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The Columbus Foundation is pleased to share this insightful assessment of neighborhood conditions, completed in early 2018 by the Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC), to inform The Columbus Foundation efforts to listen to and learn from the neighborhood. We are grateful for the time, thought, and attentiveness that GOPC put into this report, and to the many residents and stakeholders of Milo-Grogan who participated in the study and contributed to our understanding of their community.

The Columbus Foundation invests in place-based, people-centered neighborhood revitalization. While many neighborhoods in Columbus face similar challenges, no two neighborhoods are exactly alike, and we respect that each has its own unique history, character, and sense of identity within the broader community. Neighborhood revitalization initiatives themselves can differ based on the strength of the local and national economy, public resources available, strategies for housing, environmental remediation, and human services, to name a few.

Since the completion of the report, The Columbus Foundation has begun to use it to further shape the philosophy that will drive grantmaking in the neighborhood, as well as the first few particular investments. The findings have reinforced the notion that, despite having been under-capitalized, historically marginalized neighborhoods still possess intrinsic worth, and that economic development and human development must go hand-in-hand. Thus through engagement with residents and neighborhood stakeholders alike, a 'Do No Harm' approach is being honored. Milo-Grogan has a rich history, and despite the negative impacts of highway construction and institutional disinvestment over the years, there remains a multigenerational sense of pride and strength among residents, who have a right to participate in, and benefit from, the revitalization of their own neighborhood.

As a demonstration of these values, initial grants to fund empowerment in Milo-Grogan are supporting home repairs for current and long-time residents, as well as community engagement, distribution of resident newsletters, and efforts to align civic capacity. Through participating in the City's design charrette for the 2nd Avenue redevelopment planned for 2020, the cost of street trees is being supported by The Columbus Foundation so as to ensure that Milo-Grogan residents benefit from the same level of green infrastructure investments being made in other historic neighborhoods.

As efforts to learn from, and support residents and community partners in Milo-Grogan continue, we hope this report and the accompanying Columbus neighborhood development comparison table prove to be a helpful resource in your own efforts to learn and contribute positively to the neighborhood, or other neighborhoods with which you may be partnering.