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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WILL SPREAD CHEER IN UD NEIGHBORHOOD ON DEC. 3

University of Dayton students will spread Christmas cheer on Saturday, Dec. 3 when they deliver Christmas cards and poinsettias to non-student residents in the UD neighborhood. For the last several years, student block representatives have delivered poinsettias to remember their neighbors during the holiday season. Approximately 30 neighborhood residents will receive Christmas flowers this year from the students, who will meet at the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St., at 10 a.m.

Block representatives are student volunteers who work to improve the UD neighborhood and provide communication among students, non-student residents and the university. For further information, contact Judy Raines, coordinator of UD's McGinnis Center, at 229-2047.

ELECTRO-OPTIC SCULPTURE WILL TAKE SHAPE ON UD CAMPUS

On Monday, Dec. 5, an electro-optic sculpture of the Madonna figure will begin to take shape high on the west side of Miriam Hall on the campus of the University of Dayton. Depending on the weather, Blommel Sign Co. of Dayton will assemble the structure on the ground and then, using a 100-foot crane, attach it to the building on Monday and Tuesday. Late on Tuesday or early on Wednesday, the electro-optic cable will be threaded through the sculpture and the Madonna will be ready to light the night skies for the Christmas season.

The sculpture is expected to become a holiday tradition at UD. Due to the electro-optic nature of the sculpture, it may be illuminated from within by red, green, white or blue light. Once it's in place, university officials will make the final color decision based on visibility and aesthetics. Because the weather will play an important part in the timing of the construction, please call UD's Department of Public Relations and University Communications at 229-3241 for confirmation of construction details.

CHRISTMAS TREES WILL ARRIVE AT UD ON DEC. 5

The traditional Kennedy Union Plaza Christmas tree will arrive at the University of Dayton on Monday, Dec. 5. Woody Tree Medics will cut the tree, donated by the Wiehe family of 55 Waterford Drive in Centerville, at about 9 a.m., and workers from the Dayton Parks and Recreation Department will deliver it to the campus grounds crew at approximately 10 a.m. Students will then spend several hours decorating in preparation for Christmas on Campus, to be held Thursday, Dec. 8. A second tree, donated by Judy Clark of 3632 Eastern Drive in Beavercreek, will also be cut by Woody Tree Medics and will be delivered to the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St., at about 1:30 p.m.

For further information, call Jane Brown at 229-3682.