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03.15.2007 | Campus and Community, Culture and Society "Escaping Poverty by Building Equity and Opportunity in Greater Dayton" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union on the University of Dayton campus. The keynote speaker will be James I. Masters, president of the Center for Community Futures in Berkeley, Calif., who has worked with over 500 Community Action agencies and Head Start programs.

Registration is \$20 per person, or \$35 for two people and \$5 for students, and can be made by calling 937-229-4641. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 27.

The conference is designed to connect area residents with national community leaders to revitalize neighborhoods and empower grassroots leadership. Also during the conference, the University of Dayton will announce the winner of the ninth annual Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak Community Builders Award, given to an area resident who exemplifies vision and compassion toward neighborhood or community.

The schedule for the conference is below.

* 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.: Registration and continental breakfast in the Kennedy Union.

* 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.: Plenary session featuring Tim Donnellan, president and CEO of Community Action Partnership in Dayton and board chair of the national Community Action Partnership.

* 10 to 11 a.m.: Three concurrent workshops on strategies to provide health care to low-income families and the unemployed, how the local transportation system serves low-income people and how low-income people can prepare budgets.

* 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.: Three concurrent workshops on community resources to support families, local programs for job placement and training and updates on the status of affordable housing in the region.

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.: Luncheon in the Kennedy Union ballroom, followed by an awards presentation and keynote address from James I. Masters.

Masters is a specialist in the management and future of community action agencies and Head Start programs, with more than 39 years of success working for and with anti-poverty programs, and state and federal funding agencies.

The CityLinks Neighborhood Conference is sponsored by UD's Fitz Center for Leadership in Community, with support from DP&L and the Community Action Partnership.

For more information, contact Dean Lovelace at 937-229-4643. For more on the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community, contact executive director Dick Ferguson at

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