

UPCOMING EVENTS

2008 Price Hill Pacer

August 9, 2008
Elder High School
Schaeper Center

2008 Birthday Brunch

December 7, 2008
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President & CEO message

Santa Maria is in its 111th year; we've begun the second decade of our second century! To celebrate, we have updated our agency's logo and will soon roll out our new website.

While our logo has been updated, it still has the familiar hands, representing the many helping hands of Santa Maria. I've been reflecting on those hands and the ways they make a difference through Santa Maria:

- Hands of hundreds of donors giving financially—some small gifts and some large—to support our work of changing lives;

- Hands of volunteers giving thousands of hours of service delivering meals to home-bound elderly or working to repair the home of a disabled person or serving in other ways;
- Hands of our staff who reach out and offer a hand up to those who are hurting or looking to improve their lives;
- Hands of dozens of partners working with us shoulder to shoulder to help children and families reach their potential every day.

Thanks to all of you who offer your hands to help with this important work. If you aren't already involved, please consider putting your hands to the Santa Maria plow this year through a financial gift or by giving of your time. Thank you.



Participants take off running at the 2007 Price Hill Pacer

Price Hill Pacer *Annual 5K Run Benefits Price Hill Community Programs*

Start the conditioning regimen! On **Saturday, August 9th at 8 a.m.** join sponsors Macy's, SC Ministry Foundation, Cincinnati SportsMedicine, Hart Pharmacy, PepsiAmerica, Glier's Goetta, City Lights, Warsaw Federal, Souders Financial Services, Chiquita, Skally's Old World Bakery and National City Bank for the Third Annual Price Hill Pacer 5K Run/Walk. The 5K

(3.1 mile) course begins at Elder High School's Schaeper Center at Vincent Avenue and runs through the surrounding neighborhoods.

Participants will receive a gift bag and T-shirt (while supplies last). Prizes will be awarded to the winners, and runners, guests, and audience members will receive door prizes. Glier's Goetta and other food

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Planned Giving Opportunities

Wills/Bequests

Where there is a will, there is a way... to allow Santa Maria to continue to serve the underprivileged and help build strong families, promote healthy residents and foster neighborhood revitalization in Price Hill.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Two-thirds of All Americans die without a will, often resulting in confusion and court entanglements;**
- **70% of Americans give annually to charity; however, only 5% of Americans leave a bequest to a charity.**

Frequently Asked Questions about Wills***Q. Why is a bequest a good planned gift option?***

A. Bequests allow you to make a gift down the road without concerns about outliving your financial resources. There are also tax advantages such as unlimited estate tax charitable deductions. Most importantly, donors maintain control over their assets during their lifetimes but still make a difference in the future.

Q. What are the options for a planned gift through a bequest?

A. Gifts can be a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount, a contingency amount depending on a circumstance that you have created, or a residual amount (what is remaining) of your estate.

Q. What legal language should I use in my will to make a bequest?

A. "I bequeath the sum of \$____(or ____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate; or shares of _____) to Santa Maria Community Services, whose legal address is 2918 Price Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45204."

Planned Giving is an umbrella term to describe a variety of estate planning techniques for making a gift to charity, including bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plans, trusts, etc.. The information in this publication is not intended as legal advice. For legal advice, please contact an attorney.

Please leave Santa Maria in your will or estate plan and tell us when you do.

For more information or assistance in making a bequest, please call Nune Krayterman, Development Director at (513)557-2730 or email at nune.krayterman@santamaria-cincy.org



Mike and Becky Gentry

A Generous Gift

On June 18 at the Taft Museum of Art, The Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council presented The Voices of Giving Awards to people for their planned gifts to their favorite charities.

Santa Maria's former Board Member and Board President Mr.

Michael G. Gentry was presented with the Award for furthering Santa Maria's mission into the future by remembering the agency in his bequest.

Tenant Education Classes

Santa Maria's housing team is excited about a new opportunity for families in our community. We have developed a tenant education curriculum that will be taught one Saturday a month throughout the year. Topics include:

- **Finding an apartment**
- **Comparing apartments**
- **The rental application process**
- **Creating a Renter's Resume**
- **Understanding your lease**
- **Home care—preparing a housekeeping plan**
- **Checking out the apartment and the landlord**
- **Communicating with your landlord and neighbors**
- **Tracking your spending and developing a budget**
- **Moving On: Notice, Security Deposit, and Evictions**

Classes are from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and all topics will be covered in each one-day session. An attorney from Legal Aid Society will be there to teach the lessons on security deposits and evictions as well as to answer specific questions. Lunch will be provided. At the end of the day participants will receive a certificate that they can present to landlords when applying for



Neighborhood residents attend the monthly tenant education classes offered at Santa Maria.

apartments. The goal of the program is to give tenants the tools they need to find and maintain a good place to call home. We hope that we can help families understand both their rights and responsibilities and that landlords begin to recognize the value of renting to tenants who have completed the course.

UPCOMING CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON:

- **Saturday, August 9th, 10:00-4:00**
- **Saturday, September 13th, 10:00-4:00**

For more information or to refer clients to the program, call Kayla Camp-Warner at (513) 557-2710 x510 or email at Kayla.Camp-Warner@SantaMaria-cincy.org.

Santa Maria Receives Young Explorer Computer



Joenelle Bullard enjoys using the new IBM Young Explorer computer.

Santa Maria's Sedamsville Center was fortunate to be the recipient of a Young Explorer's all-in-one computer where children ages 3-7 can play and learn while

their parents come to group meetings and participate in center activities. The computer came with five preloaded software programs and friendly desktop features such as bright, "easy to recognize" keys and letters. It also includes a child friendly mouse. Some of the programs include: Sammy's Science House, Millie's Math House and Billie's Book House which allow the children to learn basic science, math, and reading concepts with the click of a mouse. The children enjoy this computer tremendously, and parents have said how much they appreciate having this computer available at the center. This gift was made possible through IBM's Technology Donation Program and United Way, and we thank them for it!

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Joseph and Catherine Backs

Bill and Kathy Castellini

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Bill Brown

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2008 Bienestar Recognition Luncheon and Diversity Seminar

On Friday, May 9th, Santa Maria's Bienestar program recognized Board member Tony Simms-Howell and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Ohio Chapter for their outstanding efforts in diversity on behalf of the Hispanic/ Latino population.

An outstanding seminar on "Diversity at the Workplace" and the Bienestar Recognition Luncheon were sponsored by TriHealth, Ethicon Endo-Surgery and Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co. The event was held at The Syndicate, 18 East 5th Street, Newport, Kentucky.



The "Diversity at the Workplace" seminar began at 10 am and discussed the topics of recruiting, retaining and promoting a diverse workforce. Speakers included retired Procter and Gamble Diversity Recruiting Manager Glenna Anderson,



Tony Simms-Howell, member of Santa Maria's Board of Directors, received the Sr. Margarita Hope Award at the 2008 Bienestar Recognition Luncheon.

Su Casa Director Sofia Moyano-Kleckner, LPC, CHES, and retired Procter and Gamble marketing executive Neil Comber.

The 2008 Bienestar Recognition Luncheon began at 11:30 am. Dr. Mitchel Livingston, Ph. D., University of Cincinnati's Vice President for Student Affairs and Services and Chief Diversity Officer, was the keynote speaker for the Luncheon. Honoree Tony Simms-Howell received the Sr. Margarita Hope Award, and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Ohio Chapter received the Organizational Award.

Proceeds from the Bienestar Recognition Luncheon and Diversity Seminar benefited the Bienestar Hispanic Health Access Initiative program, which is a part of Santa Maria's Health and Wellness program.

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Special thanks to Covedale Elementary 5th Grade Class!

Many thanks go to Mrs. Diamond's 5th grade class at Covedale Elementary School for their donation of over 250 books to the children's programs at Santa Maria! After winning a reading contest, Mrs. Diamond's class received a large donation of new books from Scholastic Books, which sponsored the contest. These books were

distributed among different non-profit agencies, including Santa Maria. Children in Santa Maria's Every Child Succeeds, Promoting Our Preschoolers and After-school programs will be able to enjoy the gift of reading. Thanks again to Mrs. Diamond's 5th grade class at Covedale Elementary School!

Lower Price Hill Center Renovation

In 2007 three local private foundations collectively supported renovation of Santa Maria's Lower Price Hill center. The Thomas J. Emery Memorial, The Josephine Schell Russell Charitable Trust, and The Louise Taft Semple Foundation provided grants to repair the southern side of the building and replace the doors and windows in this three story structure. The building not only looks better from outside and inside, but it is more energy efficient. The Lower Price Hill center primarily houses Santa Maria's Affordable Housing program. Through this program, Santa Maria works with main stakeholders and low income individuals to ensure that quality, affordable housing is available to owners



Thanks to a variety of funders, the Lower Price Hill Center has new doors and windows.

and renters in the Price Hill and Sedamsville area. Services include: advocacy, education, support to community development projects, organizing of block clubs/tenant groups and initiatives to address safety issues and code enforcement.



A variety of plants were sold at the 2008 Price Hill Home and Garden Fair.

Price Hill Home and Garden Fair

On Saturday, May 31st at the Price Hill Community Center, Santa Maria Community Services and Price Hill Will organized the fourth annual Price Hill Home and Garden Fair, formerly known as the Price Hill Home Improvement Blitz.

This special event targeted Price Hill homeowners who were interested in beautifying their gardens and their homes, making basic home repairs and gaining information on home improvement loans. Residents were able to attend several demonstrations on basic lawn care, gardening on a budget and energy efficiency. Thanks to the Home Depot, Firehouse Nursery, and Working in Neighborhoods for their help with these demonstrations. The Price Hill Home and Garden Fair included various representatives from area agencies, banks and civic groups that offered resources and programs available to Price Hill homeowners. For the first time flowers were available for purchase to the visitors of the fair. Thanks to Doug Kohls from Firehouse Nursery and Carolyn Wickelhaus from Price Hill Will's Beautification Community Action Team for having both annuals and perennials for sale.

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Cincinnati Bell Day in the Community

Special thanks go to the employees of Cincinnati Bell! On Saturday, June 14th, 20 Cincinnati Bell employees and family members gathered at Santa Maria's Price Avenue site to help with an oversized painting job. All of the Price Avenue Center's doors, door frames, window frames and a few walls were repainted with new colors to help with the site's

goal to "refresh" its surroundings.

"I was so pleased with the number of individuals who took time from their Saturday schedules to help us out at Santa Maria," says Blair Schoen, Santa Maria Vice President. "They were very caring, thorough and inspiring. Thanks so much to Cincinnati Bell for organizing this day of volunteerism!"



Cincinnati Bell employees and their families volunteered for a day at Santa Maria's Price Avenue Center.

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items will be served after the event at a tailgate party before the Elder football scrimmage against Fairfield.

Runners and walkers can get more information and a map of the course, and can download a printable registration form at www.pricehillpacer.org. Pre-registration is \$20 for adults, \$15 for students 17 and under. After the registration deadline, the cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students.

Proceeds from the Price Hill Pacer benefit the community programs of Santa Maria Community Services and Price Hill Will. *For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.santamaria-cincy.org, or www.pricehillwill.org, or contact Leslie Schultz at leslie.schultz@santamaria-cincy.org, or (513) 557-2730 ext. 408.*

The Price Hill Pacer TITLE SPONSOR



You're Invited!!!
The VIP Picnic
August 26, 2008,
3 – 6pm
Mt. Echo Park Shelter

For ANYONE who has volunteered during the past year for any number of hours. We want you to be able to meet the entire volunteer "family." Come out and enjoy a picnic! Rain or shine. So we will have food for all, please RSVP to Gladys Bell, (513) 557-2730, ext. 415.

Santa Maria Nominees Win Butterfly Awards

Each year the Krohn Conservatory's Butterfly Show committee honors special individuals, who have been able to utilize local social service agencies' programs to transform their life, just as butterflies transform from caterpillars. This year Santa Maria was invited to recommend a recipient for one of these Butterfly Awards. However, two individuals who have worked through Santa Maria's programs were chosen to receive 2008 Butterfly Awards!



Carnisha, her son and her son's father.

Carnisha joined the Every Child Succeeds program when she was 6 months pregnant with her son. Many problems arose when she had to quit her job due to gestational diabetes and when her baby's father had also lost his job. She was unable to afford the necessary insulin, she was being evicted from her apartment and her car needed repairs. Even though there were continued obstacles, Carnisha made her child the primary focus in her life. She was patient and optimistic.

Today Carnisha is in college studying to be an R.N., works full-time and has arranged for her baby to be cared for by relatives while she works. Housing is stable and her financial situation has improved with the promise of a brighter future for her family. Her son is a happy, well-adjusted child whose development is either on target or advanced in some areas. Santa Maria's ECS worker Barb Smith says, "It has been inspiring to watch this strong, determined woman evolve into a butterfly."



Danielle and Carnisha, their children and the father of Carnisha's son.

Santa Maria's second nominee was Danielle. Danielle is a single mother with three children and participates in many of Santa Maria's parenting and child development programs, including Promoting Our Preschoolers. During the last year Danielle struggled financially and emotionally, losing the father of her youngest two children to a drug overdose. Through all of her obstacles, Danielle has supported and cared for her children.

Currently Danielle has her own apartment, is working on completing her GED and is in the process of obtaining a part-time job, which will allow her to spend quality time with her children. Her five year old successfully completed kindergarten and is already reading. Her second grader is getting help with his ADHD, and has actively improved his grades in school. Her 19 month old had difficulty walking, but is now overcoming that problem. Danielle is getting her life back on track. She is proud that she has been able to overcome the obstacles and looks forward to a bright future.



Danielle and her daughter.

Nutrition for Diabetes Management

Type II Diabetes is an epidemic in the United States and is a leading cause of disability and premature death. On January 31, Santa Maria's Health and Wellness Program, in conjunction with the nursing students from Mount St. Joseph College, held a luncheon seminar on Nutrition for Diabetics at the Price Hill Recreation Center.

There were thirty participants in attendance for the delicious meal prepared by the nurses. Chicken cacciatore, rice, salad and wonderful little cheesecakes with raspberries delighted everyone. Each participant also went home with a small basket of fruit.

The nurses offered an educational presentation on food choices to help manage blood glucose levels including samples to show portion size, which most people have trouble understanding. They had a graphic demonstration on how much sugar is in various sizes of sodas. That was shocking for many participants! A typical can of regular soda contains 17 teaspoons of sugar!!! Drinking water or diet sodas were highly recommended instead of regular beverages.



Thirty participants listen to nursing students from the College of Mount St. Joseph and learn about diabetes management.

The nurses also took blood pressures and blood sugar levels for all participants who requested the screenings. Pre- and post- tests were given to gauge the participants' level of understanding.

There will be ongoing educational presentations on Stroke & Heart Disease, COPD and Stress & Pain Management during the rest of the year.

If you have questions, please call Santa Maria's Health and Wellness program at (513) 557-2700 ext. 220 or 205.

Bienestar Events

HEALTHY FAMILY PICNIC

Each year the Bienestar Project of the Santa Maria Wellness Program sponsors a picnic for the international families at the Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies at Roselawn Park. This year there were approximately 100 in attendance. Parents, children, school staff and other family members and friends were present. Our Promotores graduates and volunteer medical staff provided FREE glucose testing. The children enjoyed sack races, a bubble-blowing contest and soccer. EVERYONE enjoyed tasty grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, cold drinks and fresh fruit. If you would like to know more about the activities of Santa Maria's Wellness Program, contact Becky Montenegro at (513) 557-2700, ext. 207.



Kids and adults enjoyed playing various games at the Healthy Family Picnic.

HEALTH FAIR

The Bienestar Program is holding its Annual Hispanic Health Fairs this year in April and September. The first health fair was held on **Sunday, April 13th**. The second fair will be held on September 28th at the Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies, 7001 Reading Road, 12:30 – 3:00pm. There will be more than 20 exhibits and FREE screenings such as glucose, cholesterol, Body Mass Index, vision, hearing and dental. The newest feature of the health fair is the Children's Health Zone which

includes special activities and information for children (guardians must accompany).

If you are interested in sponsoring a portion of the fair, the printing of the Medical Directory or volunteering during an event, please contact Becky Montenegro (Becky.Montenegro@santamaria-cincy.org) at (513) 557-2700 ext. 207 or Gladys Bell (Gladys.Bell@santamaria-cincy.org) at (513) 557-2730 ext. 415.



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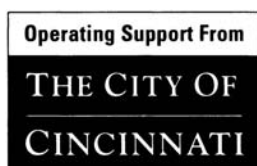
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Volunteer View

We are looking for Santa Maria

“Ambassadors”! Volunteers are the heart of Santa Maria Community Services! In 2007 we involved 585 volunteers to provide more than 20,802 hours of service. Volunteers expand the work of our staff by an additional 10 full time persons. Our volunteers bring the fresh ideas, needed skills, and expert knowledge for our programming to make a positive impact on our community.

Just since January over 100 volunteers have served as part of our team. Won't you be an angel and join our volunteer family? There will be scheduled orientations for those who want to become an “Ambassador” by learning more about our programs and needs.

If you have an interest in lending your expertise, support or knowledge, **contact Gladys Bell** (Gladys.Bell@santamaria-cincy.org) at (513) 557-2730 ext. 415.

This Just In...



Santa Maria meets the Cincinnati Better Business Bureau (BBB) Foundation's “20 Standards for Charity Accountability,” which means Santa Maria is now an accredited organization and can display the new BBB Accredited Charity Seal. **Visit www.Cincinnati.bbb.org to see Santa Maria's official BBB listing.**