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The Brunch committee is busy making plans for this year's celebration

The 2007 Birthday Brunch Committee, including **Marge Davis, Marie Kramer, Laureen Niehaus-Beckner** and **Marilyn Ward Wildermuth**, is excited about making plans for this year's brunch. While honoring special supporters and raising funds for the programs of Santa

2007 Birthday Brunch Celebrates 110 Years!

Maria, this year's guests will be celebrating the 110th Anniversary of Santa Maria Community Services.

Plans have already begun to take place. The Brunch will be held on **Sunday, December 2nd, from 10:30 - 1:00 at the Verdin Bell Event Centre** (the old St. Paul's Catholic Church near Broadway and Central Parkway.) Please join Santa Maria and the Brunch Committee in celebrating 110 years of *Helping Families Help Themselves!*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

I'm just back from a vacation with my family and thinking how blessed I am to be here in Cincinnati and working at Santa Maria. Having recently passed my 23rd anniversary at Santa Maria, I'm wondering how the time could have moved so quickly! My eldest, only ten weeks old when we moved here, is now in graduate school!

Santa Maria is also celebrating an anniversary this year--one that you won't want to miss. At our annual "Birthday Brunch" on Sunday, December 2nd, we'll be looking back significantly further--celebrating Santa Maria's 110th year of service to families and children. While we're proud of our history and our many

successes in the past, we are intently looking forward, with excitement, to the challenges ahead. Helping children enter school ready to succeed, seniors remain safely independent, families maintain safe, affordable housing, and people lead healthy lives--those are the challenges we're tackling every day.

Please consider joining our efforts by sending a gift for Santa Maria's annual Friend's Campaign. In addition, you can invest in the work of Santa Maria and other organizations by making a pledge to this year's **United Way** campaign. Thank you for your generous support!



*H.A. Musser, Jr.,
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Santa Maria Families Visit Krohn Conservatory

Over 50 children and adults attended an Every Child Succeeds (ECS)/Promoting Our Preschoolers (POP) outing to the **Krohn Conservatory** and **Eden Park** on June 13th. While on this outing, the families had the opportunity to experience something new and connect with each other in a

fun atmosphere. They spent time exploring the Conservatory and enjoyed the butterflies landing on their arms and clothes. Afterwards, the group walked to **Eden Park** and had a picnic.

The ECS/POP groups meet monthly with different scheduled events and educational opportunities, such as scrapbooking, seasonal activities and guest speakers. Parents are the best support for each other, and these groups create an opportunity for them to get to know each other in a positive atmosphere.



Foundation Provides Hearing To Those In Need

Over the past four years, Santa Maria's Jordan Health program has been the recipient of grants from **The Bahmann Foundation**. This has been a most rewarding association for Santa Maria's older clients with significant hearing loss. **The Bahmann Foundation** was started by twin sisters **Laura Belle and Emma Leah Bahmann** and currently helps fund services and purchase equipment that stimulate mental and physical activity in elderly adults.

The Bahmann Foundation has been invaluable in helping Santa Maria provide services to clients who have suffered isolation due to hearing loss. The funds it has given to the Jordan Health program have helped access hearing assessments and ear exams, and when needed, obtained hearing aids free of charge to the clients. The clients must be 60 years or older, have no insurance coverage that would cover these services and have a low income.

Being able to communicate with family and friends has brought great joy, and a renewed sense of connection, purpose and more confidence for all of these people. Several have reported a more positive family and home situation, less frustration in social situations and less fear and vulnerability when in public.

One client, who is also legally blind, finds her life greatly changed and says she is more confident, feels safer in her home and can communicate again with a disabled daughter who can no longer speak loudly. She says this has brought them both closer and given them a sense of peace in their difficult life situation. For her and many others the gift of the "sisters" who founded the Bahmann Foundation has been life changing and a blessing in many ways.

Santa Maria's Jordan Health program has been proud to work with the Bahmann Foundation. To learn more about this wonderful Foundation, please visit their website at www.BahmannFoundation.org.

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2007 Price Hill Pacer A Success!



And they're off!

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On Saturday, June 9th, over 100 runners and walkers gathered to participate in the 2007 Price Hill Pacer 5K Run/Walk. It was a beautiful, sunny day at **Elder High School's Schaeper Center**, and with encouraging words from Honorary Chair, **Bob Herzog, Local 12 News**, and the sound of a starting gun runners and walkers took to the streets of Price Hill.

Thanks to Title Sponsor, **Macy's**, Gold Sponsor, **Controlled Credit Corporation** and Silver Sponsor, **Bernen's Convalescent Pharmacy**,



Cincinnati Reds, Restaurant Management, Covedale Performing Arts Center, Paragon, Price Hill Chili, Elder High School, Seton High School, the Schoenfeld Family; committee members **Sarah Girtten, Kathleen O'Neill, Grace Lobono, Tom Otten, Mark Davis, Christa Davis and Heather Wigle;** and the many volunteers that helped at the event. The 2007 Pacer would not have been a success without you!

The Price Hill Pacer committee looks forward to seeing everyone at the 2008 Price Hill Pacer 5K Run/Walk!



The St. Atoninus Girl Scouts had fun working at the water station



Bob Herzog with event volunteers



Event participants enjoy refreshments at the after party

Adath Israel Helps With Back to School

Santa Maria will again benefit from the Annual Mitzvah Day at **Adath Israel Congregation**, to be held on Sunday, August 26th. As they did last year, Mitzvah Day participants will pack school backpacks for the families Santa Maria serves, so that the children are well equipped to start the school year.

Mitzvah Day seeks to bring members of the congregation together for a special day to engage in special projects that will make positive changes both within the congregation and the greater community. Members of the greater community are certainly welcome to participate. Funding for this project comes from the congregation's **Kreines Family Endowment Fund**. Additional information can be found at www.adath-israel.org.

Coming This Fall!

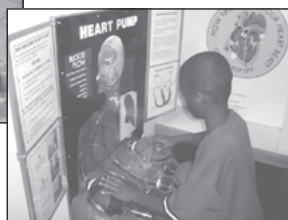
The Bienestar program has produced a trainer's manual, **Serving Our Hispanic Neighbors**, funded by the **Ohio Commission on Minority Health**, to instruct agencies and organizations in how to assist the Hispanic community. This project is based on the Promotores Project that Santa Maria has used for the last four years. The approaches to the work come from the perspective of involving grassroots community members in outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community. The manual, with accompanying DVD of vignettes, will be made available through a train-the-trainer workshop starting this fall. For more information, please contact **Gladys Bell** at (513) 557-2700 ext. 204 or email her at gladys.bell@santamaria-cincy.org.



Santa Maria Awarded Grant Through The Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Through a Summertime Kids grant from **The Greater Cincinnati Foundation**, Santa Maria offered an exciting and valuable experience for the youth of Price Hill this summer. By teaming up with the **Price Hill Recreation Center** from July 9th to July 13th Santa Maria provided a science camp for youth between the ages of 8 & 14 in East Price Hill. The youth were treated to presentations from **Mad Science** and **Cincinnati Parks**, as well as trips to the **Cincinnati Children's Museum**, **Omnimax Theater** and **COSI**. Other time was spent learning about healthy foods and creating their own science museum filled with cardboard dinosaurs and pictures of things they learned. One eleven year old boy from Price Hill couldn't

decide what his favorite part of the camp was, saying, "**COSI** was pretty cool, but seeing all the fun things the scientist did with dry ice was cool too!"



For seventeen years **The Greater Cincinnati Foundation** has been offering a Summertime Kids initiative to area non-profit organizations. The primary purpose of this project is to provide support for activities and programs that are enriching and fun for children during the summer months. Santa Maria thanks **The Greater Cincinnati Foundation** for selecting its project for the summer of 2007!

1st Latino Community Health Partnership Conference Held in May



The 1st Latino Community Health Partnership Conference was held Friday, May 11, 2007 at **Xavier University's Cintas Center**. Over 65 professionals and students had a chance to select from 15 different concurrent sessions during the morning hours after a continental breakfast and opening remarks. **Macy's** provided bags for conference materials and information that was handed out from four exhibitors.

Thanks go to the many volunteers at the event, sponsor **Duke Energy**, conference presenters **Cheryl Nunez, M.Ed.**, **Rachel Fair**, **Dr. Rebecca Brown**, **Gloria Del Castillo**, **Vanessa Nino**, **Jason Riveiro**, **Lupe Gonzalez Hoyt**, **Leo Calderon, MPA**, **Sofia Moyano Kleckner, LPC**, **CHES**, **Evelyn Tackett, MHA**, **Rosa Martin**, **Juliana Baquero**, **Sr. Margarita Brewer, SC**, **Mireika Kobayashi, M.Ed.**, **Kay Clifton, Ph.D.**, **Holly Riffe, Ph.D.**, **Liliana Rojas Guyler, Ph.D.**, **Victor Velez** and **Stephanie Carrera, Ph.D.**; and planning committee members **Gladys Bell**, **Stephanie Carrera, Ph.D.**, **Liliana Guyler, Ph.D.**, **Becky Montenegro**, **Tamika Odum**, **Fernando Rico Alarcon** and **Felicia Wallace**.

If you would like to see this conference scheduled as an annual event, we welcome your feedback. Contact **Gladys Bell** at (513) 557-2700, ext. 204 or gladys.bell@santamaria-cincy.org.



After attending the Latino Community Health Partnerships Conference, conference attendees joined over 140 other guests for the 2007 Bienestar Recognition Luncheon featuring **Dr. Odell Owens**, Hamilton County Coroner, as guest speaker and **Sasha Rionda, Local 12 News**, as Mistress of Ceremonies. **Pastor Luis Diaz, The Vineyard Community Church**, received the *Sr. Margarita Brewer Hope Award*.

Others receiving recognition included **Mr. Jorge Seda, GE Aviation**, **Dr. Gregory Stewart, Central State University**, **Crossroad Health Center** and **The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati**.

Thanks go to our host **Xavier University** and the **Office of the Provost**, major sponsors **Good Samaritan Hospital** and **GE Aviation**, the many table sponsors and Luncheon committee, including **Tony Simms-Howell**, **Michael Beck**, **Sr. Margarita Brewer**, **H. A. Musser, Jr.**, **Gladys Bell**, **Nune Krayterman** and **Leslie Schultz**. If you have suggestions for future luncheons or would like to serve on the 2008 Luncheon committee, please contact **Leslie Schultz** at 557-2730, ext. 408, or email her at leslie.schultz@santamaria-cincy.org.



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Elvis Visits Volunteer Dinner

On April 25th Santa Maria recognized its amazing volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Dinner held at **The Farm**. Nearly 200 volunteers and guests attended the event, and the atmosphere was electric! Over 500 volunteers give their time and talents to Santa Maria each year, which is approximately a 14 to 1 ratio of volunteers to staff. Truly amazing!

This year's entertainment was Elvis Presley himself in the guise of **Paul**

Halverstadt, a well-recognized "Elvis" in the Cincinnati area. He performed well and really played to his audience. Paul usually performs his magic the first Sunday of each month at **Jim and Jack's**.

Thank you to all of the door prize donors, including **Anderson Funeral Home, The Farm, Frisch's Restaurants, Knicker's of Hyde Park, Newport Aquarium, Melva Rohe, Sterling Cut Glass, TGIFridays, United Dairy Farmers** and **The Washington Platform**. Many thanks go to the wonderful staff at **The Farm** for providing a delicious dinner and making a generous donation to help in Santa Maria's work.

One last thank you goes to our outstanding volunteers! Without their help, Santa Maria would not be able to carry out its mission of helping families help themselves!



H. A. Musser, Santa Maria President and CEO, Sr. Kathryn Ann Connelly, SC, Santa Maria Board Member, and Sr. Kathryn Kirby, SC, talk at the April Volunteer Dinner.



The Farm staff did a great job!



Oh, Elvis!

Youth Have Fun At Kings Island

On June 26th youth ranging in ages from 5-10 years old from Lower Price Hill and Sedamsville participated in the 110th Anniversary of **AAA Allied Group's** Children's Outing Kings Island Day. The children enjoyed a beautiful day at the amusement park with other youth from throughout the city. Each group of five traveled around the park with a volunteer chaperone and was provided a free lunch. One Sedamsville six-year-old boy asked, "Do we get to come back tomorrow?" This was Santa Maria's 65th year of involvement with the outing, and based on the reactions of the boys and girls who went, it will always remain a big hit!

Bienestar Program Runs Health Fairs

The 2007 Hispanic Health Fairs were attended by more than 300 families and individuals and provided more than 400 health screenings. There were 123 different FREE health screenings offered by professional and paraprofessional providers. More than 125 exhibitors provided information on healthy lifestyle choices. This year over 100 volunteers responded to a call for help, which included both Spanish and English speaking individuals. With the planning for the 2008 Health Fairs already beginning, exciting changes are in order. If you would like to be a part of this planning team, please contact **Becky Montenegro** at (513) 557-2700, x207 or email her at becky.montenegro@santamaria-cincy.org.

Santa Maria Welcomes New Staff

Santa Maria's Child Development programs are fully staffed once again! **Julie McGregor** has been the new manager for the Every Child Succeeds program since March. She is working with the program as though she has already been here for years! Julie lives on the West side with her family and



**Christine Bull, Julie McGregor,
Ivelisse Conlon, and Mindy
Healthcoat-Mauerer**

was excited to have the opportunity to work with Santa Maria. She has her B.A. in Psychology and Spanish, and years of experience working with families and supervising programs.

Mindy Healthcoat-Mauerer is the newest member of the Every Child Succeeds staff at Santa Maria's East Price Hill Center. She was a private school teacher for four years and a public school substitute teacher for one year. In the fall of 2004 she graduated from the **University of Cincinnati** with her Master's degree in early childhood education with a focus in multicultural matters. Needless to say, she loves nothing more than working with

children and helping families. She lives in Madisonville with her husband and their dog Teddy, who runs the house!

Christine Bull has joined Santa Maria as its Home Child Care Educator. She is also from the West side. Christine has been working in Early Child Care for over five years. She is working with Santa Maria's Home Child Care network and the Price Hill community in meeting the goals of increasing the quantity and quality of child care in the community.

Ivelisse Conlon is the newest member of Santa Maria's Promoting Our Preschoolers program. She is from Puerto Rico, where she graduated from the **University of Puerto Rico** with a BA in Psychology. Ivelisse worked with the **Head Start** program for a while at **Heritage Hill** and **Springdale Elementary Schools**. She loves reading, cooking, shopping and music.

Santa Maria's Community Organizing Team also welcomes **Kayla Camp-Warner** to its staff. She grew up in Hamilton, Ohio and graduated from **New York University**, where she developed a passion for "housing issues." Kayla spent the last two years teaching first graders on a Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. Her hobbies include: painting, reading and dogs.



Kayla Camp-Warner

Stop by Santa Maria and say hello to all of our new employees!

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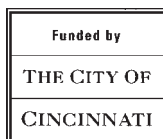
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Price Hill Back to School Fair

Saturday, August 4th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Lawrence Church

If interested in volunteering, call Julie at

513-557-2700, ext. 212.

Health Fairs

Lower Price Hill Health Fair

Saturday, September 15

St. Michael's Bingo Hall, State Avenue

Community Health Fair

Saturday, September 22

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. James Episcopal Church, Montana Avenue

Price Hill Women's Health Fair

Saturday, October 6

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Price Hill Recreation Center, Hawthorne Avenue

2007 Birthday Brunch

Sunday, December 2nd

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Verdin Bell Event Centre

Volunteer for Santa Maria!

At Santa Maria, we believe that many individuals face adverse conditions that challenge their ability to be self-sufficient. You too can empower someone to change the conditions which limit his/her opportunities.

If you live in the Cincinnati area and have time to volunteer, here is how you can help Santa Maria accomplish its mission:

- You could be a **mentor** or **tutor** for one of the children or youth attending our programs.
- You might enjoy **helping staff** in one of the child development programs or coach a sports team.
- You can **assist in planning special events**.
- You can share a **special skill** with members of our parenting or senior groups.
- You can **help a home-bound** older adult by assisting in the Meals on Wheels program.
- You can **share your computer software skills** with PageMaker, PhotoShop, and Dreamweaver applications or data entry.
- You can **share your expertise as a Registered Nurse** for the Jordan Health program.
- You can **help organize and archive records** or **assist in photographing Santa Maria events** (digital camera supplied).
- You can **apply your love of gardening** to help keep the surrounding areas of Santa Maria beautiful.

To find out more about volunteering at Santa Maria call **Leslie Schultz at (513) 557-2730 ext. 408** or write to her at leslie.schultz@santamaria-cincy.org.