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## Nonprofit housing development leaders honored; St. Mary Development founders retire

Local leaders Sister Rose Wildenhaus and Richard McBride of St. Mary Development Corp. in Dayton were recently awarded the Ned D. Neuhausel Award by the Ohio CDC Association.

The award, which was presented Oct. 11, honors housing developers who demonstrate a lifelong commitment to people with disabilities, according to the association.

McBride and Wildenhaus retired in October from St. Mary Development Corp. after more than 30 years.

They established the nonprofit organization with a mission of creating places where seniors, especially those who were poor, could become part of the community and prosper, according to a history provided by the association.

The group's first senior residential community was Twin Towers

Place, a 100-unit property in Dayton's East End neighborhood. After the property's first 15 year compliance period, 15 of the original 100 residents were still living there. In a recent survey, 94 percent of St. Mary residents said they were satisfied or very satisfied in their St. Mary unit.

The association says the honorees were key forces in creating more than 3,100 units of affordable housing that impacts the lives of thousands of elderly residents in and around Dayton on a daily basis.

St. Mary Development conducts real estate development, real estate management and home health care services. Also its program HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton provides foreclosure prevention and first-time home buyer counseling.

Ohio CDC Association is a statewide membership organization of community development corporations.