 million in legal fees** saved for our over 240 nonprofit clients? We could not have done it without our attorney volunteers, donors, and community supporters. That's why we are celebrating our **5 Year Anniversary** and thanking YOU at our first ever *virtual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation* event on October 27th. [Please join us!](#)

Each of you has a reason why you are involved with PBPO – it is **YOUR “PBPO Story”**. Over the next two months, you will see the *PBPO Stories* of our attorney volunteers, nonprofit clients, donors, and staff on our social media. I hope you will be inspired by the incredible nonprofits we have the privilege of working with, and also learn more about our extraordinary volunteers and donors. Please share these stories on your own social media to spread the word about the work we are doing to realize our vision of a just and equitable community with thriving nonprofits and engaged attorney volunteers. [Here's my PBPO Story.](#)

Finally, I am *thrilled* to announce that PBPO was just awarded the largest grant we have ever received! The Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation of The Dayton Foundation has generously granted PBPO \$235,000 to be used over the next three years, allowing us to expand the capacity of our Dayton program.

[I hope to “see” you on the 27th](#) as we wrap up our 5 Year Anniversary celebration and look forward to the positive impact we will make **together** in the next 5 years. Thank you for your support.



Erin Childs, Executive Director

GENERAL NEWS



**The Dayton
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\$235,000 Grant Awarded to Fund PBPO's Dayton Program

PBPO is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$235,000 grant from the Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation of The Dayton Foundation. This grant will be used over the next three years to expand the capacity of our Dayton program, meeting the business legal needs of nonprofits in the Miami Valley.

Over the past two years, PBPO has increased its number of nonprofit clients in Dayton by 39%. The support of the Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation will ensure that we will have the resources to engage attorney volunteers to reach even more

nonprofit clients in Dayton, especially during this challenging time. We are grateful for the Foundation and its generous gift!



Help Us Celebrate! 2020 Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Celebration

Join PBPO during Pro Bono Week for a virtual 5 Year celebration as we congratulate and honor our community of volunteers and donors. We will be recognizing a few exceptional volunteers and thanking all of our donors and volunteers who made our first 5 years possible on **Tuesday, October 27 from 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.** [Register here.](#)

Special thanks to our event sponsors!

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Annual Professionalism CLE: How to Interrupt Your Unconscious Biases and Make Better Decisions

Free for PBPO Volunteers! Join us for our popular annual professionalism CLE program as we continue our conversation on promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession with a focus on strategies to interrupt even those unconscious thoughts that can influence decision-making and can have a profound impact in the workplace and in our communities.

Despite our best intentions, research shows we all have it – unconscious, unintentional bias. The key is to learn how to recognize your own unconscious biases as well as practical ways to interrupt them. PBPO is thrilled to welcome Kathleen Nalty, a nationally recognized expert in strategies for creating cultures of inclusion to retain and advance diverse talent, to guide our conversation.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Mission Moment: May We Help Sensory Chair Goes Nationwide!

PBPO staff regularly see how our legal work has a positive impact, so we love it when we can publicly share a success story! In 2015, [May We](#)

[Help](#) volunteers designed a sensory chair for an autistic child that could be used in multiple settings. The interest in the sensory chair is so strong that May We Help has been able to commercialize the chair for broader distribution to help autistic children throughout the country, thanks to PBPO's work to apply for a design patent and form a separate LLC. [Listen to Rob Seideman, Executive Director, share the story.](#)



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Matt Delaney, Frost Brown Todd

We are delighted to recognize Matt as our **2019 Law Firm Attorney of the Year** at our

upcoming Volunteer & Donor Appreciation event. Matt has gone above and beyond to help PBPO clients, even when a project has exceeded the average 6 hour pro bono project time. At Frost Brown Todd, Matt counsels clients regarding all aspects of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, and copyrights. He is passionate about technology, drawing upon his background as a software engineer. He was able to utilize his unique expertise at PBPO by working with [May We Help](#), among other PBPO clients.



[Read More About Matt](#)

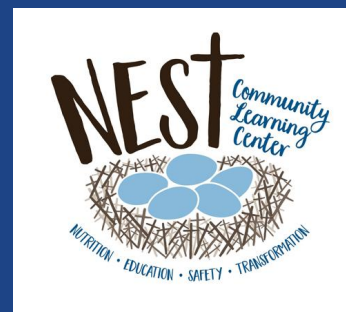
Why does Matt volunteer with PBPO?

"PBPO clients are so gracious and thankful for any little bit of help. You can hear in their voice how appreciative they are and it really energizes you and reminds you how helpful you are to all clients."

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

NEST Community Learning Center

NEST Community Learning Center, founded in March 2016, addresses academic and non-academic barriers that perpetuate the cycle of generational poverty in suburban and rural communities. Through its innovative mobile classrooms, NEST CLC delivers free and easily accessible, year-round, award-winning academic and non-academic programs literally to the front doors of these at-risk, rural and suburban kids.



[Read More About NEST and their incredible work during COVID-19](#)

"NEST CLC is a program whose design and execution had never been done before. Right from the start, NEST ran into roadblocks and PBPO reached out to attorneys that went to bat for NEST. PBPO provided guidance in a path to expand into other school districts, trademarked our logos, and even wrote special "permission slips" for us to be able to communicate with our students virtually. ALL that NEST Community Learning Center has accomplished could not have happened without PBPO's high-quality, creative, dedicated, and persistent attorneys. We could not be more thankful and feel so blessed for PBPO!" - Evangeline DeVol, Founder and Executive Director

PBPO SUPPORTER FOCUS: HAROLD C. SCHOTT FOUNDATION

The Harold C. Schott Foundation has been the largest single donor to PBPO since we opened our doors in 2015. Their steadfast support of our mission and growth trajectory enabled PBPO to continue to meet the growing demand for our services and to provide free business legal services to more than 240 nonprofits in Cincinnati and Dayton.

"The Harold C. Schott Foundation is pleased to support Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio because PBPO is providing essential legal services to help our local nonprofits remain focused on their mission and on meeting the needs of the people they serve. The partnership between PBPO, its attorney volunteers and its nonprofit clients is a wonderful example of individuals leveraging their

gifts, talents and resources for the betterment of our community. The impact of this work is impressive and the result is more sustainable and effective nonprofits in Cincinnati and Dayton.” - Foundation Trustees

Thank you, Harold C. Schott Foundation! Your support has truly been transformational for PBPO.

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