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DAYTON, Ohio, August 30, 1988--The University of Dayton's Strategies for Responsible Development (SRD) office will hold an open house for the public at its new location on Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The office has recently moved to 231 L Street near the edge of campus to provide more office space and to be more accessible to clients.

"The new location is ideal because in addition to providing us more space and greater accessibility to clients, it locates us in an old house and puts us in touch with the problems neighborhoods face," said Brother Phil Aaron, S.M., director of SRD. "We're grateful to the University for this symbol of support for our efforts and for neighborhood preservation."

SRD began in 1974 as UD's effort to address the problem of food production in West Africa. In 1981 SRD joined with the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition to organize a community garden and solar greenhouse complex on a vacant factory site in West Dayton. Now known as the Edgemont Solar Garden, it serves as a model of community gardening as a base for development in distressed neighborhoods. The Edgemont Solar Garden was one of two anchor gardens at the start of Grow With Your Neighbor (GWYN), a city-wide community gardening center. GWYN is now housed at Wegerzyn Horticultural Center.

SRD Neighborhood Development provides technical assistance for neighborhood development corporations (NDCs). It helps organizations take responsibility for the future of their neighborhoods by providing leadership training, organizational development, computer-assisted accounting and assistance in obtaining grants and loans. Common NDC activities include housing rehabilitation, community gardening, historical preservation and small economic development projects.

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