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THURSDAY, MAY 27: ANN CUMMINGS TO RECEIVE UD NEIGHBORHOOD AWARD

Dayton resident Ann Cummings will be honored as the first recipient of the Mattie Davis Community Builders Award at the University of Dayton's Institute for Neighborhood and Community Leadership's annual banquet from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom on campus.

Hosted by UD and called CityLinks '99, the banquet is the 14th annual gathering of neighborhood leaders and supporters. Joe McNeely, one of the country's leading trainers of community-based organizations, will be the keynote speaker.

Cummings is being recognized for her work in the MacFarlane neighborhood, where she has helped restore the aging area to its original condition. She also is a member of the city of Dayton Planning Board and acting director of the Ecumenical Neighborhood Development Corporation.

The award's namesake, Mattie Davis, was founder of the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition and Solar Garden, a nonprofit, community-based organization located in west Dayton. Long before her death in October 1998, Davis became the catalyst for UD's participation in local neighborhoods.

The award will be presented yearly to the individual who reflects Davis' "example of inspiration and commitment to community," said Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., UD president.

For media interviews, call **Ann Cummings** at (937) 222-2577 and **Dean Lovelace**, **community leadership consultant** with INCLUD, at (937) 229-4641.

SATURDAY, MAY 29: UD DESKS DONATED TO PATTERSON-KENNEDY STUDENTS

One hundred Patterson-Kennedy Elementary School students will claim their free "new" study desks when they pick them at the school, 258 Wyoming St., from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 29. Students interested in receiving a desk notified the school, which allocated them on a first come, first served basis.

The desks are being provided by the University of Dayton, which replaced student desks in Marycrest and Stuart residential halls to accommodate the computers that will be required of incoming students this fall.

Another 75 desks are being donated to Patterson-Kennedy to equip a basement classroom, now empty, and to place one in each classroom. The basement classroom will be used by UD students who visit the school to offer science and geology lessons and tutor the students.

For more information, contact **Stacy Wall**, graduate assistant at UD, at (937) 229-4125 and **Nolan Graham**, Patterson-Kennedy principal, at (937) 222-8913.