

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bienestar Recognition Luncheon

May 8, 2009  
McCormick and Schmick's

### 2009 Price Hill Pacer

June 6, 2009  
Elder High School

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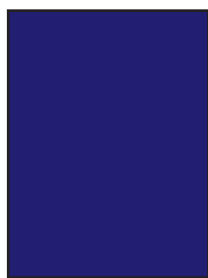


# Life in the COMMUNITY

HELPING FAMILIES HELP THEMSELVES SINCE 1897

SPRING/SUMMER 2009

## President & CEO message



H. A. Musser, Jr.  
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Santa Maria's staff are on the "front lines" doing amazing work to help people adjust to their changing circumstances. Daily, Santa Maria helps Greater Price Hill residents improve their health, housing and

family life. Some of our results include:

- Last year we taught 95 residents how to be better tenants and helped 70 families facing eviction or foreclosure to stay in their homes.
- We helped 232 preschool children get connected with doctors for their yearly physical exam.

- Our wonderful volunteers delivered nearly 50,000 meals to shut-in senior citizens all over the Westside.
- We reached several hundred individuals with health screenings and assessments at our annual Health Fair in Price Hill.

This is just a sampling of some of the good work of Santa Maria. Be sure to check out our NEW and IMPROVED website: [www.santamaria-cincy.org](http://www.santamaria-cincy.org)! This new website makes it simple and easy to make a donation to Santa Maria or sign up to volunteer. We hope you'll give it a try!

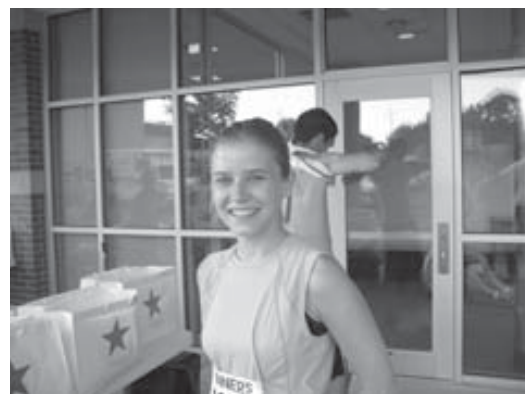
P. S. Special thanks to all who participated in our Italian Dinner. We had a great crowd and lots of fun!



The 2009 Price Hill Pacer will take place on Saturday, June 6th at Elder High School's Schaeper Center. Pre-registration for this 4th annual walk/run fundraiser is \$20 per adult/\$15 per student and must be postmarked by May 27th. Race day registrations are also welcome! Registration includes a t-shirt and goody bag (while supplies last), door prizes, food, beverages and entertainment. For more info or to register online go to [www.pricehillpacer.org](http://www.pricehillpacer.org) or [www.racedmc.com](http://www.racedmc.com).

## Price Hill Pacer Set For June 6

*Support Santa Maria and Price Hill Will at the 2009 Price Hill Pacer!*



Santa Maria employee Kayla Camp-Warner gets ready to race in 2008

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## Foundation Corner

### More Foundations Support Santa Maria's Youth Program

In the last issue of "Life in the Community" Santa Maria was proud to announce the support of our Youth Development Program by the Jack J. Smith Charitable Trust, PNC Bank and Karen Wachs, Co-trustees, the Charles H. Dater Foundation and an anonymous foundation. Two more foundations have joined them in helping Santa Maria serve the needs of the youth in Price Hill:

- **The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation**
- **The Sutphin Family Foundation**

Santa Maria's youth program encompasses several activities. Children ages 7-13 come to Santa Maria's Sedamsville community center throughout the academic year to work in groups or one-on-one to get help with their homework and spend time with their mentors. In addition the leadership groups help students ages 8-18 learn the values of attending school regularly, staying drug free, contributing to the neighborhood and learning how to manage their anger. Students of the afterschool program at Carson School participate in afterschool activities throughout the academic year. Through the community safety group youth learn how to deal with harassment and bullying behavior, as well as how to avoid unsafe situations in their neighborhood. Also, students have the opportunity to be involved in Taekwondo classes.



Jim Holmstrom, Santa Maria's Youth Development Director, believes that all youth can benefit from learning some practical self-defense: "Unfortunately, we have all heard too much recently about children being victimized by predators. With practice, children can learn techniques to increase their chances of escaping from an attack, of creating a window of opportunity for them to run to the closest safe place. Children learn these techniques, as well as when it is appropriate to use them." Holmstrom, who is also a Taekwondo instructor at the Norwood YMCA, says that "teaching youth the tenets of Taekwondo (Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control, and Indomitable Spirit) is critical. Teaching youth to hurt someone, without helping them to develop positive character traits concurrently, is the last thing we want to do. Youth that do not buy into this philosophy are prohibited from participating."

### We Speak Spanish -- We Can Help!

*The Greater Cincinnati Foundation supports Santa Maria's efforts to help the Latino/Hispanic population with housing needs.*

The Greater Cincinnati Foundation awarded a two-year grant to support Santa Maria's efforts to reach out to the Latino/Hispanic population by helping with their housing needs. During weak housing markets building and health code violations in rental properties are common and become a bigger issue for those who do not speak English and do not understand their "tenant rights." Families suffer through issues such as inad-

equately plumbing, lead paint and insects like cockroaches and bed bugs, and are unable or afraid to ask for the necessary repairs/improvements.

This extension of Santa Maria's Affordable Housing program will provide tenant education to Latino/Hispanic families to help them learn budgeting, apartment upkeep, tenant/landlord law and communication with landlords and neighbors. Families will be directed to resources which will provide assistance to procure/retain housing and to make sure the housing chosen is affordable, safe, and up to standards. *Foundation Corner cont. on page 7*

## Italian Dinner Is Fantastico!



On Sunday March 22, over 200 guests and volunteers enjoyed a fun-filled Italian dinner while raising over \$4,000 for Santa Maria's programs. The event, which took place at St. Simon

Church, began at 4 pm, and by 6 pm most of the LaRosa's spaghetti and meatballs had been served. The highlight of the event was the accordion sounds of David Hughes, who strolled through the hall, playing and singing favorite songs of the diners.

Special thanks go to long-time supporters and friends Guy and Del Langenbrunner and Mary Silbernagel for their sponsorship

and assistance with this event. Additional thanks go to volunteers Greg and Lynn Langenbrunner, Frank and Mary Wetenkamp, Mimi Finnegan, Pete and Diane Peters, Barb Hammersmith, Rick Schultz, Kitty May, Julie McGregor, St. Antoninus Girl Scout Troop #6571, Bonnie Huneman and Price Hill Chili, as well as item donors Jason Niehaus, Andy's Mediterranean Grill, Judge Ronald Panioto, Perkins Family Restaurants, Washington Platform Restaurant and Saloon and Bela Luna Cafe.



At the dinner the Friedmann family celebrated three family birthdays while supporting Santa Maria!

## Kids Start Smart!

A community collaboration supported by Santa Maria Community Services hosted a school fair called Kids Start Smart at the Price Hill Recreation Center on Saturday, January 24th. Many area public and private schools were represented and provided enrollment forms to families.



Santa Maria employees Ruth Ann Dopp and Barb McCauley talk to families about starting school

Parents were given an opportunity to learn about the choices of area schools that were available to them. The event was full of fun and entertainment for the whole family. Thirty-nine adults and 66 children enjoyed snacks and a variety of entertainment including, music, juggling, face painting and story-

telling. There were raffles for Kroger, Price Hill Chili, Frisch's, and Target gift cards.

Thirty-four agencies and programs attended the fair, including Freestore Food Bank, St. Lawrence School, Riverside Academy, United Way 211, YMCA - West, Oyler Elementary School, Home Start, Cincinnati Public Schools, Carson Elementary, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center/ Safety Prevention, Healthy Moms and Babies, Children's Scholarship Fund, Women's Connection, Nutrition Council, Rees E. Price Elementary and the Price Hill Library.



Tramen, Seth and Clare Burke enjoy the interactive music with Charles Purdue

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**Charles "Dick" Neeley**  
Tom and Joan Heidemann

**Rosemary "Dolly" Nurre**  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Niklas

## Meals on Wheels Loses Three Volunteers

2009 has brought sadness to the Santa Maria Meals on Wheels family. Since the beginning of the year, three wonderful Meals on Wheels family members (volunteers) have passed.

Bob Sinnard retired from volunteering several years ago, but his thoughts were always with Santa Maria. He worked on fundraisers and volunteered with a loving heart.

Art Briede volunteered until he was up in

years. He delivered meals until he was unable to continue.

Bob Wurtz was a very active volunteer up until his recent death. He came in several times a week to drive a route and entertain the staff at Santa Maria.

Please join us in giving thanks for these three outstanding volunteers' lives of service and praying for their families.

## Donations For Santa Maria's Meals on Wheels Program In Memory Of:

### Art Briede

Carol Adelman and Family  
Anonymous  
Michele and Tom Bell  
Marcia and Kerome Biederman  
Verna Briede  
Eileen and W. Russell Brown  
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### Robert Sinnard Cont.

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### Robert Wurtz

Christi Baffoni  
Thomas and Mary Jean Bushman  
Holy Family Men's Society  
Paul and Jody Klems  
Macy's Benefits Department  
Margie Mays  
Richard and Janice McCreary  
Thomas and Jeanne Rogers



## Our Volunteers Mean the World to Us!

Cincinnati has plenty of opportunities for service to our fellow Americans, with Santa Maria topping the leader board with a long history of involving many volunteers.

In 2008 Santa Maria involved more than 700 volunteers for more than 20,500 hours of service. Santa Maria and its volunteers have teamed up to provide early childhood

development, after-school activities and homework help, assistance to homeowners, home delivered meals, health care and many other services. Additionally, Santa Maria has provided assistance to partners in community development projects such as park improvement and the Great American Clean-up.

National Volunteer Week 2009 was April 19-25, and the theme was "Celebrating People in Action." Santa Maria celebrates its volunteers every year with a recognition dinner and VIP picnic. There are not enough ways for us to say "Thank You!"

For information on volunteering for Santa Maria please contact Gladys Bell at 513-557-2730 ext. 415. or [gladys.bell@santamaria-cincy.org](mailto:gladys.bell@santamaria-cincy.org)



The Power of One!

### "The Power of One"

The little things you do each day have the power to affect a great many people.

You inspire us with your willingness and ability to help others.

You take on the world, one day at a time, continuously searching for a way to make things better, seizing the opportunity to improve every day life.

You make a world of difference!

**Our volunteers mean the world to us!**

## Planned Giving Works For Everyone

The most common donations to Santa Maria are outright gifts, such as cash or a check, which Santa Maria receives right away. However, many times, people want to hold on to their money and other assets while they are living, just to make sure they can meet their family's future financial needs. These people are usually delighted to learn that Santa Maria has excellent alternatives that allow them to still make a gift. One of these options could be right for you, too.

They are known as "planned" gifts. They can be revocable -- a charitable bequest in your will, for example -- so that you can change your mind at any time. Or, they can be irrevocable -- just as outright gifts are -- so that you benefit from an immediate income tax deduction.

The attraction of irrevocable planned gifts is

that they are deferred. You part with an asset today, but the actual giving of the asset to Santa Maria is put off for a while -- often until after your lifetime (and that of a surviving beneficiary, if you wish.) Until that time, you receive benefits from the gift. For example, with a charitable remainder trust, you receive lifetime income from the asset after it's placed in a trust, and then Santa Maria receives the remainder of the trust after you die.

The key feature of planned gifts like these is that they provide important benefits to you, as well as to Santa Maria.

For additional information, please contact Nune Krayterman at 513-557-2730 or email [nune.krayterman@santamaria-cincy.org](mailto:nune.krayterman@santamaria-cincy.org). Please consult an attorney or tax professional for specific advice before arranging any planned gift.

## American Heart Health Month

On Wednesday, February 25th, Santa Maria's Wellness program held a Mini Heart Health Fair in recognition of American Heart Health Month. Nursing students from the University of Cincinnati gathered with twenty-one



Community members learn how to take better care of their hearts.



community members at the Price Hill Recreation Center and educated them on healthy hearts, hypertension and diabetes.

In addition to talking about prevention, signs, and symptoms of related health issues, the students also completed blood pressure checks and glucose screenings. Healthy snacks and small gifts were given to each participant to remind them to take better care of their hearts.

## Best Budgeters

Last year Santa Maria's Affordable Housing and Community Development program initiated a project called "Rent Wise," which is a one-day tenant education curriculum designed to teach renters the skills they need to find and maintain quality affordable housing. In 2008 over 90 participants learned how to negotiate with their landlord, avoid eviction, and improve their housing conditions.

The most well-received part of the class was our "Eight Steps to Money Management." Participants overwhelmingly named "budgeting" as the most valuable skill they learned during the class.

Santa Maria decided to expand on its two-hour Money Management session and provide families and individuals the opportu-

nity to engage in a comprehensive program designed to help them take control of their finances and work towards financial stability.

Taking the tools they learned in the Money Management session, the "Best Budgeters" will meet monthly in 2009 to discuss their spending, set financial goals, and gauge progress towards those goals. "Best Budgeters" will provide resources and support for families who want to get ahead financially despite the tough economic times.



"Best Budgeters" meets on the second Saturday of every month from 10 am - 11:30 am at Price Hill Will. For more information or to register for the class, contact Kayla Camp-Warner at 513-557-2710 ext. 510.

### Upcoming Best Budgeter Classes

Saturday, June 20, 2009  
Saturday, July 11, 2009

All classes are from  
10 am - 11:30 am  
at the offices of  
Price Hill Will,  
3208 Warsaw Avenue.

## Foundation Corner *continued from page 2*

### Tenant Education Supported by Farmer Family Foundation

*Mary Peters (name changed for confidentiality) is typical of many residents of subsidized housing--she is elderly and has a disability that prevents her from working. Although she pays only 30% of her fixed income towards rent, her bills began to pile up, and she soon became in danger of having her utilities shut off and losing her apartment. Ms. Peters is homebound and cannot attend the full day Tenant Education Class, so Santa Maria brought the Tenant Education curriculum to her.*

*The course taught Ms. Peters to track her expenses, create a spending plan and prioritize her expenses. Ms. Peters began using the "envelope method" to manage her budget. Despite her fixed income, Santa Maria instructors determined that if she stuck to her budget, Ms. Peters could put \$50 a month into savings. In*

*December, Ms Peters had caught up on her rent and utilities with over \$200 in savings.*

The Tenant Education program is a part of Santa Maria's Affordable Housing program, and is in part supported by a generous grant from the Farmer Family Foundation. The goal of the program is to give tenants the tools they need to find and maintain a good place to call home. A major part of avoiding eviction is economic self-sufficiency, so the curriculum focuses heavily on money management including budgeting, improving credit, reducing expenses and increasing income. The program helps people like Ms. Peters manage their money, check out the apartment and the landlord, go through the rental application process and understand the lease, and prepare a housekeeping plan.

### Stronger Family Child Care in Price Hill



Santa Maria will help make family child care in Price Hill stronger with partial support of the Women's Fund and the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund. For a

group of providers in Price Hill the goal of the project is to increase family child care pro-

viders' professionalism, improve the quality of their child care, and create conditions to further their financial stability and independence. The grant will help pay for a series of trainings for family child care providers and one staff member, as well as purchase books, supplies and childsize furniture for the providers. This project is also being supported by Strengthening Families through Early Care, Education's Westside Initiative, Place Matters, and a private foundation.

## Memorials *(continued)*

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Lawrence and Judith Paff

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## 5th Annual Price Hill Home and Garden Fair

Saturday, May 30, 2009  
10 am - 1 pm

Price Hill Recreation Center  
959 Hawthorne Avenue

Information and demonstrations on beautifying your home and garden, basic home improvements and home repair. Flowers and plants available for purchase.

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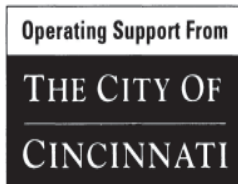
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