

# SANTA MARIA

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### Newsletter



Winter 2007

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*Roger Grein*

## Roger Grein And The Sisters Of Charity To Be Honored At Brunch

Please join Santa Maria in honoring its founding organization, **The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati**, along with distinguished philanthropist and Santa Maria donor **Roger Grein** at Santa Maria's Birthday Brunch on Sunday, December 2, 2007.

A successful businessman, philanthropist and speaker, Roger will share his thoughts on "how all of us can, if we consider carefully and act lovingly, make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others." To learn more about Roger Grein, please visit his website at [www.rogergrein.com](http://www.rogergrein.com)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

**place matters.** We know that in order to bring about change in communities, we must focus our efforts on strengthening both the people and the infrastructure of the neighborhood. Children succeed in thriving, nurturing families. Families succeed when they live in safe and vibrant neighborhoods.

**place matters** Price Hill is an initiative designed to bring together the best of human services for the people and housing/business development strategies for the broader neighborhood. The goal is to promote the success of Price Hill as a whole. Ten strategies focus on early childhood, youth, parenting, housing and economic development--all important to the health and vitality of the neighborhood.

Santa Maria is leading the early childhood, youth and parenting parts of the place matters Price Hill plan. We're

actively working with two dozen other organizations who have pledged to support this initiative with their services. The end result of these family-focused strategies will be:

- more child care slots available for working parents
- better quality child development services
- increased readiness for kindergarten among Price Hill children
- increased parent involvement in the schools.

Santa Maria has been part of Price Hill for more than 40 years, and we continue to serve in a leadership role here. Thank you so very much for considering a generous year-end gift to help us continue and expand this important work.



*H.A. Musser, Jr.,  
MA, MSW, LISW*

#### PARENTING

EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS  
PROMOTING OUR  
PRESCHOOLERS

#### WESTSIDE HEALTH ACCESS

BIENESTAR  
JORDAN HEALTH  
MEALS-ON-WHEELS

#### COMMUNITY BUILDING

YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## 2007 Birthday Brunch Auction Items...

A Ball State University throw

\$50 G/C to Bella Luna Cafe

\$25 G/C to Bob Evans Restaurant

"Principal for a day" package from Elder High School

A handmade Amish garden stone

Free Steakburger and milkshake coupons for Steak n Shake

\$25 G/C to Applebee's

\$20 G/C to Bon Bonerie

Xavier University Sportswear and a Cross Pen

\$50 G/C to The Phoenix

\$50 G/C to Bucca di Beppo

1-night weekend stay with complimentary breakfast at Residence Inn Airport

\$1,000 Gift of Knowledge and duffel bag from the College of Mount St. Joseph

5 \$5 gift books for UDF

\$25 G/C to Sea Ray of Cincinnati

Free Skyline 3-ways

A Columbus, OH family getaway package with hotel stay

2 \$10 G/C to Sports of All Sorts

\$25 G/C to Buckhead Mountain Grill

## Fifth Third Assists Santa Maria With Community Care Week Project

On August 4th seventy volunteers from **Fifth Third Bank** connected with Santa Maria's Price Hill Spruce Up program. This connection was a part of the **United Way's** Community Care project that connects United Way agencies with local companies.



*Fifth Third volunteers assist Santa Maria during Community Care Week*



*Elderly community homeowners are assisted with home improvement projects through Santa Maria's Price Hill Spruce Up program*

Santa Maria's Price Hill Spruce Up program is an effort to assist elderly, disabled and low income homeowners in Price Hill with home improvement exterior projects such as landscaping, house painting and minor repairs.

With the help of these volunteers, Santa Maria was able to assist two of our elderly homeowners with porch painting and landscaping.

**Thanks to our Fifth Third volunteers!**

## Welcome Back, Brenda Merrick!

Some of you may remember **Brenda Merrick**. During her previous stay at Santa Maria, she wore many hats. Brenda has years of experience working with families both individually and in support groups. We are excited to have her back consulting with several of our programs. Santa Maria is developing and growing our group skills in order to offer support groups for parents. We know that parent support is a contributing factor in parents helping their children prepare for kindergarten and a productive life!

Welcome back, Brenda!



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## Santa Maria Partners With Others In Home Ownership Initiative



*Construction begins on five brand new three-bedroom homes in Lower Price Hill*

For the past several years, Santa Maria has partnered with **The Model Group** (formerly Model Management) and **The Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati** to offer home ownership opportunities to residents of Lower Price Hill. The current home ownership rate in Lower Price Hill is 16.98% compared to the city's 42.3%. **The Model Group** is committed to creating ten new or renovated houses for home ownership. They have completed five rehabbed homes and have broken ground for five brand new three-bedroom homes. This represents the first

significant new housing construction in Lower Price Hill in many decades. These homes, located on the north end of State Avenue just south of Lehman Road, will have a downtown view. Drive by to see the construction taking place!

If home buyers meet the following criteria, they may be eligible to receive from Santa Maria a "soft" second mortgage of up to \$15,000, which will be applied at purchase and will help make the homes more affordable. If the new home owner lives in the house for five years, this second mortgage is forgiven. The criteria include the following:

- buyers must not have owned a home in the past three years
- they must attend homebuyer education classes at the **Homeownership Center**
- must be at or below 80% of the area median income
- must live in the boundaries of Lower Price Hill.

Qualified buyers may also receive down payment assistance from **The Home Ownership Center**. An outreach effort is underway to find qualified buyers. Any interested party may contact **Kayla Camp-Warner** at Santa Maria at 513-557-2710, ext. 510.



*The construction of the five three-bedroom homes is the first significant new housing construction in several years in Lower Price Hill.*

## Housing Team Needs Truck!

The Santa Maria Housing Team has an item on their Wish List! A truck is needed to assist them with hauling home improvement items and equipment. If you would be willing to donate a used truck for this purpose, please contact **Emily Snyder** at 513-557-2710, ext. 514.



## More Items Included in the Brunch Auctions...

A \$50 G/C to Primavista

2 buffet passes to Ceasars Indiana Villa Buffet and a leather wallet

A Bath and Body Works basket

2 box seat tickets to the Cincinnati Pops/Manhattan Transfer Concert in December

A one-night weekend stay at Courtyard by Marriott, Erlanger, KY

\$25 G/C to Encore Bistro and Bar

Free Big Boy and Coke coupons from Frisch's

A beautiful, handcrafted, wooden mini vanity dresser

2 \$25 G/C to the Heidelberg Brewery gift shop (Budweiser merchandise)

\$50 G/C to Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse

One-year subscriptions to Light and Tasty and Taste of Home magazines

\$10 G/C to Mike Fink's

An opportunity to be "Captain for a Day" with the Cincinnati Police

2 \$5 gift certificates to Price Hill Chili

2 passes to the Shadowbox Theater

A "Taste of Canada" gift basket

A Bengal Bobblehead set





*Sitting on Santa's lap and enjoying Holiday cheer*



## Holiday Open House Scheduled

The annual Holiday Open House at Santa Maria's East Price Hill Center will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. One of the major highlights of this event is the appearance of Santa Claus! Children will get a picture with Santa, milk and cookies and the opportunity to participate in Holiday Karaoke. It will be a wonderful event!



*Singing Karaoke and waiting to get inside to see Santa!*



## A Visit With Santa Maria Supporters Doctors Tom and Laurie Holubeck

**Doctors Tom and Laurie Holubeck** have been supporting Santa Maria for several years. We thought that you might find it interesting to read about this young, vibrant, dedicated family. Both are pediatricians. **Dr. Tom Holubeck** works with the **West End Health Center** and the **Winton Hills Medical and Health Center**. **Dr. Laurie Holubeck** works with **Springdale- Mason Pediatric Associates**.

### **Nune Krayterman: Tell us about your family.**

Tom Holubeck: Laurie and I met in Los Angeles. I was doing my pediatric residency at the **Children's Hospital Los Angeles**. Laurie is originally from Hawaii but was in Los Angeles at that time for a pediatric rotation. After we met she decided to take residency at **Children's Hospital Los Angeles**. We lived there for eight years before deciding to move to where my family is, here in Cincinnati. The cost of living is very high in Hawaii, and we thought that Cincinnati would be a better place for us to have and raise children.

Laurie Holubeck: We now have two daughters: Malia, 8 and Lucy, 6. Malia is very creative and artistic and has just started violin lessons. Lucy is concentrating on soccer at the moment...

### **NK: Laurie, is it hard to live far from home?**

LH: We get to go there every other year, and my parents travel a lot, so they come and visit us here.

### **NK: What are the grains of wisdom you try to teach your children?**

LH: We try to teach them be responsible for people and things outside the house. We want them to appreciate other people and be compassionate regarding people's pain and suffering.

TH: We try to teach that serving others is of the utmost importance. For example, my daughters and I joined YMCA's Adventure Guide program. It is a national program for parents and children ages kindergarten to high school. Through this program, my daughters and I work on various service-related projects. Recently we packaged gift bags for the **FreestoreFoodbank**. It was great that the girls were able to participate in this act of compassion.

LH: We also give donations to charities, and Santa Maria is one of them; our daughters know that we share what we can with others.

### **NK: How did you first hear about Santa Maria?**

TH: Through my work at **West End Health Center** I met **Maritza Dyer**, who at that time worked for Santa Maria's Bienestar program<sup>1</sup>. Maritza was a Family Support Worker and helped her clients at Santa Maria with everything you can imagine: transportation, translation, medical problems, social problems, support at home. It was great for me to know that I could refer my patients to Santa Maria where they could find support for their everyday problems. I remember once I was invited to Santa Maria to give a one hour talk to expectant moms on health issues, in Spanish! Because my Spanish is somewhat limited, I was quite nervous. However, it was a wonderful experience. In fact, one of the women in attendance brought her son to me as a newborn patient. He is still my patient, and it has been incredible to see how much his mother has learned about the healthcare system in the United States and how much he has progressed. And, throughout his difficult times, Santa Maria has been there for him and his mother to provide support and advice.

<sup>1</sup> Santa Maria's Bienestar Program provides health access assistance to the Hispanic/Latino population in the area.

*A Visit With the Holubecks Cont...*

I also volunteer for Santa Maria's Health Fairs. They are extremely well organized and touch many lives by providing healthcare and social support information, evaluations and assistance which people otherwise would not be able to access.

**NK: How long and why have you been supporting Santa Maria and why do you keep giving to Santa Maria?**

LH: We have been financially supporting Santa Maria since 2003. We think that the agency is a tremendous asset to the community. Santa Maria is very vibrant, adapting readily to the needs of the community and of each individual it serves.

TH: I agree with Laurie. It is a tremendous asset to the community. From my personal experience, I know that many of my patients and their families would suffer greatly without the support Santa Maria provides.

**NK: What do you like best about your job?**

TH: This might sound cliché, but it is true: My job gives me an opportunity to serve people. To truly help a patient, I must address their mental, social, and financial condition, in addition to their physical condition. It is a privilege that they trust me with all of this and that I am in a position to serve them.

LH: In general, in medicine we help vulnerable people. In pediatrics, the patients are the most vulnerable: children rely on others to take care of their needs. It is very rewarding for me to be able to help children and work with their parents, grandparents and guardians. For example, if a child throws a tantrum, I find it rewarding to teach parents how to work with their children to overcome these. It is great to see the results. WE LOVE KIDS, and our jobs allow us to fulfill our passions.

**NK: How do you spend your leisure time?**

LH: Our family loves the outdoors. We all enjoy nature walks and camping. We also love music, and go to the Cincinnati Symphony fairly often. In fact, we recently enjoyed the Lord of the Rings concert. Everything was superb: the orchestra, the chorus, the soloists. The girls are a little young for such intense music but we try to involve them with music and the arts at their appropriate levels. We do not let them watch too much regular television.

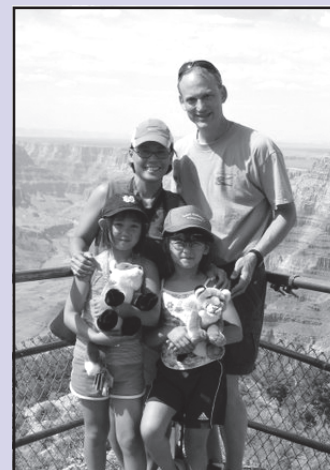
**NK: What is the secret of happiness in life?**

TH: Strong faith helps you know your mission, allowing you to give of your gifts to their fullest. When you do that, things naturally fall into place. When you take time to pray regularly and listen to God's response, you find true peace.

**NK: If you could invite one person to dinner, who would it be?**

TH: Well, aside from my wife... I would invite Jesus. I would not need any answers, but would like to just be in His presence that way.

LH: I would not be able to afford it, but, if I could, that would be Barack Obama. My brother went to school with him: I saw him in my brother's yearbook picture. I am not very political, but there are certain social issues in which I am interested, and there is much to be done in those areas. I think that Barack Obama has interesting ideas about improving those issues and a great potential to unite people.



## More Items Included in the Brunch Auctions...

1 complimentary round of golf for 1 at The Vineyard Golf Course

2 tickets to Cincinnati Ballet's 1001 Nights

A basket full of Elder High School goodies

An eco-friendly "Spring Clean" basket

A G/C for breakfast, brunch or lunch for 2 at First Watch

2 \$5 G/C to Front Porch Coffee House

4 30 minute game play cards from Gameworks

A G/C for a round of golf and cart for 2 at The Links

A G/C for a Family Fun Pack at the Great Wolf Resort

A G/C for IHOP

4 2008 passes to Kings Island

2 \$25 G/C to La Petite Salon and Spa

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A "Taste of Kentucky" basket

2 \$25 gift certificates to Pompilio's

4 field box seats for an upcoming 2008 Reds game

2 tickets to a Friday or Sunday Cincinnati Symphony Concert

A \$50 G/C to Nicholson's

Watercolor paintings

A \$25 G/C to the Covedale Center For Performing Arts or Showboat Majestic

2 \$15 G/C to Dewey's Pizza

3 \$10 G/C to Dick's Sporting Goods

A tin of homemade Buckeye candy

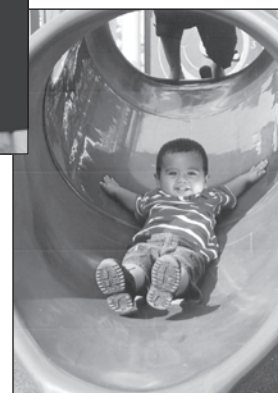
A Wii gaming system

A family membership to the Lexington Explorium

## Train the Trainer Workshops Available in January

The first series of the "Serving Our Hispanic Neighbors" train-the-trainer workshops will be available in January 2008 at the Health Foundation. If interested, please contact Gladys Bell at 557-2700 or email her at [gladys.bell@santamaria-cincy.org](mailto:gladys.bell@santamaria-cincy.org).

## Every Child Succeeds Visits Fernbank Park



## Price Hill Community Comes Together For Women's Health

Over 175 Price Hill women came to the **Price Hill Community Center** this past October 6<sup>th</sup> to participate in the *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Price Hill Women's Health Fair*. Thanks to contributions from many health care and community organizations, businesses, health care practitioners, and dozens of community volunteers, women had the opportunity to find out about their health, learn how to get and stay healthy, and meet and learn about community resources.

Santa Maria was an enthusiastic partner in the Women's Health Fair, and, as always, helped participants find health care resources, including Spanish language interpretation, and learn about Santa Maria's Wellness and Parenting programs. Santa Maria, in partnership with several organizations, also helped with the planning and operations of the Health Fair.

This year, volunteers provided childcare and refreshments to participants. Almost two dozen **Xavier University** students provided childcare for those women who participated in the Health Fair all morning.

Four teenaged girls, who seemingly came out of nowhere, were there throughout the event, cutting up endless pastries and fruits, filling in anywhere needed, and smiling kindly to women who arrived throughout the day. These angels were **Lyzz Rodgers**, 15, **Ashley Brown**, 18, **McAuley High School** students **Sara Baumgartner**, 18 years, and **Morgan Rogers**, 17. Lyzz' mother, **Anna Clark**, is no stranger to community service herself. Why does Anna think her daughter's involvement with the Women's Health Fair is important? Anna explains: "I think a woman's biggest mistake is that they take care of everyone in the planet and not themselves. The girls learned and participated in these things, asked their friends to come along. They had fun and learned the importance of service." Sara's mother and Health Fair veteran, **Jenny Baumgartner**, works at the **Breast and Cervical Cancer Project**. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.



## Santa Maria Family Mourns Loss of Dear Friend and Volunteer

**James "Mike" Zimmer** knocked on Santa Maria's door one cold January day in 2002. He asked if he could be of any help. His "assignment" lasted nearly every day for almost six years. Each year he volunteered over 1500 hours.

Mike left this earth on Sunday, October 28, 2007. He was found in his apartment, apparently suffering from a blow to his head, due to a fall.

Mike's death was devastating to everyone at Santa Maria. Mike was considered a Santa Maria family member, a best friend and a companion. In addition to being a self-taught mechanical engineer who reached the top of his field, Mike was a multi-talented musician, photographer and artist. There was nothing he could not fix. Often you would find him serenading Santa Maria staff and Meals on Wheels volunteers with his guitar and harmonica. Birthday Brunch guests may have bid on his black and white photographs of Tall Stack steamers.

Mike would do anything he could for anyone who needed help. He was a beautiful soul and will be missed. Mike, you are in our hearts always!



## Parenting Group Families Enjoy Fall Day At Coney Island



Twelve families from Santa Maria's Promoting Our Preschoolers program and parenting groups recently enjoyed a day at the Fall-o-ween Fest at **Coney Island**.

Each family took in the sights and aromas of fall while walking the Trick or Treat Trail and attending "Apple Pie School." In addition, they experienced another

exciting exhibit, the Heritage Living History Exhibit, which featured more than thirty live encampments from the



### Campbell County Heritage Association.

Events like this create special opportunities for the families to enjoy a family outing. One family in particular had never had an opportunity to visit an amusement park.



## Donations

### In Memory of:

**COLONEL MARTIN BARBOUR**

Mrs. Eunice H. Murphy

**SILVIA DEHNE**

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**RICHARD T. FRALEY**

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Bob and Cherry Staab

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**CARMEN GIBLER**

Lynne Marucci

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Ralph Ginocchio

### 50th Birthday

**H. A. MUSSER, JR.**

Bob and Joan Friedmann

Jeff and Barb Kruetzkamp

Maureen Maxfield

R. Douglas and Virginia Wright, Jr.



## Santa Maria Community Services

*Helping families help themselves since 1897.*

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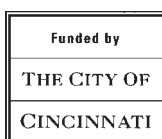
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# \_\_\_\_\_ attending  
@ \$60.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ attending  
@ \$110.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would love to sponsor a table  
@ \$350 per table of 10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Prize Raffle Tickets  
(\$10 each or 3 for \$25) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I can't attend but donation enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Santa Maria Community Services.**

**Mail checks and form to Santa Maria by Monday, November 26,  
2918 Price Avenue, Cinti, OH, 45204.**

Sunday, December 2, 2007  
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

The Verdin Bell Event Centre  
444 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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