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## Rotary Club of Dayton Leads Great Miami River Cleanup, Removing 800 Pounds of Trash

**Dayton, OH** — The **Rotary Club of Dayton**, in partnership with the **Rotary Club of Kettering**, successfully completed a river cleanup on Saturday, May 2, along the Great Miami River, removing approximately **50 bags of trash, several tires, and other debris** from the waterway. The total haul weighed in at **over 800 pounds**.

More than **30 volunteers** participated in the effort, including Rotary members, students from **Chaminade Julianne High School**, and community friends and family. The event was supported by the **Miami Conservancy District**, reinforcing a shared commitment to protecting the region's water resources.

The cleanup focused on the Great Miami River, a vital part of the Ohio River Basin and a key contributor to the buried valley aquifer that supplies drinking water to communities across the Miami Valley.

"This is what service looks like," said Linda Groover, President of the Dayton club. "When you bring together committed volunteers and strong partners, you can make an immediate, visible difference. By protecting the Great Miami River, we're also helping safeguard the aquifer that provides our drinking water and supporting a resource that drives recreation and economic vitality across our region."

The effort builds on Rotary's growing focus on environmental stewardship and highlights the power of local action to create regional impact.

The Great Miami River not only replenishes the underground aquifer that supplies drinking water to local communities, but also supports recreation, tourism, and business growth — making it both a vital natural resource and an economic engine for the region.

For more information about Rotary Club of Dayton and its service initiatives, visit [www.DaytonRotary.com](http://www.DaytonRotary.com) or send us an email at [contact@daytonrotary.com](mailto:contact@daytonrotary.com).

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