

# MOVING DAYTON FORWARD

THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP

CityLinks 2015 celebrates 30 years of bringing neighborhood leaders together to share ideas and strategies to improve the city of Dayton neighborhoods.

The conference will present workshops and a powerful message from renowned motivational speaker Father Greg Boyle, S.J., founder and director of Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, California. Please join us for this historic event.

Friday, April 10, 2015  
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
1700 South Patterson Building  
University of Dayton

## SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9 a.m.	Registration Meyer Room N1650
9 - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Workshop Session A
10:30 - 10:40 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. - Noon	Workshop Session B
Noon - 12:10 p.m.	Break
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Community Builders Award Keynote Speaker

To register for the CityLinks Neighborhood Leadership Conference, return the enclosed form along with a check or money order to the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community.

Registration deadline is March 25, 2015. The cost of the conference is \$20 per person (\$10 for University of Dayton students).

*Preregistration is required.*

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If you have questions or need more information, contact Char Cook Robinson at the University of Dayton's Fitz Center for Leadership in Community at **937-229-4641** or **crobinson1@udayton.edu**.

## PARKING

CityLinks guests are permitted to park in the R3 Lot at the University of Dayton's River Campus, 1700 South Patterson Building, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 10. No parking permits are necessary, and you will not be cited. However, if you do not have a handicap permit, please be respectful and do not park in those designated spaces.

Thank you.



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## FATHER GREGORY BOYLE, S.J.

A native of Los Angeles, Father Gregory Boyle, S.J., was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1984. He was transformed by his work in Bolivia, Mexico and Folsom Prison with those who “live at the margins.” His dedication to finding a place for all brought him to the Boyle Heights community of East Los Angeles, where he served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church — then the poorest parish in the city — from 1986 through 1992. It was there that Boyle started what would become Homeboy Industries, now the largest gang intervention, rehab and re-entry program in the world. He is the author of *The New York Times* best-seller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. An acknowledged expert on gangs and intervention approaches, Boyle is a nationally renowned speaker on unconditional love and hope as powerful tools to help us move toward a society of peace and kinship.

## WORKSHOPS

### SESSION A: 9:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. (SELECT ONE)

#### Communication with the Media

Strong communication links those who are dedicated to work together to improve their neighborhoods. Effective communication becomes even more important when your organization wants to get your message out to people outside of your own community. Come learn effective media skills in promoting your neighborhood.

#### Power Gardening

From our backyard to our community, gardens are the next level of collaborative growing. Learn how to be a respectful steward of the earth and live sustainably by cultivating a bounty that will support the health of our communities.

#### Seeing the Future: Next Generation Taking the Lead

Leadership learns and adapts from the past. As our neighborhood associations and dedicated community members grow older, learn how to engage with the next generation of neighborhood leadership to provide our future.

### SESSION B: 10:45 A.M. - NOON (SELECT ONE)

#### Faith-based Connection in the Neighborhoods

Faith-based organizations are often overlooked as viable partners, sometimes because of deeply ingrained lessons regarding the separation of church and state as codified by our Founding Fathers. Learn about the significant competence and knowledge that faith-based organizations have contributed to communities and their history of providing services with compassion.

#### Immigrant and Refugee: A Success Story

Immigrants and refugees of diverse backgrounds will discuss their successful transition into their neighborhoods. Personal stories such as these are a powerful tool in gaining an understanding of important personal relationships in your neighborhood.

#### Power Talk with Dayton Police

Laws vary from culture to culture but their importance to society is universal. Learn how local law enforcement upholds the law in a community filled with diverse races and ethnicities while spreading a message of peace, respect and cooperation.

## MATTIE DAVIS AND JOE KANAK COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARD

Dayton has been very fortunate to have a wealth of neighborhood and community leaders who have spent their lives organizing and advocating for their respective communities. Two of these leaders were Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak, whose determination and innovation helped Dayton become a better place to live, work and raise future generations.

Each year, the University of Dayton presents the Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak Community Builders Award. This award honors an individual in the Dayton community who exemplifies vision and compassion toward neighborhood and community.



**MATTIE DAVIS** held a major role in the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition of Dayton. In 1978, she invited the University of Dayton to join in an effort that began the award-winning Edgemont Neighborhood Solar Garden. Her demonstration of hard work and dedication continues to inspire volunteers throughout the community.



**JOE KANAK** was an inspiration to his community of Old North Dayton, where he was born and raised. Kanak was involved in virtually every initiative sponsored by the Northeast Priority Board and the Old North Dayton Development Corporation for more than 20 years.