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A Thank You to The L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation

Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a generous grant of \$30,000 from the L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation. This funding will directly support Santa Maria's ESL (English as a Second Language) program and will help support essential program staffing and provide educational supplies.

Santa Maria's ESL program aims to empower participants by expanding their education opportunities and fostering greater self-sufficiency through improving English language skills. The program will serve 170 participants, with 75% expected to improve by at least one English proficiency level within a year, and 60% advancing to the next ESL level. Starting in Fall 2025, Santa Maria will introduce a new Mastery Level ESL course that will enroll 35 students. Additionally, 75 individuals will improve their conversational English skills through bi-monthly Conversation Classes.

"We are extremely grateful to the L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation for their generous support of our ESL program," said H.A. Musser, Jr., President & CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. "This grant will have a direct and positive impact on the lives of individuals in our community, helping them gain essential language skills and confidence to pursue better opportunities for themselves and their families."

Santa Maria Community Services remains committed to being a catalyst for Greater Price Hill families to achieve their educational, financial, and health goals, and this partnership with the L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation underscores their shared dedication to improving educational outcomes and strengthening the community.

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About Santa Maria Community Services, Inc.

Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is an independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization originally founded by the Sisters of Charity in 1897 and place-based in Cincinnati Ohio's Price Hill community. Santa Maria provides more than 3,000 individuals with educational tools and resources to build strong families, promote healthy residents, and foster neighborhood revitalization. Our Price Hill Family Centers provide a welcoming environment and the coaching, support, and flexibility to assist families to achieve their identified goals toward stabilization and self-sufficiency. Our mission is to be a catalyst and advocate for Greater Price Hill families to attain their educational, financial, and health goals. Our vision is for Greater Price Hill to be a vibrant, thriving, and self-sustaining community. Learn more at SantaMaria-Cincy.org.