

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Bienestar Luncheon

May 10, 2013, Millenium Hotel

2013 Carnival the Day Away

May 11, 2013, Washington Park

2013 Price Hill Pacer

June 8, 2013, Elder High School



Life in the COMMUNITY

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Message From the President & CEO

Winter's cold is now only a memory, and Santa Maria is quickly rolling into a busy Spring. This newsletter highlights several exciting events that we hope you will consider joining. These include the *Bienestar Luncheon* and new

Carnival the Day Away event in May. In addition, you will be moved (figuratively) by the *Literacy Center West GED Graduation ceremony* and moved (physically) at the *8th Annual Price Hill Pacer 5K Run/Walk*, both of which occur in the first week of June. Please come out and enjoy these events while investing in Santa Maria's work.

Santa Maria's staff and volunteers continue to make a difference in hundreds of lives every

day. Every day, we are

- coaching parents how to best support and nurture their young children,
- delivering nutritious meals to older adults who need them,
- showing young people how to handle peer pressure and stay focused on their goals,
- helping working families improve their financial condition,
- strengthening English language skills of immigrants,
- encouraging young adults as they complete their education and seek employment,
- connecting uninsured adults to much-needed health care.

Thanks to our success, we have many partners who support our work, and you are among them. **Thank you for your continued investment in these families.**

Carnival the Day Away on May 11!

Mark your calendars for the first annual Carnival the Day Away at Washington Park on May 11! This inaugural event will feature flying trapeze artists, bounce house, life-sized checkers, jugglers, balloon artists on stilts, face painting and much more.

Food vendors from some of Cincinnati's favorite restaurateurs will be on site to offer food for purchase, and live music performances ranging from folk, rock and blues will be featured on the bandstand from Noon - 10 pm.



All proceeds from the event will support Santa Maria Community Services. Many of Santa Maria's programs will be showcased at the Carnival in the education zone and offer fun activities for all, such as potato sack races and flower pot painting.

For more information about the Carnival, contact Katie Aiello-Howard at 244-5062 or visit www.carnivalthedayaway.com. Come join Santa Maria as we start a tradition of fun, safe and educational programming for everyone in Downtown Cincinnati!

Literacy Center West Celebrates Graduates



LCW Students will celebrate at the 14th Annual Graduation Ceremony on June 6th

On June 6, 2013 the Literacy Center West program of Santa Maria Community Services is hosting its 14th Annual Graduation Ceremony from 6-7:30 pm at Elder High School's Schaeper Center.

Over thirty individuals will be honored for earning their General Educational Development (GED) Diploma. The keynote speaker will be Southwestern Ohio Regional Workforce Investment Board President Sherry Kelly Marshall.

A reception for family and friends of the graduates and Santa Maria will follow in Elder High School's cafeteria located directly behind the Schaeper Center.

Literacy Center West (LCW) merged with Santa Maria on September 1, 2012. Santa Maria supports and promotes LCW's tradition of quality services, such as assisting youth and adults out of poverty through its two core programs: The Next Level (TNL) and Evening GED programs.

The TNL program provides free GED preparation, job skills training and job placement for 17-21 year olds and is funded through a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grant given through the Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board (SWORWIB.) In 2010 TNL was one of five programs in the state of Ohio that received the Youth Program Excellence Award for Excellence in Program Design, Implementation and Results by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The Evening GED program provides GED preparation at no cost to anyone in need, and is funded through the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, foundation grants and local fundraisers.

Don't miss the chance to hear students tell their stories of success as they look forward

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Lower Price Hill Center

718 State Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45204
(513) 557-2710

Price Hill Financial Opportunity Center

2918 Price Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45204
(513) 587-6920

Santa Maria Board Trustees Honored

Vestal Anthony Simms-Howell and Julieta Simms will be honored on May 2nd at the Bridges For a Just Community 63rd Annual Awards Dinner with a Distinguished Service Citation as a Champion of Inclusion.

The Annual Dinner celebrates the accomplishments of leading citizens who have made Greater Cincinnati a more welcoming place to live and work. Bridges For a Just Community equips people with awareness, skills and opportunities to transform the region into an equitable and just community.

V. Anthony Simms-Howell and Julieta Simms have received numerous awards throughout the nation and serve on various Boards and committees, including Santa Maria

Community Services (V. Anthony 2003 - 2012 and Julieta 2013.)

Both V. Anthony and Julieta were born in the Republic of Panama. Currently Julieta is an educator with Cincinnati Public Schools. V. Anthony serves as Commissioner for the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs.



Price Hill Pacer Set For 8th Year

Join sponsors Macy's, SC Ministry Foundation, Hart Pharmacy, Rudemiller Family Medicine, Cincinnati Sports Medicine, Warsaw Federal Savings and Loan, Cincinnati Federal Savings and Loan, Greater Cincinnati Credit Union, Consolidated Metal Products, The Model Group, PepsiAmerica, Skally's Old World Bakery, Elder High School and Bob Roncker's Running Spot in "The Thrill of the Hill!" The 8th annual Price Hill Pacer 5K Run/Walk benefiting the community programs of Santa Maria Community Services and Price Hill Will takes place on Saturday, June 8 at 9 am.

The 5K (3.1 mile) and Hart Pharmacy 1 mile run/walk begin at Elder High School's



Schaeper Center. Rewind 94.9 will get the party started with MC Steve Mann.

Runners and walkers can get more information, a map of the course and download a printable registration form

at www.pricehillpacer.org. Pre-registration postmarked by May 31 is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (17 and under) and \$10 for the family/group rate of 5-10 people. Online registration can be completed until June 5 at 11:59 pm. After the registration deadline, costs increase by \$5. T-shirts are not included in registration and can be purchased for an additional \$5. For more information, contact Leslie at leslie.schultz@santamaria-cincy.org or 557-2730 ext. 408.

Bienestar Luncheon Celebrates Learning & Living in Harmony

On Friday, May 10, Santa Maria is honoring local leaders of the Hispanic/Latino communities at its Bienestar Recognition Luncheon. Keynote speaker is Mary Ronan, Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools. The 8th Annual Luncheon will be held at The Millennium Hotel, 150 East Fifth Street, in downtown Cincinnati.

Impact sponsors for the 2013 Bienestar Recognition Luncheon are Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency, SC Ministry Foundation, and Kroger. Proceeds from the Luncheon will benefit Santa Maria's Wellens/Bienestar Program, which is generously supported by TriHealth/Good Samaritan Hospital and GE Aviation.

Through its inception and development, Santa Maria's Wellness/Bienestar program has counted on and benefited from the support of many exceptional individuals and organizations devoted to enhancing health and education options for Hispanic/Latino population and has made it a tradition to honor such individuals and organizations at the Bienestar Recognition Luncheon. This year Leo Calderón will be honored at the

Luncheon with the Sr. Margarita Brewer Hope Award. Mr. Calderón has more than 24 years of experience at Northern

Kentucky University and currently serves as Director for Latino Student Affairs. The Northern Kentucky Office of Latino Student Affairs will be recognized with the organizational award.

The Bienestar Recognition Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$45 per person and \$350 for a table sponsorship (10 persons). Mistress of Ceremonies for the event is Geri Hernandez from Macy's. Parking is available for a minimal charge at the Fountain Square, Tower Place Mall and Macy's garages. Reservations are required by Tuesday, May 7th. For more information or to register, call Santa Maria Community Services at (513) 557-2730, ext 408 or visit www.santamaria-cincy.org.



Continue to Raise Funds For Santa Maria By Shopping at Kroger!

Santa Maria is honored to be a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program! Over the past year Kroger has donated almost \$1,200 to Santa Maria through this program!

The 2013-2014 Kroger Community Rewards Program begins May 1, 2013 and re-enrollment officially began April 1, 2013.

All supporters of Santa Maria who registered their Kroger Plus Card prior to April 1, 2013 must re-enroll online to continue supporting Santa Maria through this program.

Re-enrolling only takes a few moments and is completed in a few simple steps. To re-enroll:

- Visit Kroger's website at www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Sign in using your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, just click on "forgot password" and a link will be sent to your email to change your password.
- Enter the first three letters of Santa Maria (SAN) and click search.
- Select Santa Maria by clicking on the circle to the left of Santa Maria's name
- Save changes

If you have any questions about the Kroger Community Rewards program, contact Leslie at 513-557-2730 ext. 408 or leslie.schultz@santamaria-cincy.org.

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Volunteer View

Spring is in the air, and we are all ready for it! Students are looking at the home stretch for this school year and community clean-ups are gearing up.

Give the gift of time to support the success of Santa Maria programming. Some of our current opportunities include:

- Speak Spanish? Be a helper at the International Welcome Center
- Tutor a GED Student at Literacy Center West

- Assist with special events, such as the Carnival the Day Away on May 11, the Price Hill Pacer 5K Run/Walk on June 8 or the Birthday Brunch on December 1
- Volunteer with a buddy! Adopt a route for Meals on Wheels

If you are interested in volunteering at Santa Maria, please contact Gladys at 513-557-2730 ext. 415 or gladys.bell@santamaria-cincy.org.

Linda Hughes Shadows President

Santa Maria welcomed Northern Kentucky University student Linda Hughes, who is currently spending time at Santa Maria's Administrative office shadowing President and CEO, H. A. Musser, Jr. She is scheduled to graduate this year in May with a degree in Social Work.

"Helping people has always been one of my passions and being at Santa Maria has given me the opportunity to engage in some of the services that Santa Maria offers," says Linda. "I will take with me a lot of knowledge, which I will be engaging in my career in the social work field."

Linda grew up in Dayton, Ohio and has been a resident of Cincinnati for the last ten years.

Her experience at Santa Maria has enriched her life, and she has made many new friends that have become special to her.

Linda says, "I am thankful for being given this opportunity."



Linda Hughes will graduate in May from NKU

Every Child Succeeds Partners With Primary Care Providers

Santa Maria's Every Child Succeeds (ECS) team has been partnering with primary care providers utilizing a care team approach for the past six months. This partnership allows ECS staff and medical homes to share information on the babies that Santa Maria works with. Voluntary consents were obtained from most of the mothers during the fall, so their families could participate in this program.

ECS home visitors screen children for delays in areas of communication, motor skills and problem-solving approximately every six months. If a delay or caution is noted, the

consent allows the ECS worker to alert the medical home. Then the pediatrician can also monitor or reinforce the developmental message of the home visitor to the parents.

Santa Maria's ECS program would like to welcome its newest home visitor, Bobbie Bailey. Bobbie was previously a lead teacher at a daycare and also an ECS mom through the ECS program in Harrison, Ohio. Santa Maria is very excited to have Bobbie on its team!

ELL Foundation Recognizes Santa Maria

Santa Maria was recently honored with the Make A Difference Award at the English Language Learning (ELL) Foundation's 2013 Recognition Breakfast. The breakfast, held on February 28th at Northern Kentucky University, celebrated Cincinnati's diverse population while honoring individuals and organizations who have challenged themselves to overcome obstacles in their lives or who have made a difference in the lives of others.

Keynote speaker was Sr. Alice Gerdeman, CDP, who is the coordinator of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center, where she leads a coalition of groups working in the areas of economic justice, peace, human rights, racism and the environment and oversees the immigration programs. Musical entertainment was provided by the English Language Learning students from Withrow University High School.

"Santa Maria is honored to receive this organizational award for our work with international families and, in particular, to receive it from the English Language Learners Foundation and their founder, Sr. Margarita Brewer," says Santa Maria President and CEO, H. A. Musser, Jr.

Santa Maria offers very diverse programming in the areas of education, income and health. Through these programs, Santa Maria now serves immigrants from more than 20



Pictured are Claudia Velez (Santa Maria International Welcome Center Education Specialist), H. A. Musser, Jr. (Santa Maria President and CEO), Sr. Margarita Brewer, SC (ELL Foundation founder) and Luz Elena Schemmel (Santa Maria International Welcome Center Program Director)

countries. 17% of Santa Maria's staff is bilingual.

The ELL Foundation, Inc. was founded in 2003 by Sr. Margarita Brewer, SC. Its main goal is to help English language learners become successful in their academic lives while fostering their cultural identity. This goal is achieved through a variety of programs, including cultural events, such as the El Dia de Los Ninos (Children's Day) and educational programs, such as Fun with Science Camp. The ELL Foundation, Inc. also recruits volunteer tutors and provides funds for orientation/training programs at Cincinnati Public Schools. College scholarships are also given out yearly to several area students.

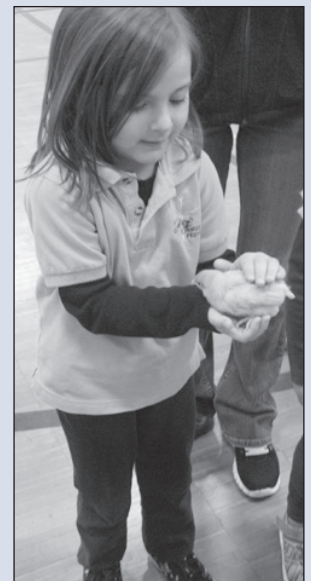
Literacy Center West - 2012 Year End Review

2012 was a banner year for the Literacy Center West (LCW) program. More students than ever attained their GED and entered into employment.

For The Next Level program, LCW assisted 33 at-risk youth, ages 17-21, in earning their GED and 81 students found a job through LCW's services. The adult Evening GED program graduated 14 GEDs and an additional 7 graduated from LCW's Camp Washington location.

Furthermore, Literacy Center West added a new satellite location at Oyler School and began work on their newest program, Everybody Wins--a two generational program allowing for parents to co-locate with their child(ren) while they work to find a quality rated childcare provider and qualify for vouchers. The main purpose of this new offering is to make sure that lack of childcare does not serve as a barrier in helping parents move forward with their education and/or employment.

A Day With Sunrock Farm and Family Child Care



Memorials (continued)

Mary Sinnard
Thomas Anderson
Anonymous
Terry and Connie Baker
Pat and Mel Bonner
Phillip and Charlotte Callif
Rod and Peggy Caminiti
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cecil
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Memorials Literacy Center West

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Lottie Logan
David Logan

Meals-On-Wheels

Robert Wurtz
Betty Wurtz

Wellness

Andrew Bernard
Patricia Bernard

Free Counseling Services Offered at East Price Hill Office

Santa Maria's Wellness program is pleased to announce that Mental Health Association of Southwest Ohio and Santa Maria Community Services are joining forces under the Pro Bono Counseling Collaborative to offer free counseling services at Santa Maria's East Price Hill Office located at 3301 Warsaw Avenue. Volunteer Mental Health professionals will provide the counseling.

Those eligible are uninsured or underinsured and needing help with an issue, such as depression, anxiety, grief, disability adjustment or job problems. Counseling will take place over 6-12 sessions.

Services began on Monday, April 22. Walk-in hours are scheduled on Mondays from 10 am until noon. Thursdays from 1 pm - 3 pm will be reserved for appointments only.

Individuals interested in receiving counseling services can contact Mental Health America of Southwest Ohio, Inc. at 513-721-2910. Mental Health Professionals interested in volunteering for this program can contact Mindy Sponseller at 513-562-2582 or msponseller@mhaswoh.org.

We look forward to this partnership to serve an extremely important, yet unmet need of the community.

Graduates Complete Employment Workshop



Employment Workshop graduates celebrate the completion of the employment workshop

"I had been praying for someone to mentor me, to help me know what to say and what to do," said one of the recent Employment Workshop graduates as she struggled with direction for her job search.

Upcoming Price Hill FOC Events

May 6 - 10 (week) Employment Workshop

- 9 am - 3 pm - **Pre-registration is required**
- This job-readiness preparation will help you perfect your application, prepare for interviews and set goals for employment and more.

May 17 Basic Banking: Bank On It!

- 10 am
- Learn about bank accounts and what Bank On Greater Cincinnati can do

May 18 Best Budgeters

- 10 am - 1 pm (pizza lunch included)
- Learn how to make the most of your \$\$\$
- May's topic - The Power of Credit

The employment workshop is hosted by the Price Hill Financial Opportunity Center's (FOC) partner agency Cincinnati Works. It is a great investment in what people want for their future. It is also the start of employment coaching, and connects people with valuable job search resources.

Employment is the first step for families to Earn It! Keep It! Grow It!, the motto of the Price Hill FOC. Employment seminars and workshops are available to anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Price Hill. Call the Price Hill FOC at 513-587-6920 for more information. The PHFOC is a partnership of Santa Maria and Cincinnati Works.

May 21 Save Green/Live Green

- 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Learn how to make your home more efficient

Tuesdays in May Information Session

- 10 - 11:30 am (or by appointment)
- Your starting point for employment, career and financial coaching: Find out how we can help you Earn It - Keep It - Grow It.

Thursdays in May Employment Seminar

- 10 - 11:30 am
- Learn about today's job market, benefits of employment, coaching and job search assistance.

Annual Dinner Celebrates Volunteers

On Wednesday, April 24 Santa Maria thanked many of its volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Dinner. Over 90 volunteers, who have given 25 hours or more of their time to Santa Maria during the past year, and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner at The Farm. Entertainment was provided by the Oak Hills High School Ambassador Jazz Band.



Guests at the Santa Maria Annual Volunteer Dinner listen to Gladys Bell, Santa Maria Volunteer Coordinator



Director Larry Welsh and the Oak Hills High School Ambassador Jazz Band entertained the crowd at the Annual Santa Maria Volunteer Dinner

IWC English Classes Prove Successful

Santa Maria's International Welcome Center's (IWC) English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are a reflection of the wonderful diversity present in Price Hill and Cincinnati. Since January, the IWC has welcomed over 70 students for ESL classes, and they have arrived from more than 25 different countries.

The IWC also provides free child care for the children of ESL students during the classes. Children ages 3-10 years old come for homework help, enrichment activities and to play. Recently, a representative of the

Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District presented a program to the children about seeds, plants and flowers. After the presentation, the children had the opportunity to plant sunflower seeds in individual planters that they took home.

The IWC would not be as successful without the help of over 30 volunteers that help with the ESL classes, child care and coffee hour. Special thanks go to LaSalle High School, Northern Kentucky University and The Kroger Co. for their continuous commitment to the IWC.

Foundation Corner

Thanks to the many supporters of Santa Maria and its programs! Recent gifts include:

- **The Ruth J. and Robert A. Conway Foundation** which awarded \$15,000 in support of Santa Maria's Meals-on-Wheels program
- **The Fifth and Pacific Foundation** awarded \$15,000 to Santa Maria's Family Child Care Providers Network Support. This is the third year of support from the Fifth and Pacific Foundation.
- Santa Maria's International Welcome

Center received \$32,730 from **The Greater Cincinnati Foundation** to support its programming for area immigrants

- **The Spaulding Foundation** awarded \$5,000 to the GED program at Santa Maria's Literacy Center West
- Literacy Center West program received an anonymous gift of \$10,000 in support of its Griswold Family Center

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Rebecca Mathey

Maureen Maxfield
S. C. Ministry Foundation

Birthday

Rhonda Musser
Douglas and Virginia Wright

Birthday

Brunch
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OSU
Maureen Maxfield

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Michele Boullie Nolan
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IWC Hosts Coffee Hours

A knee to the groin, a forceful palm to the nose, an elbow to the face. This doesn't sound like a typical Tuesday morning for most. On February 26th, Santa Maria's Youth Program Director (and martial arts instructor on the side), Jim Holmstrom, visited the International Welcome Center's Coffee Hour and taught an introduction to self-defense class. Unfortunately, many families in the Price Hill area are victimized, especially immigrant families. With the help of Jim and other volunteers, the ladies at the coffee hour learned techniques to defend themselves in dangerous situations.

This past year, Coffee Hour has been more interesting and inviting than ever before. With topics encompassing life skills, arts and crafts, health and wellness, education and everything in between, immigrant families from Price Hill and Cincinnati come to meet others, listen, ask questions and learn. They leave with new knowledge and the resources they need to help themselves and to help their families.

Recently, a representative from the Cincinnati Fire Department came to speak about Fire Safety and the importance of smoke alarms. Every family left with free

smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. On March 5th families also learned about seatbelt safety and car seats, and they will receive free car seats for their children in May, courtesy of Buckle Up For Life. Upcoming topics include stress management, housing (in partnership with Housing Opportunities Made Equal) and gardening.

Upcoming International Welcome Center Events

Tuesdays - 10 - 11 am

Roberts Academy, 1702 Grand Avenue

May 7 - Housing Opportunities Made Equal

May 14 - Gardening

May 21 - Child Protective Services

May 28 - Year End Party