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Newsletter



Spring 2007

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Bienestar

Santa Maria is hosting two upcoming special events to raise money for its programs. Santa Maria's Bienestar program will host the **Bienestar Recognition Luncheon**, preceded by **The Latino Community Health Partnership Conference** on Friday, May 11th. On Saturday, June 9th, Santa Maria will once again partner with **Price Hill Will** to host the **2nd Annual Price Hill Pacer 5K Walk/Run** (details on page 4).

Special Events To Raise Money For Santa Maria

The Bienestar Recognition Luncheon will honor local heroes **Pastor Luis A. Diaz** of the **Vina Hispanic Church**, **Dr. Gregory Stewart**, Vice President of **Central State University**, and **Mr. Jorge Seda** of **GE Aviation** for their contributions to advancing awareness among the Latino and Hispanic communities about healthcare. **The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati** will receive the Organizational Award for

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

April 15-21, 2007 is National Volunteer Week. The website of the **Points of Light Foundation**, the sponsor, says, "National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets - our volunteers - and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities. The 2007 theme is **'Inspire By Example'** because it truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help, as well as, to inspire others to serve!"

At this time each year we make a special effort to celebrate the amazing, sacrificial work of Santa Maria's **500+ volunteers**. Collectively, these

volunteers contribute more than **20,000 hours** annually right here in Price Hill. Many drive their own cars to deliver nutritious meals-on-wheels to the elderly. Others provide tutoring and mentoring to school-age children in Price Hill. Still others help in ways including answering the phone, serving on boards and committees, planning fund-raising events, painting our offices, sprucing up community parks and gardens, and making repairs to homes of older adults.

We salute our volunteers and thank them for their shining example to us all!



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

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EVERY CHILD
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Italian Dinner Kicks Off Santa Maria's 110th Year!

On Sunday, March 11th Santa Maria revived an old tradition of hosting a spaghetti dinner, which kicked off its 110th year. Over 200 people enjoyed a family dinner together at **St. Antoninus Church** while celebrating the years of service that Santa Maria has given to the community.

On this beautiful Sunday evening an army of volunteers, led by **Guy and Del Langenbrunner**, prepared, cooked and served spaghetti and meat balls which were graciously donated by **LaRosa's**. In addition to **LaRosa's**, many other area



businesses and restaurants donated items and time to help this event become a great success. These donations included: salad, salad dressing, bread sticks, raspberry cheesecake and lemon creamcake from **The Olive Garden**, garlic bread from **Bob Evans Restaurants**, cookies from **Perkins Restaurants**, desserts from **Marx Bagels**, ice from **Home City Ice** and grapes from **Catanzaro Wholesale Produce**.

Special thanks go to **Price Hill Chili** and its staff for preparing and transporting the main course and providing baskets for the raffles, and to the **St. Antoninus Girl Scouts** and **Boy Scouts** for their help at the event.

City of Cincinnati Council member **David Crowley** had a great time with his family. "Great fun! Great food! I brought my whole family--it's very much in the



Guy Langenbrunner and a dinner guest join in song with accordion player David Hughes

tradition of the Italian founders and early supporters of Santa Maria," said Mr. Crowley.



Above: Guy Langenbrunner watches over the bread cart



Dinner guests are served by friendly volunteers



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2006 Brunch Raises Over \$11,000



On Sunday, December 3rd, over 240 guests celebrated Santa Maria Community Services' 109th birthday and raised over \$11,000 for its various programs. In keeping with the Brunch theme "Let There Be Peace," Cincinnati Police Chief **Thomas Streicher, Jr.** spoke to guests about some of the safety challenges facing the city and the important preventative role Santa Maria and other like organizations serve. His talk

was a highlight of the event. Santa Maria volunteers **Guy and Del Langenbrunner** were honored for their 25+ years of volunteer service.

After a delicious buffet prepared by **The Montgomery Inn Banquet Center**, guests had the opportunity to bid on many silent and live auction items, as well as purchase tickets for the grand, jewelry and split-the-pot raffles. **Robert and Eleanor Henry** were the winners of the Grand Raffle trip to Ft. Myers, Fl., donated by **Peggy Schmitt**. Second prize was won by **Larry and Judy Paff** and third prize was won by **Martha Burkhart**. **Linda Hart** won the chance to choose a beautiful piece of jewelry from Faigle Jewelers and **Elois Jung** shared the split-the-pot money with Santa Maria. One of the highlights of the live auction was the winning bid from **Buddy LaRosa** to become the Chief of Police for a day!

Many thanks go to the silent and live auction item donors and the Brunch committee: **Marge Davis, Marie Kramer,**



Peggy Schmitt, Nune Krayterman and Leslie Schultz. A very special and final thank you to **The Montgomery Inn Banquet Center and staff**, who have been so helpful to Santa Maria and have helped make the Brunch events successful.

Please join us at the Brunch in December 2007 to help Santa Maria celebrate its 110th birthday!

Santa Maria welcomes new Board members

Santa Maria Community Services welcomed one new Board member and another returning member to its Board of Trustees at the beginning of 2007.

Kenneth C. Page, a senior vice president with **Mercy Health Partners**, joins the board for the first time, while **David Raasch** returns to the board after taking a couple of years off. Raasch is the director of Internal Auditing with **The Kroger Co.**

**On December 8, 2007,
Santa Maria Community
Services will celebrate its
110th Anniversary!**



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In Memory of:

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its contributions in addressing the health access issues in our community, and **Crossroad Health Center** will be honored for its outstanding direct services to the Latino and Hispanic population. The keynote speaker will be **Dr. O'dell M. Owens**, Hamilton County Coroner. Sasha Rionda of Channel 12 will be Mistress of Ceremonies.

The Bienestar Recognition Luncheon will be preceded by the Latino Community Health Partnership Conference addressing healthcare policy, Hispanic and Latino health status, educational access, community partnership and cultural competence.

The Bienestar Recognition Luncheon and Latino Community Health Partnership Conference will be held at the **Cintas Center** at **Xavier University** on Friday, May 11th. The conference will run from 8-11:30 a.m. and the luncheon is from noon - 2 p.m.

The cost for the conference is \$75 per person (includes continental breakfast, conference materials and seats at the Recognition Luncheon). If a participant is interested in earning Continuing Education Credits, the cost is \$100. Student rates are \$30 with student ID. Reservations for the Luncheon only are \$50 per person or \$500 per table of ten.

Reservations are required for both events by April 25th. Respond to Santa Maria Community Services by 1. mailing in the reservation form on the back page of the newsletter, 2. calling 513-557-2730, ext. 408 or 3. emailing leslie.schultz@santamaria-cincy.org.



Santa Maria Community Services, **Price Hill Will** and **Federated Department Stores** are teaming up once again for the **2nd Annual Price Hill Pacer 5K Walk/Run and Kids Fun Run!**

The Price Hill Pacer 5K will take place on Saturday, June 9th at **Elder High School's Schaeper Center**. This exciting event will feature a run/walk through historic Price Hill while raising funds for two neighborhood organizations.

Special awards will be given to the top male and female finishers, plus top finishers in each age category. All Kids Fun Run participants will receive special recognition. Refreshments and door prizes will be available following the event. For more race information, please go to the Price Hill Pacer 5K Run/Walk website at **www.pricehillpacer.org**.

Awards, refreshments and door prizes!

Federated
DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Pre-Registration - by June 1st

(includes t-shirt): \$20 (18 and above)

\$15 students (age 17 and under)

Race Day Registration

(includes t-shirt while they last): \$25 (18 and above)

\$20 students

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| OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM: PRICE HILL PACER 5K RACE (please print) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Walker |
| Name: _____ | Sex: _____ | Age on race day: _____ | |
| Address: _____ | City: _____ | State: _____ | Zip: _____ |
| Daytime Phone: _____ | | Email address: _____ | |
| Enclosed is: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 pre-registration | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 student pre-registration | T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Make check payable to: Price Hill Pacer Mail entry to: Price Hill Pacer, c/o Steve Prescott, P.O. Box 454, Mason, OH 45040</p> </div> | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$_____ to benefit | | <input type="checkbox"/> Price Hill Will | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Maria Community Services |
| Terms and Conditions | | | |
| <p>In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby waive on behalf of my heirs, executors, and assigns, all claims of any nature arising from my participation in the Price Hill Pacer 5K, and do hereby release, Steve Prescott, all sponsors, workers, officials, and volunteers, from any claim whatsoever arising from my participation in this event. I agree to abide by all the rules of participation and acknowledge that the Race Committee may refuse or return my entry at its discretion. I understand the risks, for such a run, and have trained adequately in preparation for the run. I HAVE NOTED ANY MEDICAL CONDITION on this entry form.</p> | | | |
| Signature: _____ | | Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ | |
| Emergency Contact: _____ | | Phone: _____ | |
| The Price Hill Pacer 5K is a collaborative effort of both Price Hill Will and Santa Maria Community Services | | | |

Big Ways to Support Santa Maria in 2007

In 2006 Congress passed a tax bill, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which temporarily changes the way taxpayers can make charitable gifts using funds held in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

The new law includes incentives for those 70 1/2 years of age or older who would like to make charitable gifts from potentially taxable IRA funds.

Are you a...

- High-income taxpayer who faces deductibility limits on charitable gifts?
- Taxpayer who faces the phase-out of certain tax benefits as income rises?
- Retiree who will have more Social Security benefits taxed as income rises?
- Taxpayer over age 70 or an advisor of someone over age 70?

If so, the new law may provide you with an opportunity to increase your charitable giving at a lower "cost" to you. Everyone's circumstances are different, and your tax advisor can advise you on how to take advantage of this regulation which will sunset at the end of 2007!

Don't forget that there are other ways to leave a legacy for Santa Maria, such as remembering the agency in your will or naming it as the beneficiary of your life insurance. If you have questions, please contact **Nune Krayterman** at (513) 557-2730, ext. 412.

Santa Maria Awarded \$27,000

The William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation awarded \$27,000 to Santa Maria Community Services in support of its "*Development and Implementation of a Marketing Campaign*" initiative.

The grant will help increase visibility and enhance a positive perception of the agency by its major stakeholders. This, in turn, will ensure broader and more diverse support of Santa Maria and create a basis for meaningful and efficient partnerships.

The initiative supported by **The O'Neill Foundation** is especially timely since this year Santa Maria is celebrating its 110th anniversary and would like to increase public awareness of its programs.

So...Watch out to see and hear more about Santa Maria this year and many more to come!

Health Access To Improve Through Grant

The Helen Steiner Rice Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation recently awarded a grant to Santa Maria's Jordan Health program.

This grant will allow the Jordan Health Program to continue providing access to healthcare resources for those individuals who do not have or have limited health insurance coverage. Thanks to this grant, Santa Maria's staff members will be able to connect 180 vulnerable clients to primary care physicians, as well as mental health, pediatric, dental and/or hearing services. Santa Maria will be able to help 280 uninsured and underinsured individuals get access to a MedShare non-profit pharmacy when a financial emergency hits, as well as help them apply for pharmaceutical companies' patient assistance programs. Through Santa Maria's Jordan Health program, clients will receive general health assessments, monitoring of blood pressures and glucose levels, and will get access to affordable eye glasses, eye exams, osteoporosis screenings, massages, hair cut vouchers and hearing aids.

Ultimately the measures described above will result in improved mental and physical health of community members and reduced emergency room visits.

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Gail Settle

50th Wedding Anniversary

MARY GAYLE AND BERNIE GOTT
Bob and Joan Friedmann

Home Improvement Blitz To Be Held On May 19th

Santa Maria is partnering with **Price Hill Will** in organizing the third annual **Price Hill Home Improvement Blitz**. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the **Price Hill Community Center** located at 959 Hawthorne Avenue.

The Home Improvement Blitz is targeted to Price Hill homeowners who are interested in home improvement ideas, resources and tips. Representatives from various housing and community organizations will be in attendance, as well as several representatives from local banks that can offer different home improvement loans.

Home Depot will be joining the Price Hill Home Improvement Blitz by offering hands-on demonstrations for home repair and landscaping.

For more information, please contact **Emily Snyder** at (513) 557-2710 ext. 514.

Sedamsville Center "Cleaning House"

Results from the work of the **Sedamsville Housing and Building Committee** are available, and congratulations are in order! Santa Maria staff have been updating the rating scales for housing in Sedamsville, and the results have been compared with the original ratings from one year ago.

When the Housing Group began, there was a list of nine condemned properties. Five of those have been torn down by the **City of Cincinnati** or the property owners themselves. That means better than 50% of the blighted properties have been removed!

Fourteen properties were listed on the "Keep Vacant" list. One of those properties has been demolished, one has been listed as a public nuisance and five look as though they have been rehabilitated.

Congratulations on the great work accomplished by the **Sedamsville Housing and Building Committee**!



Santa Maria's Housing Advocates

Santa Maria has recently organized a Housing Advocate Program. Santa Maria's **Stephanie Larkins**, **Colleen Healey** and **Emily Snyder** are assisting those in the Greater Price Hill area by empowering families through housing.

A Housing Advocate is:

- available one night per week to residents in Lower Price Hill and Sedamsville.
- available in each neighborhood to advise residents concerning tenant-landlord issues, foreclosure prevention and education, new home ownership needs, physical upkeep of property, neighborhood relations issues and safety-policy issue referrals to area service providers for family issues.

• available to parents of school children in **Cincinnati Public Schools**, including **Whittier (Rees E. Price) Academy** on Wednesday afternoons, and **Olyer Elementary School** on Thursday afternoons. An afternoon at **Carson Elementary School** will be determined soon.

For available times or to make an appointment, please call Stephanie, Colleen or Emily at (513) 557-2710.

Health Fairs Offer Wellness Education to Hispanic/Latino Population

Through the Bienestar program, Santa Maria Community Services is helping the Hispanic and Latino Communities live healthier lives through health and wellness education. Santa Maria's April and May **Hispanic/Latino Health Fairs** will provide health screenings and wellness information on services available from Cincinnati area health care providers and resources in our community to the growing Hispanic and Latino populations in Greater Cincinnati.

The Health Fair will feature more than 25 exhibitors, offering at least ten different health screenings including hearing, glucose and cholesterol, blood pressure and stress, mammograms, dental, vision and bone density. Much of the health related information is available in Spanish. Attendees will also enjoy prizes, music and food. The events are free.

The Santa Maria Hispanic Health Fairs will be held on two different days:

Sunday, April 22
12:30 - 3 p.m.
Su Casa Hispanic Center
7036 Fairpark Avenue

Sunday, May 20
12:30 - 3 p.m.
Price Hill Recreation Center
959 Hawthorne Avenue

For more information on the Hispanic/Latino Health Fairs, contact **Becky Montenegro**, Healthcare Advocate, at (513) 557-2700 ext. 207 or by email at becky.montenegro@santamaria-cincy.org or **Fernando Rico-Alarcon**, Healthcare Advocate, (513) 557-2700 ext. 205, or by email at fernando.rico-alarcon@santamaria-cincy.org.

Santa Maria
Volunteer
Dinner

Wednesday,
April 25



Special Congratulations!

Special congratulations are in order to community resident, **Becky Cook**, who will be graduating from **Western Hills High School** this May. In addition to being an outstanding role model to others in her community, Becky has maintained a full time job since the fall of 2006 while studying design technology full time at West High. She plans to enroll at **Cincinnati State Technical and Community College** upon graduation and study massage therapy. Becky, and her parents, **Betty and Charles Cook** have been long-time volunteers at Santa Maria's Sedamsville Center. We recognize Becky's accomplishment and wish her the best!

"Family Room" Open To Community

Sounds of children playing and families laughing at the East Price Hill Center on Wednesday, March 7th, were evidence of the official opening of the "Family Room." The room will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. While using this room, community residents will have the opportunity to use one of two computers to search for jobs, housing and other needed items, as well as browse through the many resources that are available for parents and caregivers. Meanwhile their children can take part in many activities for children and play together. Preschool Family Advocates will be available during these times to talk to and share resources with those that visit.



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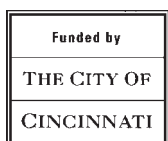
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2007 Latino Community Health Partnerships Conference and Recognition Luncheon

In support of the

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Friday, May 11, 2007

Conference: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Cintas Center
Xavier University

Registration deadline: April 25, 2007

For more information, contact Leslie Schultz at 513-557-2730, ext. 408

Conference and Luncheon Registration

_____ attending conference
@ \$75.00 per person \$ _____

_____ attending conference with CEUs
@ \$100.00 per person \$ _____

_____ attending Luncheon only
@ \$50.00 per person \$ _____

_____ Yes, I would love to sponsor a table
@ \$500 per table of 10 \$ _____

_____ Yes, I would love to display materials during
the events (\$50 per table) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

I can't attend but donation enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to Santa Maria Community Services.

Mail checks and form to Santa Maria,
2918 Price Avenue, Cinti, OH, 45204.

Name _____

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