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Groundbreaking UC economics study \$2.1 billion economic impact of Black businesses in the Cincinnati region

By Jackie Reau
GameDay PR

The Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) released the results of its groundbreaking study, "The Economic Impact of Black-owned Businesses in Southwest Ohio Communities" on Sep. 19 today. The analysis, in partnership with UC Economics Center, which was initially conducted in 2021 shows the Greater Cincinnati Black businesses

Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Additionally, earnings by Black-owned businesses generate approximately \$6.7 million in income tax for the state of Ohio and more than \$13.5 million in fiscal impacts to the region and state.

In 2021, it was the first study in the nation by a Chamber of Commerce to quantify the economic impact of Black businesses, and continues to be a benchmarking analysis. Findings are from top industries in the MSA



From left: AACC Board Chair Jason Dunn, AACC Technical Assistance Counselor Annette Smith, AACC Member Aretha Furr of A-List Transportation, AACC Director of Transformative Initiatives and Relationships Briston Mitchell, AACC Board member Garri Davis of Water Lily, AACC Board Member Royce Sutton, MBAC Regional Director Deborah Davis & MBAC and AACC Programs Coordinator & Content Creator James Pullins. Photo provided by AACC

services, (21.5 percent of all businesses represent \$1 billion of direct economic an overall impact of \$18.4 million. throughout the region." "Our partnership with

Beech Acres Parenting Center moves to downtown Cincinnati

By Peter Osborne
Herald Contributor

Beech Acres Parenting Center, the contemporary parenting agency with more than 170 years of service to the children and families of Greater Cincinnati, will relocate to a new, centralized headquarters in downtown Cincinnati, a move that will position the agency to serve more children and families while strengthening its financial future. As part of this change, Beech Acres will be departing its Anderson Township home of more than 70 years.

"Our beautiful property in Anderson Township has been a wonderful home for Beech Acres," said Laura Mitchell, president and CEO. "Beech Acres is outwardly engaged in the community, because that's where children live their lives every day. We are excited about our new centralized location that will allow us to connect with more children and families throughout the entire Tri-State."

The new home for Beech Acres is the 5th floor of 615 Elsinore Pl., near both Eden Park and the Central Business



Laura Mitchell
President/CEO
Beech Acres Parenting
Center
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District. Beech Acres programs and services will continue without interruption during its move, which is scheduled to be complete by the end of October.

The Elsinore site is close to several important Beech Acres partners including Cincinnati Public Schools, Hamilton County Job & Family Services, Hamilton County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and other healthcare providers. The modern office includes large training spaces and smaller meeting rooms for more personal discussions.

"Moving into downtown Cincinnati is a strategic step that will help us to serve more clients while reinforcing



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our already solid fiscal foundation for many years to come," said Brittany Speed, chief financial officer for Beech Acres.

In returning to Cincinnati's urban core, Beech Acres also moves closer to its historical foundations. Established as the German General Protestant Orphan Home in 1849, the agency was first located on Burnet Avenue in Mt. Auburn. After 100 years in that location, the Home moved in 1949 to property in Anderson Township. Under the shade of the many beech trees on the site, it came to be known as Beech Acres, and later, Beech Acres

Parenting Center.

Over the last several decades, Beech Acres' programs have increasingly extended beyond its campus to where children are – in homes, schools, pediatric offices and everywhere in the community.

Beech Acres now serves tens of thousands of people each year through services that include parent coaching, behavioral health support, foster care, adoption and more. Beech Acres programs, based in its unique Natural Strength Parenting approach, build on children's strengths to increase confidence, self-esteem and resili-

ence. Its programs have grown to serve not only children and families in Greater Cincinnati, but also in Northern Kentucky, Southwest Ohio and Dayton, and 14 states across the country.

Beech Acres continues to evaluate options for the future of its 17.6-acre property at 6881 Beechmont Ave. in Anderson Township. Information about the property is available from Scott Abernethy and Digger Daley of Cushman & Wakefield at (513) 421-4884.

At Beech Acres Parenting Center, staff members uncover the natural gifts of children by unleashing the power

of parents and caregivers. As a contemporary parenting center, BAPC serves over 27,000 people annually through a wide range of services including foster care, kinship care, adoption, behavioral health support in schools, parent coaching and much more. All of our programs are founded in our Natural Strength Parenting framework, which enables parents to unlock their own potential by building on their unique strengths. For more information, visit www.beechacres.org.