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## Ideas to move Dayton forward, from DBJ's Forty Under 40 winners

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The Greater Dayton region, especially many urban downtown cores, have come a long way from their earlier iterations.

From narrowing the education gaps, to filling food deserts with healthy options and making



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success in business possible for more women and minorities, the Miami Valley has much positive momentum to be proud of.

We asked the Dayton Business Journal's Forty Under 40 Class of 2022 winners: What improvements or changes they'd like to see in the Dayton region.

"I would love to see the diversity of Dayton continue to grow," said Whitney Barkley, director of the Greater West Dayton Incubator. "I love projects like Dayton Homecoming, which encourages previous Dayton natives or transplants to return home with the skills and experiences they've acquired in other places."

## Note: Click through the gallery to see suggested improvements that could benefit the Dayton region

All can agree the work is never finished to uplift all corners of the region and level the playing field for future generations.

The answers are varied but all are very candid. Some want more fine dining options, others investments in technology, education, affordable housing and transportation.

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