The 29th annual CityLinks Neighborhood Conference will focus on moving Dayton forward through new ideas and initiatives. The time is now to make choices and take chances in order to envision changes for the community.

Regional leaders will gather Friday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the 1700 South Patterson Building on the University's River Campus for the conference.

President and CEO of the Dayton Development Coalition Jeff Hoagland will deliver the keynote address. The coalition is the Dayton region's economic development organization and principal public advocate. Hoagland has worked with the city of Kettering as assistant city manager, the city of Vandalia as city manager, and the Montgomery County Community and Development office. He is very active in the community and sits on a number of local boards.

CityLinks participants can attend two of three targeted workshops focused on the conference theme "Building Relationships:"

- Restorative Justice: One Urban School’s Experience
- CityLink Slams: 7 presentations limited to 20 slides for 20 seconds each on topics ranging from community cleanups to arts to Dayton neighborhoods to the Rivers Institute.
- Shaking Assets from the Neighborhood Tree

The CityLinks conference is designed to connect local residents with prominent community leaders to revitalize neighborhoods and empower grassroots leadership. Also during the conference, the University of Dayton will announce the winner of the 16th annual Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak Community Builders Award, given to an area resident who exemplifies vision and compassion toward neighborhood or community.

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