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### **Omega CDC Announces Acquisition of Former Colonel White High School Site for Future Community Development**

**Dayton, OH (April 1, 2025)** – Omega Community Development Corporation (Omega CDC) is pleased to announce the acquisition of the former Colonel White High School site at 501 Niagara Ave., Dayton. This strategic purchase represents Omega CDC's continued commitment to transforming the Hope Zone and bettering the surrounding community.

"This acquisition marks an important step forward in our ongoing mission to support the families and individuals of Northwest Dayton," said Rachel Ward, Vice President of Omega CDC. "As we continue our work in the Hope Zone, we are excited about the potential this site offers for future opportunities that align with our core focus areas of education, health and wellness, economic stability, and community engagement."

While Omega CDC has no immediate plans for the site, the organization is committed to a careful and collaborative approach to determine its best possible use. This will include engaging residents, community leaders, and strategic partners to ensure that the future development aligns with Omega CDC's mission.

"Omega CDC follows a place-based approach to community development, meaning we focus on solutions that address the specific needs and strengths of Northwest Dayton," said Dr. Vanessa Ward, President of Omega CDC. "We also employ a two-generational model to create sustainable change by providing support to both children and their caregivers. Our priority is to engage the community, listen to their input, and carefully assess opportunities that will provide the greatest benefit to Northwest Dayton."

Omega CDC has a long history of investing in the community, including projects such as the Hope Center for Families and Omega Senior Lofts. The acquisition of this land reflects the organization's continued dedication to bringing meaningful, sustainable change to the area.

Community engagement efforts will begin soon, and Omega CDC will provide updates on its website and through local outreach efforts as the process unfolds.

#### **About Omega Community Development Corporation**

Omega Community Development Corporation (Omega CDC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded by Omega Baptist Church in 1997, exists to inspire hope and forge pathways to self-sufficiency in Northwest Dayton. Our mission is to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by driving change and empowering families through cradle-to-career, place-based services. Serving thousands of children and adults, Omega CDC partners with public, private, and philanthropic organizations to deliver wrap-around support, building healthy and prosperous communities. For more information, visit [www.omegacdc.org](http://www.omegacdc.org).